



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
MANLY VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL
PARENTS & CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION
HELD ON**

May 13th 2008, 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Tony Loughland, Maggi Bennett, Dee McTaggart, Jo Blagg, Jennifer Jary

IN ATTENDANCE:-

Leonie Black, Millie Buckley, Simon Dodson, Anna Alvsdotter, Julie Beagley, Angela Domenici, Robyn Price, Colleen Woulfe, Innocenza Torrito

Apologies:-

Fred Thorpe, Daphne Katos, Nicole Harvey, Tanya Carroll, Cecily Bailey, Jane Yabsley

Confirmation of the Minutes:

The minutes of the P&C meeting held on March 11th, 2008 were CONFIRMED and RATIFIED by Jo Blagg, Jennifer Jary

1. Business Arising:-

- Wollomi Pine guard - a good result.
- Community Garden – see below for Committee Coordinators report.
- School Grounds Investigation – Jo Blagg
Jo has been in email contact with Manly Councils Environment Planning Officer, Steven Clements, regarding school grounds being used for car parking at key times during the year and the opportunity for additional markets during the year. Now waiting on clarification from council. **Action:** - Jo – will continue updating.
- P&C Committee Chair 3 year term of office – **Action:** - Set for agenda item to vote on at next P&C meeting Tuesday June 3rd.
- BASC – (Before & After School Care) – Jennifer
The parent/career survey was sent out last week with the SeaSider. Deadline for response the end of this coming week. A school based committee has been formed to look at current BASC issues, interpretation of the gathered information and survey data. It is clear that a long term strategy is required and Leonie is supportive of how this problem is being addressed. **Action:** - Jennifer to report back on findings with updates.

2. Learning Support – Guest Speakers:-

Margaret Culligan & Sue Walliker presented a very detailed and passionate account of their involvement in the Reading Recovery and English as a Second Language programmes at MVPS.

Margaret Culligan stepped us through the selection process involved and outlined the activities involved in the 12 and 20 week programmes. The Reading Recovery programme needs more Community Tutors/Retirees/Volunteers to help out - the more volunteers we can introduce in this capacity, the more children will benefit from this proven programme. If you are interested or know anyone who would be interested in helping out please contact Margaret via the office.

ESL programme - Sue Walliker expressed her thanks at being so warmly welcomed and quickly accepted into the school and school community. Sue's presentation was peppered with amazing facts - in the ESL Programme at MVPS we have 108 children from 30 different language backgrounds - and heartwarming stories of these kids' achievements. Sue walked us through her methodology when working with these children. All stages work on focusing on the specific needs/requirements of each particular child and could involve such things as classroom "immersion", team teaching or peer tutoring.

In both of these areas of Learning Support, great results are being achieved.

Tony thanked the teachers for taking the time to bring us up to speed on these vital programmes and Leonie thanked the teachers and acknowledged the strength of the Learning Support Teaching teams.

3. President's Report:-

Tony reported on the latest School Council meeting items of interest. School Evaluation Focus groups will be conducted that will identify issues that will form the constructs of the school evaluation survey for 2008.

4. Treasurer's Report :-

Maggi presented a current Cash Flow report and gave a run down on Allocated and Unallocated Funds. ATTACHMENT A

5. Principals Report: - Manly Village Public School Shines!

"I decided to present an electronic Principal's Report this month to demonstrate the variety of wonderful educational experiences our children are involved in here at Manly Village. It is a reminder that this is the reason we are all here, for our kids! We have so much to celebrate and so many people to be thankful to. It's onward and upward at Manly Village".

6. Committee Coordinators Reports:-

- **Sesqui Committee Update:-** Robyn Price

Robyn presented the latest information regarding Sesqui. The focus this term is the Historical Display tying in with Education Week Saturday May 31st and Sunday 1st June.

The Green Room will hold the "Story of the School" display – 1 month.

Class and Individual artworks are moving along well.

September 6th has been set for the School Fair.

In Term 4 when the art displays have finished and the artworks are returned to school, to celebrate the closure of our Sesqui Year, a "low key" Cocktail Party hosted by Leonie in the school hall will be arranged where a discreet Art Auction will take place. All we need is a small group of people to dedicate a little of their time to help wrap up this wonderful school

achievement. If you can help out in any capacity with the organisation of this low key event, please contact Robyn Price.

- **Canteen Committee Update:-**

No report.

- **Markets Update:-** Simon Dodson

"The markets were a success, due to the fact that they went ahead at all despite all indications that they would be cancelled again due to rain! We did have 35 stallholders not turn up due to the inclement weather, but as they all pay in advance this will not affect the overall proceeds for the year.

However, as they weren't there, they couldn't pay for next month, meaning that next month most regulars will pay on the day for that market and the following one! This means takings for the next market should be significantly higher than this month, when we still made over \$3000 profit for the day.

Happily, stallholders were accepting of the \$5 increase in fees, which will increase this years profit by over \$5000".

See attached ATTACHMENT B for further background information on the monthly markets.

- **Social Committee Update:-**

No report.

- **Grounds Committee Update:-** Millie Buckley

Plans for the Community Garden are unfolding. This area has been earmarked as the "Outdoor Learning Centre" or "Passive Play Area". Millie unveiled the design plans for this area – you may have noticed several panels of the fence down in the first steps towards creating this vital new area. The area will consist of raised herb garden beds which flow through to a "garden feature" (as yet to be determined). The space will give the children access to all areas of the garden and lead them to interesting quiet seating areas.

As an additional Sesquicentenary tie in, the Community Garden will be named as the "Farmer Brown community Garden" in honour of the first principal of Manly School.

Julie Regalado is currently working on the submissions for 2 grants in relation to grounds funding.

The Thursday afternoon "weeding bees" are working well and great headway is being made.

Millie & Leonie also flagged that the artificial grass/soft fall under the playground equipment is now quite hazardous and needs attention. She does not want to be in a position where the area needs to be closed off due to the unsafe softfall when P & C have worked so hard in the past to raise funds for this much loved equipment. Initial quotes suggest around \$38,000 to replace the soft fall.

Action: This item to be set as a discussion item for June 3rd P^C Meeting.

The General Working Bee has been set for Sunday June 15th.

6. Correspondence:-

Out – 09/04-12/05 n/a

In - 09/04-12/05:-

Fundraising....

1. School Fun Run, Healthy Fundraising by Golden Circle
2. Sunscreens by Sunblock Australia
3. Chocolates & more by Mars Fundraising
4. Shopping Tours by No Frills tours

5. Various Gifts, Hardware & Accessories by Australia's Best Buy
6. School Fete equipment hire by Planet Entertainment
7. Wonder Bread Fundraiser by wonderschool.com.au
8. Shopping Tours by Warehouse Shopping Tours
9. School Calendars Info Pack by Crazy Camel Fundraising

Other....

10. P & C 2008 Handbook (folder), an Operational Guide & Policy Manual for Parents & Citizens' Associations
11. Seeding Grants 2008 by Northern Beaches Health Promotion Unit

7. Discussion:-

Fundraising Into the Future – Fundraising plays such an important role in the school enabling us to purchase much needed equipment and resources yet we constantly have trouble raising a committee.

The motion is based on successful models currently in operation at several schools in the region.

Motion: - That Year 2 parents/careers beginning school year 2009, assume the MVPS Fundraising duties/capabilities for that year. This initiative will be supported each year by the P&C Vice President/Assistant Treasurer.

How it works...

At the beginning of each new school year, that particular Year 2's parents/careers are responsible for all fundraising activities for that year. Within the group of parents, committee/committees would be formed to execute the activity or activities during the year. The P&C VP would act as a liaison point between the Fundraising Committee and the P& C Committee. Several Ideas' Manuals are on hand to help with the organisation of events etc.

The motion was voted on and successfully carried.

The meeting was closed at 9.25 pm.

PLEASE NOTE:-

*Due to the recorder Group performance at the Opera House, the next meeting will be held **Tuesday 3rd June, at 7.30 pm** at the Sir Roden Cutler Technology Center.*