Pagewood Public School P&C Minutes  

3rd June 2014


Apologies: Deb R, Alessia J.

Previous minutes and Apologies for this meeting

Minutes of previous meeting accepted without alteration.

Principals Report

Canteen windows have been freed up and now open, just in time for winter.

The “canteen refurbishment group” are still working on ideas and will bring them to P&C at some point in the future.

An email was sent to teachers Sarah Van de Linde and Mary Sandstorm to prompt about seeking parent volunteers to manage Rent-a-Chook. Response from Mary said that Rent-a-Chook is out of coops. Don’t hold breath etc. She will follow up further.

Reminder: Minutes of P&C meetings are on web-site.

Appreciating the concern from many in our community, Marella H contacted the EPA for answers to 3 questions re 32 Page St:

*Is it the contractor who is conducting the boundary testing with the EPA monitoring results, or is EPA doing the tests itself? (i.e. concern about the independence of the results.)*

Answer:

The contaminated land consultant who has been engaged by Email is conducting the boundary monitoring. Parsons Brinkerhoff, the consultant company, is an internationally renowned consultancy and the EPA is experienced with their work and has no concerns regarding their ethics or professionalism.

*How immediate are the air monitoring results? If a parent expresses concerns and asks that we keep all windows closed, I would certainly notify you, but how quickly would we be notified of contamination in the air, or of an all-clear? There doesn’t seem a lot of point in discovering two weeks after the fact that we had breathed contaminated air.***

Answer:

The boundary monitoring results are not immediate as the samples have to be sent to a laboratory for analysis, therefore they are a way of confirming the remedial works are being undertaken appropriately. However, in addition to the boundary monitoring, the remediation contractor is taking periodic real time indicative measurements of vapour concentrations at the site and the protocol for this is contained within the Remediation Action Plan (RAP). The EPA required the RAP to be reviewed by an independent Site Auditor before the remedial works began and the Auditor determined the RAP was appropriate. A Site Auditor is a highly experienced contaminated land consultant accredited by the EPA under the *Contaminated Land Management Act* 1997.

The RAP contains measures to ensure site workers are protected from any vapours and odours, and these measures would also result in the protection of people located off-site who are further away for the source of the vapours and odours. For example, the RAP states if distinct odours are detected “site works should cease until odours can be reduced or controlled”.

If the EPA became aware of any unacceptable air contamination at the site I can reassure you we would contact the school immediately, however any issues that the school or
community are concerned about should be referred to the 24/7 Environment Line 131555.

3. How frequent are EPA inspections of the site?
Answer:
As mentioned in my last email, the EPA undertook a site visit on the 16 May 2014 to view the excavations and we were satisfied with the works being undertaken. We do not have a fixed schedule for site inspections but would respond, together with Council, to any specific concerns local residents may have.

General business:

It was agreed that the P&C will pay $25 each for Regional cross country singlets for 5 children.

It was agreed that the P&C will reimburse ½ cost of bus ($150) to zone cross country.

It was agreed that the P&C will pay half the cost of another IWB for the new demountable when funds are available (it is mobile in case demountable ever goes.) The cost is 1/2 x $8000 = $4000.

Treasurer’s Report May 2014

Main Account
Opening Balance $ 11 226.42
Credits: $ 5 794.75
Debits: $ 3 779.32
Closing Balance $ 13 241.85
Outstanding Cheques: $

Canteen Account
Opening Balance $ 2 804.96
Credits: $ 2 867.50
Debits: $ 2 695.00
Closing Balance $ 2 977.46
Outstanding Cheques: $

Term Deposit
Opening Balance $ 25 507.63
Interest Earned $ 426.08
Closing Balance $25 933.71
Maturing on- 22.10.2014

Mothers Day Stall
Cost- $709.64
Raised- $1 364.70
Profit- $655.06

Secretary’s Report
Nothing to report

Business Arising

Marella H reported that a quote had been obtained for an electronic sign. The cost would be approx. $8-10000 plus $100 per metre for electricity. Discussion on school signage will continue.

Mother’s Day Stall debrief

Mothers Day stall was brilliantly coordinated by Melissa H. The feeling was that it was fairly easy to organise, all stock was sold, there were about 12 different choices. Well done to Melissa. Perhaps some gifts with a higher price point may be purchased for Father’s Day Stall. Also siblings need to communicate about what they have purchased.
Father’s Day Stall Update (Sharon, Jane and Juliet)
The hall will be used again for the Father’s Day Stall. The stall will be held on Thursday 4th September. If anyone has contacts for purchasing gifts please let Juliet know.

Canteen
The hot chocolate has been popular.

During the first week of the school holidays the power to the school will be turned off. Can the canteen run down their supplies? Alternatively they may be able to transfer stock to school fridges. Marella H will advise further re length of time electricity will be out.

French Play group
Five children have shown interest but ideally 6 are needed. Emily N advised item could be taken off agenda (but if anyone has an interest please contact Emily).

Fundraiser progress reports
- Tea towel Fundraiser – Emily N contacted the company that had been previously used for fundraising. The fundraiser will need to run at the right time – perhaps at Christmas time? Perhaps end of Term 3. Teachers would need to assist children in drawing a self portrait. Olive green was suggested as a colour. It was agreed this fundraiser would go ahead. Teachers should get paper earlier in the term so they can plan to do it when convenient. Marella H would like to order a framed one for the school.
- Paver stand may be included on Election Day or at Market Carnival next year.
- Jodi K will be the new contact person for photo fundraiser.
- Jodi K will book a Disco in for Week 5 Term 1 Friday night next year.

Market Carnival
- Karen has sent an email with all the elements that are needed to organize a Market Carnival. This list includes food, games and rides, ticketing, entertainment, managing volunteers.
- P& C are considering running market carnival next year.
- Marella H will include something in next school newsletter.
- It would possibly be run next Spring, Term 3.

General (new) business

Ethics classes – interest and viability
Alessia J wanted to raise the possibility of ethics classes being run in the school. There is an organisation who trains volunteers for each stage – Year 1 – 6. The training involves 2 days training and some online modules. It would require a parent volunteer to run it. Marella H will investigate further and report back.

Juliet M wondered whether the P& C or the school should make a submission regarding 32 Page St, as it is being proposed that Holloway St be blocked off for residents of the new development to enter and exit their properties. Marella H will liaise with Juliet M further on this.

Emily N raised the idea of P and C funding IPADS or tablets. It was noted that we need to be clear what tablets are going to be used for. Also needs someone to ‘drive’ it. There is work involved in deploying the apps, there are the costs to set up etc and it would be time consuming for teachers. Jodi K who has had some experience with this would recommend netbooks over IPADS.

Students will break up on 27 June, returning 15 July.

Next Meeting: August 8, 7pm