Millthorpe Public School P & C Meeting Minutes

Please Note: The September minutes were lost due to technological difficulties. The following is an outline of the major discussions as remembered by those present.

Date: 2nd September

Meeting commenced:

Present: Will Armstrong, Jo Parkinson, Leanne Brown, Tachir Orme-Smith, Charlie Harris, Johannah Francis, Virginia Begbie, Mary Gardiner, Adam Ross, Nic Morgan, Melissa Sheppard, Andrew Parkinson (late arrival)

Apologies: Jo Jackett

Quorum: yes

Guests present:

Correspondence

Correspondence In:

Rotary Blayney — request for fundraising drive to support Blayney Hospital Palliative Care Suite Upgrade project. Brief discussion. Decision to be deferred to next meeting when understanding of financials is clearer.

P&C Federation Media Release — following AGM

Correspondence Out:

P&C Federation — motion regarding Ethics and enrolment forms as per August meeting

GENERAL BUSINESS

Spending post-Markets and what Johannah will promote in the lead up to Markets. Generally agreed that with the school budget looking healthier, that we consider how we can invest in community projects when the community has been so generous in supporting us in the past.

Canteen. After much agonising and number crunching the Canteen is not operating at a loss after all!: ) However, resourcing the canteen with volunteers is still problematic. Discussion about how we might solve this issue.

Kindy Orientation — P&C representative to attend parent meeting to encourage parent involvement in the P&C.

Coo-ee March — Will happy to supply meat to feed marchers.

Membership — Virginia has looked through pink forms and checked against record of payments for membership. Has become apparent that many more have signed to become members than have paid for their membership. Virginia to draft emails to those families to
try and get membership up to date before Markets. Need to look into a better system for next year.

Next meeting:
Date: Wednesday, 7th October
Time: 6pm
Venue: School Library

Meeting closed:
 financially supported by the school budget.

- We have begun investigating the upgrading of our existing technology – smart boards, ipads etc. We have a technology team headed up by Mr Ross investigating options. NB these purchases are at school budget cost.

- Kindergarten enrolments for 2016 are strong, we should maintain our 11th class. Kindergarten orientation is being planned for Thursdays. First session – where P&C sometimes have a representative to meet new families is 29th October.

- Shortlisting for AP position is taking place Friday – we hope to interview before end of term, the position is to begin 2016.

- We have an extra Ethics teacher starting in term 4. She is fully accredited, and will work with junior classes. This will allow Darrin to take a separate Year 5/6 group. Seniors are pleased they can have their own ethics conversations.

- We will be asking for some wo/man assistance from P&C to host the coo-ee marchers in our hall on 28th October. We might need to man the BBQ, arrange donation of food etc. We will be providing them an evening meal (BBQ?) and breakfast next morning (self-serve from canteen?)

Thanks everyone,
Thanks Mary & Adam.
Jo
Canteen Report for September 2015 P&C Meeting

- As Emma has said we are in the BLACK!
- And taking this into account I think it would be beneficial for something to be put in the newsletter, advising people that there is no need for a levy to be introduced.
- The Fruit & Veg promotion has been hugely successful with over 500 healthy fresh options purchased over the last 3 weeks.
  Most of these being Apple Slinky’s
- On the last day of term we will be having a special parents morning tea coffee/tea and a slice of cake for $2 to encourage parents to stay after the combined assembly and the BBQ again.
- Hope and I attended the Canteen Expo on Tuesday and it was good.
  o We realized that we are still one of the healthiest canteens in the central west and it was scary what most schools offer.
  o Online ordering was being pushed as a great way to alleviate the hour of counting money and doing bags etc in the mornings. The downside is the cost as all the companies charge for the program now and to process involved with setting it up and getting people on board to order online.
  o We also found out the enormity of reporting that we need to be doing on everything from food deliveries to teaching Liz how to handle chemicals such as dishwashing liquid and when she is confident in using it she has to sign it off....... I did ask if they could tell me how I could clone myself as the job is huge.
  o The other issue is RED DAYS, as a school the recommendation is only 2 red days a term. However not only is the markets classed as a red day so is tonight’s meeting, or kids bringing in birthday cakes, or special staff morning teas, Principals training days that are catered. It is ridiculous, not sustainable and also not regulation, however I was asked to make you aware.