WOONONA PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C MEETING

WEDNESDAY 9th April 2014

PRESENT:
Lisa Treglown, Allison Strinic, Loraine Bradwell, Amanda Hawker, Loren Marsh, Kylie Turner, Louise Southall, Sue Cleaves, Troy McNeice, Carley Austin, Kellie Walker, Rebecca Cusack, Renee Beckett, Elke Wright

APOLOGIES:
Wayan Steele, Brett Cleaves, Carolyn Muir, Michelle Johnson, Leah Windeyer, Rachel Ryan-McCormack

MINUTES ACCEPTED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:
Kylie Turner, Louise Southall

TREASURER’S REPORT
Signatures to the Commonwealth General Account - Lisa Treglown, Amanda Hawker and Carolyn Muir.

Bank Balances as at 31 March 2014:
- Canteen Account $14,223.57
- Uniform Account $18,900.60
- General Account $2,759.36

We paid for the purchase of 15 Notebooks in the past month. Trivia night and hot cross buns funds not included in balances

CORRESPONDENCE:

Fundraising
School Photos - GS imaging;
Cash Name Tags (stickers, school bag tags) - To consider towards the end of the year around kinder orientation;
Seed Creations (garden cubes);
Crazy Camel Fundraising (calendars) - To consider towards end of year;
Fundraising Directory Update

FUNDRAISING REPORT:

Entertainment book - Lisa to meet with the rep on Thursday 10/4. This year you can choose between the book or an app. App you can use on your phone, no need for the book or card

Raised $2,141.31 for the Trivia Night and the hot cross bun orders $718.70

Mother’s Day Stall (Friday 9th May) - note went out 2 weeks ago, need to check classrooms for contributions so far. Amanda has bought some small gifts, need to ensure that enough gifts for
every child (school has 478 students), reminder to be sent the first day back at school next term. Wrapping day at Amanda’s in the holidays

Bunnings BBQ - Louise has sent a letter to Bunnings requesting a date in the next 6months. Awaiting a response from Bunnings, last year made about $1000

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

Thankyou to everyone for the successful trivia night. With the money raised from the night, Lorraine asked for us to purchase a notebook charging cabinet. This would solve a lot of issues of charging, messy cables and storage. It is a self-contained cupboard P & C agreed to purchase this item.

New Generation Smart Board in the new Year 1 classroom. Look more like a television, long term cost of these are cheaper as it doesn’t require a projector. The older boards require projectors which need to be replaced on a regular basis. It sits on a stand which solves the issues with the older walls in the school as they would not hold the board without extra reinforcement. They now have electricity and carpet in the new stage 1 classroom!!

School Development Day on the first day back is at Russell Vale Public School to discuss the new maths syllabus.

Mr Neild and Lorraine visited Woonona HS for a lunch box expo. Woonona PS run the program in term 4. It was great to view kids in year 7 and see what they have been doing so far in the various subjects with what they started in term 4 last year.

Stage 3 Books purchased by the P&C need to be covered. Looking for volunteers to cover. Renee Beckett and Rebecca Cusack volunteered.

Two staff changes - Miss Bignell leaving for Warrawong with Mrs Hebner has been appointed as the new AP and will replace her. Mrs Hebner came to meet the class and some parents in KB on 8/4/14. Second new teacher Amanda Becker coming on Friday to meet and greet. She will be replacing Mr Thompson. The final position which Mr McMullen currently fills will be advertised middle of May. It needs to be done by a particular date otherwise we lose the right to advertise the position, hopefully the new staff would start at the beginning of term 3. Louise will be the parent rep on the panel.

Rebecca and Lorraine had a meeting with Brendan James from the RMS, his position is about making suggestions about how to improve traffic congestion around the school. The working group has 10 parents with interest to help. Have not met yet as a group but there has been a lot of correspondence. RMS and school education officer Gillian Hollingsworth and Michelle Johnson have been talking with Ryan Parkes, local minister. The school with RMS can implement small changes quickly. Brendan suggested remove the boxes around the Lilli Pilli trees and cut back on Grey Street so better visual of the street and a safety issue for the crossing ladies. “Kiss and Drop Zone” should be the next step. Ensuring everyone is aware of the rules of the zone, couple of mins turn around only, if kids in car seat you can quickly get out. Handout and education to the children to get the message out there about the rules of the zone. Lorraine has a DVD if people would like to watch about school pick up and drop off. Gillian Hollingsworth can come in and give an education session to parents and the children.
Pick up Zone, needs to be organised and efficient with the support of the school. The kids need to be identified as pick up kids and maybe come out 5 mins early. The parents have a laminated card and the pupils are there waiting. Needs man powered, needs kids to understand and parents to understand to make it work. You need to have someone directing the traffic. You have to have a registered family list and limit the numbers so there is no traffic delays. Something to think about but maybe try alternatives first. Shellharbour are having issues with this system, TIGS are utilising the system well.

The group will brainstorm these ideas to see what will work and not. All group members bring different skills and expertise to the team. May need to look at allocated parking for disabled or parents with prams.

Safe walking group - Need to establish a pathway that is the safe walking route. Benefits the traffic flow, you reduce the traffic congestion around the surrounding streets. It may mean that people may have to walk a longer distance. Increase the length of time for the traffic lights to allow longer to get more people across the road. Safety benefits as everyone knows this is the safe way to walk to school. Good for kids who walk to school on their own. It would be great to launch on the 24 May as this is safe walking to school day. Symbols on the footpath or arrows to follow the directions. Maybe involve the media but this needs to be done through the education department media representatives.

More pedestrian crossings not a great idea, as the residents will have increased traffic issues.

Bus route - Brendan was going to discuss getting the bus services increased. Some kids have been seen catching the bus from the Woonona Tyres on the corner. These services at present is a public service. The P & C looked at it a few years ago a route was set out unsure what happened. Still being explored at this stage.

The bridge is outside the RMS scope, also Liddle Street and Nicholson Road unsure of risks. The other side of the bridge is public land. DET during the holidays are demolishing the bridge, and blocking access by fencing further down. They are going to be deposing of the land and the school will be no longer responsible. It will be offered for purchase to the residents first and then to the council. Therefore the bridge will no longer be an option to be explored. Real safety issue around the bridge and the creek for public liability, the school would have been responsible if anyone had of injured themselves.

Michelle Johnson has spoken to the high school P & C they are not having the same issues, they have two other exits available to them that they use.

An overpass was also brought up but a very expensive option

Thanks to Lorraine for organising the relevant representatives to come in to look into the problems. Need to have a meeting but RMS on board and easy solutions can be implemented ASAP with little cost.

**CANTEEN REPORT:**

Still no one volunteering to take over, big chance that the canteen will have to close after next term. 10 volunteers have quit this term and issues with finding people to help out. Should only take about 1 hour/week for the people running the canteen. Thanks to Renee Beckett for cleaning up the last couple on Mondays. The last 6 months has been a real issue with getting a full roster. Survey last year had some ideas. - getting a paid employee to come in. A company
called Food to Schools that Corrimal utilise a bit like a meals on wheels. Austinmer have a company come in to run there canteen but they only make around $2000 a year for the school.

Job has been broken down into 4 positions but it seems to fall back on the same two volunteers every time which becomes very draining. People need to be aware they can't just ring the night before and do a no show.

Suggestion made to Mrs Nae to put two garden patches aside for fresh veges to utilise in the canteen. Other schools paid staff to maintain the garden and vege patch. Austinmer got a grant to be able to pay a teacher to be the school gardner.

Woolsworth have offered free delivery, IGA to be approached to see if they are happy to offer the same service.

**UNIFORM SHOP:**

No volunteers for the job. Maybe breakdown position into smaller tasks. Currently opening extra morning which are advertised on Facebook and newsletter. May open in the afternoon if feasible and enough people volunteer.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Any lost property left in box by the end of this week will be taken to the Salvos or donated for resale at Uniform Shop.

Soap in the toilets - Lorraine to speak with the cleaners again to ensure the soap is in the toilets at all times. Parents have volunteered to refill the soap each week.

Troy McNiece is with McGrath Real Estate at Thirroul. Any sales from families of students or other people who mention Woonona Public School, he will be happy to donate $500 to the P&C from the sale. This will be advertised in the newsletter.

Computer guy post cards, also need to advertise in the newsletter under P & C notice.

P & C is happy to receive any donations from local businesses!!

Facebook page - This page is available to parents for updates, news, questions etc. Not there to be used as an advertisement for businesses. Looking into Social Media policy as not sure if there is one in place.

**MEETING CLOSED:** 8:10pm

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday 14th May 2014