

Turner P & C
Minutes of the P&C General Meeting 17 June 2015
(Turner School Library)

Attendees

Ephraim Grunhard Vice President (Chair)
Greta Jones Secretary
Heather Kettle Treasurer
Ilea Buffier Assistant Treasurer
David Dunstan Public Officer
Clem Jones Minute Secretary
Jo Padgham Principal
Robert Edwards
Diane Jones
Jodi Woods
Damien Ellwood
Robyn Thurecht
Stephanie Hillier
Trish Morton
Tara Searle
Melanie Johnson-Saliba

Welcome

In Helen Bell's absence Ephraim Grunhard chaired and opened the meeting at 7.05pm and welcomed all those present.

Apologies

Helen Bell President

Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2015 were accepted – Greta Doherty seconded David Dunstan.

Business Arising from Minutes of previous Meeting

Provision of Soccer nets.

Jo Padgham advised that the SRC had met and developed a list of priority items for the funding provided by the P&C. The soccer nets were ranked No. 2. The SRC were to obtain full costing of all items. **Action complete.**

Family Portraits photos as fund raising opportunity.

In the absence of Helen Bell, item deferred to next meeting.

Bike racks – plans and further options for fund raising to be considered.

In the absence of Stuart Jones and Kirsty Westaway, item deferred to next meeting.

Review of inappropriate restraint of students.

Jo Padgham advised that the Education Directorate has widened the review, establishing an *Expert Panel – Students with Complex Needs and Challenging Behaviour* and have commenced calling for community input. A copy of the notice calling for views is at Attachment D. There will be an invitation to families to submit views to the Panel in the next the schools next newsletter.

Action Complete.

Play facilitators

The issue of the need for a wider range of play facilitators was again discussed.

Action complete.

Initial concept plans for car park alterations and containment fence will be shared.

Jo Padgham advised that the Directorate's Infrastructure and Capital Works area has prioritised funding for Turner School and the outdoor learning spaces, improvements to the David St carpark, the containment fence along Hartley St and the containment fence/gates/walkway at the centre carpark. While a quantum of funding for these projects has been included in the Directorate's budget, the amount of funds available is not yet known. Hope to have more detail by the August Board/P&C meetings. **Ongoing.**

Greater links with the school board.

Bob Edwards advised the meeting that the School Board had sought advice from the Directorate on the public release of Board Minutes. The Directorate advised that as the Minutes are Minutes of the Directorate they are not available for general release. However, the Directorate advised that the Principal and Board Chair are free to provide information relating to the Board's activities that is not confidential. The Board agreed to continue with its monthly newsletter but that the report would be written by the Parent Representatives, on a rotational basis. In addition, a report from the Board Chair is now to be a standing report on the P&C Agenda.

Action Complete.

Invitation to Sly Fox Coffee.

Heather Kettle advised that Sly Fox has accepted an offer to have a stall at the fete. **Action Complete.**

Reports

(a) President's Report

In the absence of the President, a report was not presented.

(b) Treasurers' Report

Helen Kettle advised that all P&C funds remain fully committed.

Current bank balance - \$22434.90.

Expenditure for the month, \$3101 for seating in the outdoor staff area.

Income of \$1890 has been received for pre-sales of the cookbook.

Funds for Musical Playground – Jodi Wood reported on discussions she has had with the music teachers on suitable options. Funds committed to this will be transferred to the school for purchase of equipment.

A copy of the Treasurer's Statement is at Attachment A

(c) Principal's Report

Jo Padgham presented her report covering Learning and Teaching; Leading and Managing; Student and Community Engagement.

Additional items Jo highlighted were:

- The pre-school receiving an "Exceeding" rating following the recent formal assessment process. A wonderful reflection of the high quality program operating in Turner's pre-school;
- Successful Numeracy Workshops for parents and carers and the establishment of a new website to access maths resources;
- Capital Works – the sewer issues have hopefully been resolved; engineers are working to improve the efficiency of the hydro pool.
- Swimming and Water Safety at Turner School 2015 – the Directorate is offering a new water safety program, AquaSafe. It consists of 10 x 30 minute lessons at the pool and 5 x 40 minute lessons in the classroom facilitated by class teachers. This will be in addition to the existing learn to swim classes Turner offers to students who are poor swimmers.

General Business

Fete update

Heather Kettle advised that all fete arrangements are well advanced and there were no specific issues or concerns. There are 20 confirmed stall coordinators with a new stall, Photo Booth. Heather to check if school logo is included in the photos. The next meeting of the fete Committee is scheduled for 1 July 2015.

Inappropriate behaviour in the playground

Damien Ellwood raised the issue of inappropriate behaviour in the playground, including instances of bullying. Jo Padgham advised that any matter of bullying or playground incidents of concern should be brought to the attention of executive members of the staff as well as the child's teacher and that the school encourages parents to talk with both their child's class teacher and executive staff about any aspect of their child's learning or play at school.

Class Parent Contact update

Robyn Thurecht advised of:

- a very successful second visit to the National Gallery of Australia – 20 people participating;
- very successful Y3/4 Playground/Cubby party – a good range of parents participated;
- Y1/2 Cranky Bears have booked to attend a play with milkshakes afterwards; and

- A new parents night is being organised at the Loft (Duxtons).

Cookbook update

Greta Doherty advised that:

- we've had a great response from families in relation to the request for recipes. Recipe submission is now closed and we've now got almost 140. Families, including many Turner students, have really made an amazing effort to include interesting recipes with wonderful background stories, so it's going to make a fabulous cookbook;
- we have sponsorship from the Physiotherapist at O'Connor, First National Real Estate at O'Connor and Gumnuts Dance;
- but sales have been less than hoped, which is unfortunate because it means that our profit margin will be smaller than anticipated we have sold 200 copies;
- while the final cost of the books is to be determined, we'd like to seek in-principle agreement to an amount of \$750, with final approval via email once we have the final quote from the publishing company.

Moved Heather Kettle, seconded David Dunstan. Carried.

Language teaching after school

Jo Padgham advised that following a request from parents Helen and Percy Bell for Turner School to offer after school mandarin Language classes. Jo, Robyn Watson, Deputy Principal and Bob Edwards, Board Chairman met with the language school providers and agreed, subject to them meeting all the Turner School after school hire obligations, that a trial will be held for K-6 during Term Three. The language school provider is FCCCI Chinese School – a community based non-profit organisation run by volunteers.

Hygiene proposal – handwashing before eating

Following a query from parents re schools policy of handwashing before eating Jo Padgham advised that handwashing before meals was a Directorate policy and Turner school actively promotes the policy.

Other business

Wearing of school uniform by pre-school students.

Next meeting 19 August 2015 7.30pm School Library

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

**Turner School P&C - Treasurer's Report
P&C Meeting – Wednesday 17 June 2015**

Account Balances

Our account balances at 17 June 2015 were:

- Internet savings account \$21,462.81
- Operating cheque account \$2,862.09
- Less cookbook sales -\$1,890
- **Total** **\$22,434.90**

- Library Fund account \$25.99
(The P&C library account is still to be closed).

Expenditure (since 20 May 2015)

- \$3,101 – Outdoor seating

Total \$3,101

Financial commitments

Budget commitments

- \$10,000 Ongoing P&C commitments including insurance, P&C affiliation, Pegasus, contributions to students representing the school at national events
- \$5,000 Musical playground (refer minutes 18 March 2015)
- \$2,000 Artists' and Writer's Festival (refer minutes 18 March 2015)
- \$4,700 Bike rack options (refer minutes 18 March 2015)

Total current commitments – approximately \$21,700

Heather Kettle
Treasurer
17 June 2015

ATTACHMENT B**ACTION LIST FROM P&C COMMITTEE MEETING 20 May 2015**

Action	Who	By	Remarks
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Heather Kettle to check if school logo is included in the fete “Photo Booth” photos	Heather Kettle	Next Meeting	
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Expert Panel – Students with Complex needs and Challenging Behaviour

Expert Panel Students with Complex Needs and Challenging Behaviour

Professor Anthony Shaddock | Dr Sue Packer | Mr Alasdair Roy

Does your child need support to manage their behaviour so that they can learn at school?

The Expert Panel has been appointed by the Minister to review policy and practice for supporting and teaching students with complex needs and challenging behaviours in ACT public, independent and Catholic schools.



Public consultation

Students with Complex Needs and Challenging Behaviours
A review of policy and practice in ACT schools

We want to hear from you

The Expert Panel would like to hear from families and students about your experiences at ACT schools.

We are also interested in your suggestions for improving policy and practice in ACT schools for children with complex needs and challenging behaviours.

How to contact us

Written comments can be provided to the Expert Panel by email: expert.panel@act.gov.au
by mail: Expert Panel
GPO Box 730
Canberra ACT 2601

Submissions will be kept confidential but may be quoted without names or identifying information in the Panel's Final Report.

If you would like to speak with the Expert Panel please call us on 0457 631 184.

Submissions are due by 31 July 2015.