

MINUTES

WHDHS P&C Association

Monday 24th October 2022, School Library

Present: Karen Box, Eloise Brennan, Aleisha Coad, Faye Coughlan, Lorraine Lobo, Peter Whitfield, Melissa Whyte and Fiona Yeats

Apologies: Linsey Cotter, Kady Forsyth, Cherene Greenwood, Ebon & Susie Hooper, Renae Millstead, George Sadler, Amber Sewell, Ellen Thenander.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion: That the Previous Minutes of General Meeting 1/8/22 are adopted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Karen **Seconded:** Eloise **Motion Carried**

Business Arising

- Fiona commented that after extensive visiting of schools, this school has done incredibly well with grants and this school has very impressive infrastructure.
- Esafe for Kids. Fiona is very keen for this event to happen, with the three sessions. Parents suggested a Tuesday. Fiona will find a date (around week 5 and dependant on Naplan dates) and communicate with Amber in relation to booking Kaylene and promoting the event. (esafekids.com.au)

CORRESPONDENCE

Incoming

- Insurance Papers and WACCSO Certificate of Membership.
- Dowerin Field Days Activity Packs – Karen explained that around 20 sites have child suitable activities and learning, often with a challenge and a specially appointed ‘communicator’ to teach the children who come to visit. She suggested to the school that if we don’t have a pupil free day anymore, that teachers consider taking school excursions to this very informative (and local) agricultural learning opportunity.

Outgoing -

UNIFORM SHOP REPORT – MEL WHYTE

- Mel said the shop is ticking along well. She has spent \$4100 this year and received \$6066 in sales. All families have paid and front office have helped when required, which Fiona said is fine. There are a number of items that no-one uses anymore and the meeting encouraged Mel to move the items at incredibly reduced costs. There is a cupboard outside the room that is no longer needed. Motion: That the silver cupboard can be sold.

Moved: Mel **Seconded:** Lorraine **Motion Carried**

FINANCIAL REPORT & FUNDING REQUESTS – ELOISE BRENNAN

- The Treasurer’s Report was presented and is attached to these minutes.
- There is currently \$15664 in the bank account.
- Westpac local branch is closing. Eloise said PO is happy to ‘bank’ cash, however to get money out for a float, we need to transfer the amount into a personal bank account and then cash it. El is uncomfortable about this, however perhaps Westpac will come up with something else in to the future.
- The kindy seating that was allocated \$640 a couple of years ago, is no longer required.

Motion: That the Treasurer’s Report is adopted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Eloise **Seconded:** Peter **Motion Carried**

CATERING & FUNDRAISING REPORT – ELLEN THENANDER

5th September we catered for the shires Are You OK day down at the crc. We charged a flat \$350 for a large assortment of morning tea items. Our second catering was just last week. We catered for a Naplan meeting in the school library, just a small group of a dozen totalling \$144. Just a side note, when calling for class parents help I have recently adjusted our donation requests. This allows us to make a pure profit from each catering.

I am enjoying this role but am looking forward to passing it over to someone just as eager at the end of this year. Eloise commented that there are times that parents who have committed to providing food, have forgotten. Perhaps an extra reminder the night before, would help with this.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – FIONA YEATS

- Fiona gave a very detailed report about her work history, which is extensive and she has had many roles.
- She highlighted her passion for the wheatbelt and Rural education.
- She noted the impressive work ethic of all the staff at this school, not just the teaching staff.
- She commented on the high standard of uniforms.
- Fiona appreciates that there is a positive feel about the school and that the students like coming to school.
- She is VERY keen to invite parents back in to the school, especially for reading and parent help and values the role that parents play in the education of their children.
- The P&C parents warmly welcomed her report and appreciate Fiona choosing Wongan Hills.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Future of the Garden/Aquaculture project:** Fiona feels that the garden is quite large, however it's value is great. There is a lot of cleaning up going on around the area and she is keen to keep the gates unlocked so that teachers can use it without having to get a key. She said that Mr Blasdale has some plans and that she'd like to see groups of varied ages work in the garden together.
- **WACSSO Conference:** Karen attended on behalf of our P&C and encouraged us to send someone each year as there was a lot of value in it. She has written a report and it is attached. To continuing ensuring that country needs are heard, we need to remember to send questions for the conference, agreed upon at our Term 2 meeting.
- **Baine Marie** – the meeting decided that Aleisha would pass on this now unusable machine to whoever might be able to use it, checking with Kylie Davey first.
- **Uniform Online Ordering System:** Renae had suggested we might like to think about using an online uniform ordering system. Mel said that the new system needed to allow for cash (5 of her last 6 orders were cash) and that there may be costs for each order taken (which would increase our prices). Mel said she is happy to do away with parents filling in the order forms if that is easier and she is just as happy to receive a text or phone call to order the item/s (rather than parents having to print and complete a form). Karen to advertise this in the next Wongarette, which might simplify the ordering process without incurring costs or more time.
- **Working with Children Checks:** Fiona explained that with her desire to involve more grandparents and community volunteers in the school, she would like to offer free WCC. Fiona said that any parent of a child currently at the school, can volunteer anywhere in the school, without a WCC. However, not grandparents or community members.
Motion: that the P&C will fund the Working with Children Checks for any non-parent volunteers in the school. **Moved:** Karen **Seconded:** Faye **Motion Carried**
- **Secretary for 2023:** Karen will be stepping aside in 2023 and we need to find a new volunteer with younger children in the school, so that our P&C is made up of a more representative parent cohort.
- **Accommodation for Teachers:** Fiona has some good suggestions in relation to groups or individuals looking at building small accommodation for teachers (to specifications set by the department/Grow) and that there is good financial incentives for this to happen. Those interested in a financial investment as well as a solution to the housing crisis we currently face, to chat with Fiona.
- **Welcome to New Parents:** Peter suggested that we find a way to welcome new parents to the school and new staff. It was suggested that we have a Sundowner prior to our first P&C meeting (week 3) and

then follow it with our P&C meeting. This was felt to be a good idea. The sundowner will be at 6pm on the 13th February.

- **Topic of Interest for Next Meeting:** The P&C haven't discussed Naplan, ICAS, PAT or On-Entry testing for about 5yrs and there are parents wondering about what these assessments are, how they are used by this school and why they might be useful etc.

NEXT MEETING DATES

The next meeting will be Monday the 13th February, 2023 in the School Library, 7pm

TOPIC OF INTEREST FOR NEXT MEETING - Naplan, ICAS, PAT and On-Entry Assessments

The meeting closed at 9pm, followed by a tour through the high school to see the new flexible learning furniture.

Chairperson

Secretary

Date