

# Raleigh Public School P & C Meeting Minutes

Monday 23 February 2015

Started 3.25pm

Present: Rebecca Beaton, Joanne Hodgson, Charmaine Grace, Irene Jones, Katrina Meenahan.

Apologies: Rom Murphy, Kimberley Carter

## **Minutes of previous meeting:**

Minutes of previous meeting moved by Joanne, seconded by Charmaine.

## **Treasurer's report:**

Treasurers report was provided by Jo. Bank balance as of 04 February 2015 was \$1,434.95.

The profit from the art exhibition was \$352.00 (by my calculations – CG).

Joanne advised that a 'minutes book', with a copy of all minutes, is meant to be kept.

Next AGM coming up after easter. Teresa has advised that she won't be able to take on the treasurer's position due to work commitments.

## **Principal's report:**

The new School Plan 2015-2017 was shared and discussed. This plan outlines three school strategic directions, which have been defined as:

1. Expert teaching and learning for all
2. Sustainability
3. Global setting – local response

This School Plan is still being finalised. A lot of work has gone into creating this.

Playgroup: there have been two so far and these have been a success with 13 kids coming along the first day (in the pouring rain they spent the time in the classroom), and 8 kids the second day (when rain was threatening in the morning). While the kids are generally not ready for school for some years, it's a great way for people to find out about the school.

School image: something that came up in the meetings last year was the issue with school image – in particularly the scruffiness of the uniform at times when the school is seen as a group. To improve this, the need for black shoes is being impressed upon the students, who have tended to favour colourful shoes. Katrina is keen to get a new school shirt that stays looking good (ie doesn't stain easily etc). A panelled shirt, with white panels under the arms, and with the school logo on it was put forward for discussion.

Ideas of ways to make this affordable to parents were also put forward, such as offering a free first shirt, or a payment plan, or ...

School logo: the current logo which shows a sketch with the main building and tree, is not a very clear or memorable logo, especially when compared to the simple and bold logos of other school, and it feels time to fix this. Charmaine offered to create the new logo.

The Department of Education want to take away the demountable (that houses the library) now that the school numbers have dropped to 25. Katrina is attempting to get them to hold off for six months, with the assumption we will get an extra child/children.

### **Fundraising / publicity:**

Planning for stall at school for upcoming NSW State Election on 28 March 2015. A cake stall was suggested by Jo. Jo said that people now expect a stall at the school for the elections. The idea of a raffle came up, but it was suggested that there probably won't be enough people coming to the school to make this worthwhile, and a person solely dedicated to selling raffle tickets would be needed for this to be a success. Rebecca offered an easter themed statue (rabbit?) as a prize. A sausage sizzle seems more work that it is worth in reflection of our last election day.

A school fundraiser suggested by Katrina was to run our own cross-country fun run (ie. not via Adidas etc) and to supply prizes from the Amart money we have accrued, rather than part of profits going to Adidas.

### **Art exhibition:**

This was a success as far as it looked great, and there was a profit made. However very few public outside of the school attended or saw the exhibition. Some felt that the prices were too high for parents to pay – especially at that time of the year. Also, feedback from Katrina was that this was highly stressful for the teachers and more work than anticipated went into making the exhibition a success. With this in mind, no art exhibition is planned for this year, although ideas were suggested for a future exhibition which could showcase the variety of creations by the students with the opportunity for parents to purchase at a lower price.

### **Correspondence:**

Jo made tax invoice to the Bellingen Shire Council Community Support Fund and received a cheque for \$250.00.

P&C Federation magazines.

### **Next meeting::**

The next meeting will take place Monday 16 March at 3.15pm.

Meeting closed at 4.25pm.