OLSOS P & F COMMITTEE - GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday 5th MAY, 2015

1. Meeting Open: 7:15pm

2. Welcome & Prayer: Chantal Bush

3. Attendance
Lenise McIntosh, Colleen McCudden, Naomi Sirio, Rob Peers, Kylie Greenfield, Sharon Carson, Dominique Rickard, Cathy Pancia, Lorna de Courcy, Marie Pa Mier, Helen Martin, Todd Vane-Tempest, Sandra Husk, Sally Belford, Chantal Bush, Hayli O’Rourke, Suz Wilson

Apologies
Daniel Hogan, Kathy Graham, Mandy Kennedy

4. Confirmation & acceptance of previous minutes
Moved by Chantal Bush Seconded by Lorna de Courcy

5. FOCUS GROUP – ‘Freeze & Breathe’ – a lively discussion:
- The anti-bullying focus comes from feedback from the parent survey and is part of the SIP goals outlined at previous meeting. It is in line with Kidsmatter, with the aim of having social & emotional learning more embedded across all educational areas (eg) in English class discussing the emotions of characters in books
- Aim is to make sure parents are on the same page and have the same vocabulary and dialogue with the children as the teachers.
- The forum will be used to identify ‘what is bullying’ and differentiate from nuisance or pester behaviour
- A speaker will present on appropriate language, there will be role plays followed by discussion between parents in small focus groups
- The forum should serve as a reference point for all to refer to on how to manage bullying behaviour
- Information sheets and ‘goodie bags’ to be available at the forum
- Bullying behaviours can trickle down to children from parents and society; any focus should be on kindness, less competition and more connection.
- Girls can struggle more with bullying, especially during transition phases of life.
- Give everybody a chance to apologise and reflect on any unkind behaviour.
- Build a sense of community and emphasise how much working together benefits all
- Can be tricky to manage bullying between kids when parents are friends
- Boys tend to let go quicker and move on, parents can also hold on longer than the children. The children can be impacted by emotions they are perceiving from their parents
- Parents might not have the language or skill set to get best outcome for their kids, even when that is their only intention
- Should look at overall communication and focus on the outcome being a long term positive one
- Promote respect with a reminder to take stock and take ownership of behaviour
6. Business arising from Previous Minutes
   • Camp out info – no information provided

7.0 Reports

7.1 Executive Reports

Principals Report – Robert Peers
   • Thank you for the constructive discussion on this important Anti-Bullying focus. The emphasis is on two-way communication and an open dialogue. We would like to get as much parent involvement and engagement at the upcoming forum as possible. The aim is to ensure what is taught to the kids is also passed onto the parents. The aim will be to give parents the language and the skills being taught to the children through an entertaining and informative session including some role plays to provide a different perspective.

President’s Report – Chantal Bush
   • Thank you to everyone for attending

Treasurers Reports – Lorna De Courcy
   • Please see Term 1 accounts attached separately
   • Process of transferring canteen accounts and handling to school office is in the final stage

DPC Representatives Report – Dominique Rickard
   • Thank you to the school for offering to host DPC Rep cluster meeting however it is not required

7.2 Committee Reports

Daytime Committee
Lenise McIntosh reported the following:
   • Mothers Day Stall is ready to go tomorrow

Social Committee
Chantel Bush reported the following:
   • Social evening has been booked at Terrigal Surf Club for Friday 12th June

Grade Parent Coordinators
Chantal Bush reported:
   • New families have been welcomed

Care Group
Nil to report

Head Lice Prevention
Lorna de Courcy reported:
   • Head lice check to be scheduled for June long weekend and notes sent out

2nd Hand Uniforms
Lorna de Courcy reported:
   • A selection of sizes of all uniforms now held in sick bay in case of accidents
   • P&F to sell other donations, a note will be added to newsletter to advise parents
   • Sally Belford offered to help organise sale of 2nd hand uniforms
   • When purchasing new uniforms online, add instructions to deliver to your child’s classroom to avoid queues
   • ‘stocktake’ option from sustainable website provided in the newsletter was very helpful
   • Sharon Carson to advise of a seamstress available to mend uniforms
Kids Disco
Hayli O’Rourke reported:
- A new DJ has been contacted, however only dates available were midweek
- Decision was made to book Wednesday 17th June, due to Yr 5 being away on other available dates
- DJ will provide an organised schedule of games and entertainment including red carpet dance comps with prizes, laser lights, bubble, smoke & snow machine

School Beautification
- No action required as Robert is organising a professional clean up

8. Correspondence
Gmail account:
- Pick up from buses at Terrigal – A reminder will be sent to parents to follow road rules and take safety precautions when collecting children who disembark at Terrigal Primary School from Bus 17

Mail:
- Assorted fundraising opportunities

9. Matters Arising from Executive
- Christmas Child Box Charity drive – This is being launched on 23rd May. Y6 mini vinnies will help with this as a project. Kylie Greenfields also offered her help. There is a new bulk buy option instead of collating a whole box yourself. There are further details in information handouts available from school office.
- Website Update - The P&F section of the school website has been updated. New information will be periodically updated and added including upcoming meeting details and the latest meeting minutes. We welcome any suggestions or feedback. A small team of Cathy Pancia, Anna O’Malley-Jones and Hayli O’Rourke will be working to update the website.

10. Matters Raised
- The date for School photos has not been advised. This has now been scheduled for Wednesday 22nd July (Week 2 of Term 3) and will be winter uniform.

11. Matters for Future Consideration
- Request for school term calendar to be made available sooner. It was decided to try and provide an annual school calendar with general dates pencilled in on the understanding that they will be subject to change. Suggestion to use Google calendar from P&F gmail account on the website.

Meeting Close 8:30pm

Next Meetings Tuesday 9th June @ 7pm in the school library