

## Glenmore Road Public School P&C Association Agenda

Meeting held on 12 June 2024, 6:30pm, Open 6:33pm

Four in Hand Hotel

### 1. Welcome And President's Address

- + Acknowledgement of Country by Sinead Vidler (SV)
- + Registration of new members, payments are made prior to or post the meeting,
  - Richard Davies
  - Stefan Marcionetti
  - Sarah Murphy
  - Genevieve Hewson
  - Sara Nguyen
  - Tahlia Scheermeijer
- + Apologies and introduction of visitors read out by SV
  - Luke Bromilow
  - Jess Jones

### 2. Minutes And Matters Arising, Correspondence (SV)

- + Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting
  - Proposed by Georgia Fasher (GF), seconded by Kylie Archer (KA)
- + Any action items or updates arising from the previous meeting as indicated in the Minutes
  - Fundraising/sponsorship money is coming in however there are some invoices that still require chasing. **Action:** David Eggert to chase **CLOSED**
    - o Financial hardship, looking to wave \$500
  - Exploring the idea for kids to have colour caps to assist with peer and parent support for those swimming; **Action:** Georgia Fasher to look at options and report back **OUTSTANDING still remains outstanding**
  - Harmonie's Retirement: **Action:** Yaron Finkelstein to enquire about renaming Gurner/Cambridge street crossing "Harmonie's Crossing". **OUTSTANDING the mayor is waiting for guidance from GRPS. SV and Yaron to commence work.**
- + Any correspondence (incoming and outgoing)

### 3. Reports

- + Principal's update, Relieving Principal Paul Keevers (PK)
  - Confirmation that PK is the relieving principal, pending Karen' Sinclair's plans and is therefore not a permanent replacement. On that basis, he will be working in 5-10 weeks block at a time to provide consistency. Alexis Martin (AM) will assist with staying involved in all activities to ensure a smooth transitions.
  - A new class has been established with Zoe Southwell-Keely and the kids are settled. She will remain the primary teacher for this class, and a regular casual will be arranged for the Friday spot. School has funded this out of flexible funding budget due to children ratio.
  - PK is looking at the budget to ensure all is inline but there are no significant changes to planning.
  - Kathy Fitzgerald has been on leave and has not yet been replaced.

- Reports are due this term and will include the new English and Maths syllabus across K-6. English and Maths will include comments from the teachers.
  - PK would like to survey parent next term for feedback on the report style.
  - The School external validation process is currently underway and the team is busy putting together data covering the various areas which must be presented to a panel. The school is presenting against the 'excellent' framework. Once the submission is complete, it will be presented to staff and the community via the P&C. This will form part of the 2025-28 school plan.
  - PK highlighted that where children are performing strongly and consistently, the school would like to see them move to the next level to assist in their further development. This is across all areas of learning e.g. public speaking, sports, emotional behaviour, academia etc.
  - KA asked where GRPS was tracking. PK noted it is hard to maintain an excelling status. It is clear that the wellbeing of the students is strong which is demonstrated through the kids being engaged and their public speaking strength across all levels of the school. He wants to see excellence in teaching as we have great teachers, but wants to focus on helping the teachers to help kids excel.
  - School works –
    - o Met with senior assets person last week. Explained that even though the P&C has raised funds, all money needs to go to the school to pay for upgrades to ensure there is appropriate insurance coverage etc. Minister Carr has frozen non-essential work. Any works outside of high risk and immediate work are therefore frozen. Currently advocating within the DoE to get the money unfrozen.
      - KA and SV asked whether it matters where the funds come from i.e. P&C funded works. PK confirmed it doesn't matter who is funding,
      - Reason all budget
      - Sarah Weir mentioned that the P&C Federation has provided conflicting information, from the Secretary's Office, however Assets are still holding the line that there is no funding allowed.
      - Paul has asked for the Federation to call him to assist with moving this issue further.
      - GF raised that the school is just being told no constantly.
      - A request for help has been sent to Alex Greenwich and Allegra Spender, and the P&C will continue to raise the matter with them.
- + President's update (SV)
- No update from SV as a huge amount of items to cover under Principal's and Committee updates.
- + Treasurer's update and/or report (Kylie Archer)
- Bank account balances are currently \$159k for the operating account and \$82k for the building account.
  - Last meeting operating account at \$179k and building account and \$38k for Building fund.
  - Colour blast funds of \$44k have been received into the building account whilst related expenses have gone through the operating account, combining both bank accounts the total cash balance of \$241k vs compares to the balance at the last meeting in Feb of \$217k, an increase of \$24k, a great result following the recent fundraising activities.
  - Areas of spend since the last meeting at end Feb has been \$12k on umbrellas for the cottage, fundraising expenses for colour run and comedy night, mother days breakfast and uniform shop supplies.
  - Outstanding approved spend is \$67k with the motion for developing the school upgrade master plan removed given current interim leadership structure and government restrictions on spend.
  - The bank account is in the process of being transferred over to the commbiz platform to allow more flexibility in the payment approval process, the requirement for 2 approvers will be maintained under the new platform.
  - Noted that Cascade invoice is going to be waved.

## + Sub-committee update

- Environment (SV)
  - o If anyone would like to join the subcommittee please reach out. Mrs Weeden runs a great club and it a good way to get involved.
  
- Grounds – (Michelle Hadorn)
  - o Gum tree was removed, parts have been dispersed throughout the school.
  - o Mural has been completed in time for Mother’s Day.
  - o Sandstone has been moved into the rainforest.
  - o Grant received for small plants from the council, which is at \$350.
  - o Have applied for a grant for \$7,500 for plants which can be used to assist with shading.
  - o Tree mulch to be moved throughout the school.
  - o Karen commenced process with an external provider for sunshades called Scully, which was a two shade solution. However there is a third party architect who is happy to provide a design concept.
  - o KA has a contact who has a design manager that has offered to help and give some advice on the design and structure approach.
  - o Dave Eggert (DE) used a different contact for the cottage solution which could help in providing another quote.
  - o Rainforest quote has been received for an initial upgrade.
  - o Redesign stage 1 for the rainforest, rather than building a retaining wall, looking to utilise the sandstone which may also allow for a new play area to be built in the rainforest.
  - o AM asked about the risk of a child climbing on the fence in the shade plan, any upgrade will need to be inline with DoE safety standards.
  - o SV noted that as a P&C, we have capacity to cover an initial upgrade of the rainforest and then sunshade as stage 1 would be approximately \$50k however stage 2 is likely to be very costly.
  
- Uniform Shop – (Luke Bromilow, LB)
  - o Storage Boxes required.
  - o The US is running well, delivery now in the classrooms again which will help with lost or stolen inventory.
  - o Looking to move storage into the uniform storage shed to free up the canteen so it can be repurposed. Would like to make use of the storage shed by adding more shelves.
  
- Fundraising - (Jacqui Eggert, JE)
  - o Mother’s Day breakfast and colour blast this term.
  - o The Colour Blast had 250 kids participating. Thank you to all involved as \$47k was raised from the event. Thanks to the \$10k sponsorship from Macleay which covered the cost of the event.
  - o Adam from juniper – coffee cart at both events, thank you
  - o Easts gym, gogo health kids, White City Tennis, Dojo and Alliance France for running activities – thank you.
  - o An amazing \$53,500 raised through fundraising, thank you.
  - o Athletics BBQ is next on the agenda, and we require help to run it.
  - o Upcoming events will be Father’s Day BBQ brekkie and an Adults event fundraiser in September.
  - o Royal partnership is back in force, therefore 10c per \$ spent will be allocated back to any events we want to have at the Royal.
  - o KA asked when we would use the funds, JE confirmed we can use it at any event we choose.
  - o Potential looking at doing key stage drinks to get a larger turn out. Paddington Fine wines also huge supporter of GRPS.
  
- + School Council update (David Eggert, Marina Olsen, Yaaron Finkelstein)
  - Extracurricular Program Review (requested by P&C), meeting next Wednesday re status on this. They have explored the leases on the court and looking at introducing other sports. The lease is actually with the cottage.

- GF asked whether dojo has cleaned out the room, parents are concerned at how they have been treated. Storage is at a premium therefore the School Council did a review of the agreement as it is up this year.

#### 4. General Business (SV)

- + School Hall Upgrade update
  - Worked with Assets to repurpose the hall, assets are onboard, it's just on hold with the freezing. Heating cooling, floor, windows being covered in film and soundproofing,
- + Cottage Update & Transition
  - The cottage either goes under the care of the P&C or it will go to tender for an external provider to run.
  - PK highlighted that in his experience, keeping it local is such a benefit for the community compared to an external provider. It feels more connected and a part of school life this way.
  - To run this under the P&C we need people to fill the executive roles and if we fold because we do not have officer bearers, all money goes to the government and the cottage goes to tender as a result.
  - Due diligence on the cottage completed, the report was acted and detailed. Licensed for 120 kids, which is a huge fee that is required to be paid, we know we can reduce this to 8 and amend out license accordingly.
  - We need a sub committee for the cottage.
  - Ruby Windschuttle mentioned the cottage was previously under the PC for 30 years before it was separated.
  - GF proposed that the P&C take on the Cottage, and the entire room voted in favour
- + We would like a new president for next year, new secretary and possibly treasurer. President can't do more than 3 years anyway. Volunteers for these roles welcome.
- + Outstanding Invoices
  - Request to remove the outstanding invoice for Cascade Grocer who are undergoing hardship
  - SV put forward that the Cascade invoice is waived due to financial hardship and the and room voted in favour.
- + AOB
  - Lighting, near the stairs towards the cottage, please can Bob take a look.
  - Cottage, can they join the whatsapp group with class ambassadors as they are constantly looking for feedback and ways to increase numbers.

**Meeting closed 8:14pm**

#### 5. Motions On Notice

- + **Nico - Mural Artist**, request to incur expenditure of up to \$500 to cover the cost of the mural. SV put forward, and the room voted in favour.
- + **Athletics Carnival**, request to incur expenditure of up to \$1,000 to cover the cost of the event. SV proposed and room in favour.

- + **Rainforest**, request to incur expenditure of up to \$54,373, to cover the first stage of upgrades to the rainforest. SV proposed stage 1 of the rainforest and majority of the room voted in favour.
  
- + **Uniform Shop Storage**, request to incur expenditure of up to \$1,300 to purchase 30 stackable front access storage boxes for the storage shed SV put forward and the room voted in favour.
  
- + **Architect**, request to incur expenditure of up to \$3,500 to cover the cost of an architect to design outdoor shading plans. This would be one potential option to sort out the shading issue, This would be used as a last resort if there is no other viable option. SV proposed and the room was in agreement.

#### Appendix – Approved spend (funds still sat in account)

Outstanding Approved Motions / Committed Spend		
9/11/2022	Shade and Umbrellas at Cottage	\$46,046
7/06/2022	Develop School upgrade master plan	\$25,000
15/11/2023	Upgrade to School Hall	\$20,000
15/11/2023	Soundproofing schoolhall	\$12,000
28/02/2024	Upparel - uniform upcycle 2 year cost	\$1,200
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$104,246</b>