



KENT ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

P & C Association

General Meeting Minutes - 2018

Chairperson: Melanie Marcellino - President	Location: Kent Road Public School Music Room		
Date: 18 June 2018 (Term 2 Week 8)	Meeting Type: General Meeting		
Meeting commenced: 7.30pm	Meeting adjourned: 8.40pm		
Minutes taken by: Stacey Tsui (2018 Secretary)			
Attendees:	Position:		Copies:
Melanie Marcellino	MM	2018 President, Bookclub Coordinator	1
Debbie Lawson	DL	2018 Vice President	1
Rhatih Palacio	RP	2018 Treasurer	1
Stacey Tsui	ST	2018 Secretary	1
Kris Arnold	KA	2018 Events Team Leader	1
Eva Urban	EU	Member	1
Pieta Carroll	PC	2018 Events Team	1
Samantha Yep	SY	Member	1
Fiona McNeill	FM	Member	1
Donna Armstrong	DA	2018 Events Team	1
Evelyn Sozou	ES	Member	1
Diane Samu	DS	Member	1
Lisa Ponton	LP	Member	1
Meredith Sanders	MS	Member	1
Kerry Novokovic	KN	Member	1
Rukiya Stein	RS	2018 Events Team	1
Apologies:			
Leanne McKay	LM	Member	1
Lisa Tang	LT	Member	1
Vaishnavi Sundar	VS	Member	1
Jessica Matthews	JM	Member	1
Isabella Tan	IT	Class Parent Coordinator	1
Kylie Seary	KS	Member	1
Michelle Bellette	MB	2018 Vice President	1
Rachel Williamson	RW	Member	1
Fran Martinelli	FM	Uniform Shop Support Coordinator Role	1
School Representatives:			
Denise Minifie	DM	Principal	1
Jane Waddell	JW	Assistant Principal	1
Jessie Hossack	JH	Assistant Principal	1
Chauntal Gwynne	CG	Assistant Principal	1
Ben Harrison	BH	Assistant Principal	1
Additional Distribution:			
Karen Silsby	KRPS Office Administrator		1
Signed: Stacey Tsui	Date: 18 June 2018		

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1 <u>Welcome</u>	
1.1 Welcome to our second meeting for term 2, thank you to all who have braved a cold, windy night to attend, I know that many have also had sickness sweeping through their households so thank you to those who are also still managing to attend when dealing with that – there are only three weeks till holidays, not that any of us are counting	Note
2 Confirmation of previous Meeting Minutes	
2.1 Minutes for General Meeting held on 14 May 2018: Approval of previous minutes: approved RP, seconded DL.	Approved
3 General Correspondence and Announcements	
3.1 14/5/18 – Letter from Ryde Macquarie Teachers' Federation	Note
3.2 23/05/18 – P&C Northern Sydney E News, their next meeting is June 25, an opinion piece written by one of their executive members about possible privacy issues that relate to students and the Dept's IT services (if any members are interested let me know and I can forward the piece to them)	Note
3.3 30/5/18 – Media Release from P&C Federation titled 'It's Time to Abandon Naplan' stating that P&C Federation is heartened that top education officials are listening to the objections from school communities about the NAPLAN regime and also that the time has come to replace the current NAPLAN regime with a system that truly measures students' skills and abilities, and that gives them the education they deserve	Note
3.4 10/6/18 – P&C Northern Sydney E News, forwarded to members 11/6/18 - outlining their next meeting taking place Monday 25 th June at North Sydney Primary School with Anthony Manning, Chief Executive of School Infrastructure as guest speaker discussing school infrastructure and the new Govt approach to its provision. The e news also covers other discussion points and issues moving forward that District Council are interested in or focussing on	Note
3.5 12/6/18 – Media Release from P&C Federation re NSW Government and Opposition Must Stop Special Treatment of Scripture Classes – they are welcoming the pledge by the NSW Opposition to amend the enrolment form to give parents a clearer choice between scripture or ethics classes but are disappointed that they have not vowed to allow children who opt out of these classes to do other school work while the classes are running	Note
3.6 13/6/18 – Message from Northern Sydney District Council forwarded to our P&C via our school inviting us to attend their next meeting, June 25 with Anthony Manning, Chief Executive of School Infrastructure who will be addressing the meeting and discussing proposed capital works to increase capacity in local schools with a q and a to follow. Meeting is being held at North Sydney Public School from 7.15pm, if any members are	Note

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<p>interested in attending I can give you more details and RSVP on your behalf. The email also acknowledges that joint action between school P&Cs and the District Council along with great support from local MPs, the current Minister Rob Stokes and Premier Gladys Berejiklian, has yielded excellent results, and the Department's performance has greatly improved re Infrastructure – as a little background for members it was the campaign and battle waged by District Council since 2010 with thirty of the most affected P&Cs on the lower north shore, that lobbied the Department of Education and the then-Minister for Education for more school capacity and proved that the Department's planning systems were flawed and were not predicting the reality of rising school populations, this campaign certainly paved the way for our area.</p>	Note
3.7 13/6/18 – An email from P&C Federation advising that School Infrastructure NSW has commissioned an independent consultant to review the current asset management approach to school maintenance, minor works and school funded works, to ensure that they delivers the best learning environment for state school students across NSW. As part of this review, the consultants are engaging with key stakeholders across NSW including school Principals, Department of Education staff responsible for asset management and parents, through the P&C membership, a survey has been sent by the consultants to better understand P&Cs' experience of working with the Asset Management Unit to deliver school infrastructure, I have completed this on behalf of our association.	Note
4 <u>Business Arising</u>	
4.1 Nil	Note
5 <u>President's Report</u>	
5.1 Let me start by acknowledging the record effort of our secretary Stacey with the minutes of the last meeting – distributed on the same evening as the meeting, an incredible effort and a first I think for our P&C	Note
5.2 Thanks to Kris, Donna and the Events Team for a second round of organisation for next week's rescheduled Athletics Carnival when a cake and drink stall will be held for Years 2 – 6.	Note
5.3 Thanks to Uniform Shop Coordinator Kate for her continuing work setting up the new online option for the uniform shop utilising the ecommerce feature of the shop point of sale system VEND, highest level of encrypted security is included for all online sales and it will also sync with online inventory for the shop.	Note
5.4 Wanted to share with members an article from a weekend paper of May 27 discussing driver behaviour in school zones in terms of both police and council responses – Ryde LGA is listed as averaging 14.5 fines per school for 2017 / 18 and the article recognises that this is an issue in many areas, so again we are	Note

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not alone as a school when it comes to parking and poor parent behaviour.	Note
5.5 I'd love to be able to give members an answer on whether or not Kent Rd will be getting air conditioning as part of the budget announcement last week by the NSW Govt. I will put the question to our local member when we next speak but information in the announcement is just too ambiguous to be certain – rest assured we will do our best to make it a possibility.	Note
6 Treasurer's Report	
6.1 P&C Main account: \$153,938.41 Includes cheque withdrawals of \$22K and \$4834.50 for purchase of Kitchen Kart. Includes credit of \$4293.00 which is Mother's Day stall takings.	Note
6.2 Uniform Shop: \$28,015.11 - Kate will provide details in her report.	Note
7 Principal's Report	
7.1 Term 2 has been productive. Interesting announcements from government, including need for a number of STEM teachers. Funding for 3 year olds to be included in the State budget. This has got to be a good thing to equalise the playing field. A lot of money also going to infrastructure which is good news.	Note
7.2 Spotless has lost the contract as KRPS' maintenance provider. We will wait and see who is appointed as new provider.	Note
7.3 NAPLAN: using NAPLAN to gauge a school's worth is problematic. However NAPLAN as aid for children is fine. It would be best to keep NAPLAN for the purpose it was introduced, not for comparative purposes. Teachers were worried for the kids as Year 3 NAPLAN was quite tricky. KRPS try to keep NAPLAN as low key as possible so as to not induce stress on kids. When will NAPLAN be online? Trial this year, bigger trial next year. But won't be widespread online until systems have been improved. Online NAPLAN will mean schools and parents get data a lot faster.	Note
7.4 Reporting process is just about finished. Reports show consolidation of learning. A lot of support programs in place due to Noni Metcalfe who arranges support and intervention programs. We are seeing kids well and truly supported within classrooms.	Note
7.5 Firestorms project still happening. We have had fire brigade visit the school twice. Fire volunteers giving up their time to do this, they do not get paid. Fire volunteers supported kids to come up with ideas for fire prevention; makes learning very authentic.	Note
7.6 Term 3, Week 4 there will be a STEM afternoon. More information to come.	Note

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7.7 Year 6 debaters have taken on two debating competitions. Some are in the Premier's debating challenge, others are in North Sydney inter school debating challenge. Some are prepared debates, others must create their debate within an hour. Last week's topic City Life vs Country Life, another week topic was Should We Have Nuclear Power? The skills kids are developing is very worthwhile.	Note
7.8 100 Days of Kindergarten will be last day of this term. Gold medal assembly on that day, and there will be something special for Kindergarten kids. After assembly, there will be a STEM, cooking and art activity based on 100 days followed by a picnic for parents. Kids are very excited and working hard.	Note
7.9 Term 3 will start with a Staff Development Day focussed on reading. Refocussing entire school on to a single approach and targeting it to student's needs. Reading happens throughout all lessons, the aim is to try and take the concept of reading beyond reading lessons only. Trying to encourage kids to use reading concepts in other areas e.g. history and geography.	Note
7.10 Broken Hill trip planned for KRPS Year 6 kids for one week. 13 hours train trip, departing Monday 6 th August.	Note
7.11 Years 3 & 4 have signed up to do the Big History project. Wellbeing days set up for Years 5 & 6 about resilience and dealing with anxiety among other topics.	Note
7.12 Walkathon is on Term 3 Week 2. A few little changes to prizes etc. School musicals scheduled for September. Connected culture: Kindergarten Connections ran with some success. Pomona kids had a busy week at KRPS; very worthwhile for both Pomona and KRPS kids.	Note
7.13 Building upgrade: as soon as we have permission, plans will be shared.	Note
7.14 Canteen seems to be going well. Also quite a few instances of parents forgetting to pack lunches for kids (seems parents are actually forgetting to order). Does confirmation email no longer go out from Flexischools? DM will look into it. Otherwise positive feedback for canteen generally.	Note
7.15 New website now live. Old URL will eventually disappear. New website is at a ".nsw.gov" domain name. KRPS has total control over the website, staff can upload all content on the website. If you spot anything on website that needs changing, let KRPS staff know.	Note
7.16 Online booking form for parent teacher interviews received good feedback. Where will meetings be held? KRPS will notify parents later re location.	Note

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8 Events Team's Report	
8.1 Starting to think about K-1 carnival. Other thought is about a School Disco; need to find a suitable date.	Note
9 Class Parents Coordinator's Report	
9.1 IT sends apologies. No update re class parents.	Note
10 Uniform Shop Coordinator's Report	
10.1 No update this meeting.	Note
11 Book Club Coordinator's Report	
11.1 Final Issue 3 figures to report: Largest Infants Order / Class 2H - \$334 Largest Primary Order / Class 3M - \$276.50 Thank you to all Kent Road staff for allowing a corner of their staff room to be used as a book club store room and to families for their patience while what seemed like never ending towers of boxes were unpacked over the course of a week or so.	Note
11.2 Thank you to members also for their offers of help – I often don't decide until the day that I am going to do some unpacking as I fit it in where I can around work commitments so it can be hard for me to give a definite answer as to a day or a time but I do know the help is there if it is needed.	Note
12 Other Business	
12.1 What school is going up in Meadowbank? K-12 school and TAFE. Once new school is built, Meadowbank Public School will move there.	Note
12.2 How is the Kitchen Kart going? Year 2 class is using it to cook produce from the veggie garden. Kindergarten will use it as part of their 100 Days of Kindergarten celebrations.	Note
12.3 Next meeting: term 3, week 3 (Monday 6 th August)	Note
13 Meeting adjourned: 8.30pm.	