

Turner P & C
Minutes of the P&C General Meeting 16 September 2015
(Turner School Library)

Attendees

Helen Bell (President) Chair
Ephraim Grunhard (Vice President)
Greta Doherty (Secretary)
Heather Kettle (Treasurer)
Ilea Buffier Assistant Treasurer)
David Dunstan (Public Officer)
Clem Jones (Minute Secretary)
Robyn Watson (Acting Principal)
Jen Faul (Acting deputy Principal)
Robert Edwards (Board Chair)
Diane Jones
Jodi Woods
Trish Morton
Nancy Owens

Welcome

Helen Bell opened the meeting at 7.35pm and welcomed all those present.

Apologies

Robyn Thurecht
Percy Bell

Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 19 August 2015 were accepted - Greta Doherty, seconded Heather Kettle.

The amended Minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2015 were also accepted – Greta Doherty, seconded Ephraim Grunhard.

Business Arising from Minutes of previous Meeting

Family Portraits photos as fund raising opportunity

The photographer has been booked.

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

Clem Jones to follow up with Kirsty Westaway.

Initial concept plans for car park alterations and containment fence,

Robyn Watson advised that she had met with the Capital works project coordinator who said that:

- the fence design had been completed – currently obtaining costing;
- the car park design had just been received and is being prepared for costing;

- the plans for the outdoor learning area landscaping and carpark improvements are still to be finalised.

A period of community consultation will then follow. The School Board has planned a non-responsive, information presentation for the P&C meeting in Week 2, an Extra-ordinary meeting of the Board will be held in Week 3 and a further opportunity for consultation will be held in Week 4 at the Coffee Chat.

Helen Bell suggested that parent/community input from this consultation process be submitted directly to the Board rather than through the P&C.

Reports

(a) President's Report

In presenting her report Helen thanked:

- everyone for attending the meeting as well as the fete meeting held immediately prior to the P&C Meeting.
- the School's Librarian, Norma for all her work in organising Book Week and
- Warrick Doherty and all those involved in replanting the "Fairy Garden".

Helen mentioned

- the school holidays list of activities put together by the Class Parent Contact network;
- the widespread use of the "Cubbies" including a get together at the cubbies – Friday the 25th of September from 3pm. Everyone is welcome. Bring snacks to share if you can.
- Helen also reminded everyone that the school grounds are always open outside school hours – including during the holidays. Please play at the cubbies, on the equipment in the Train Yard, in the Senior Enclosed Playground or kick a ball on the oval; and
- that the fete is now ramping up.

Helen also sought volunteers to help the P&C cook breakfast for the teachers as part of the World Teacher's Day on Friday the 30th of October.

The President's Report is at Attachment A

(b) Treasurers' Report

- Heather Kettle advised that all P&C funds still remain fully committed.
- Current bank balance - \$14,368.19. Commitments approx \$13,400
- Expenditure since last meeting - \$2000 Artists and Writers festival and \$2030 final payment fro the Cookbook.
- A copy of the Treasurer's Statement is at Attachment B

(c) Principal's Report

Robyn Watson Acting principal presented the Principal's report covering Learning and Teaching; Leading and Managing; Student and Community Engagement.

Items Robyn highlighted were:

- The developments on the capital works projects – as reported under Matters Arising, above;
- Turner School year 6 students participated in ACTPAN (physical and nutrition) testing;

- The Executive Team participated in the Whole of School read- aloud which was dedicated to the late Leanne Lucas.
- Book week was a lively time in the Library;
- Learning Journeys have been mostly completed and most children have been able to spend some time with family to go through their learning experiences at Turner;
- The 2015 Artists and Writers' festival was a resounding success;
- A visit from the Uruguayan Ambassador to Canberra and the Director of Special education in Uruguay. They were both extremely impressed with how Turner school operates.
- Jo Padgham will be awarded an Australian Council of Educational Leaders (ACEL) Honorary Fellowship. The award recognises her outstanding contributions to educational leadership at the national and international level.
- Turner School's new and exciting website went live – a big thank you to Helena and everyone was encouraged to have a look.

(d) School Board

Bob Edwards reported that:

- One especially noteworthy item is that our school Principal, Jo Padgham, has been awarded a 2015 Australian Council of Educational Leaders (ACEL) Honorary Fellowship;
- NAPLAN - Turner tracking well above other ACT schools. NAPLAN remains a conundrum for many on the Board. Whilst we disavow the 'league tables' compiled by various media organisations, we can't help but feel proud of our teaching staff for the demonstrated successes of their ongoing efforts in helping all students to make progress in reading, writing and Arithmetic. This is very satisfying to see reflected in the NAPLAN results. Well done to years 3 and 5 for their results.
- The Uruguayan Ambassador and Uruguayan Director of Special Education visited Turner School recently and were 'blown away' by our inclusive education program and resourcing
- We also had an update on the Directorate's Capital Works package for our school. It is currently expected that the board will run a community consultation process in weeks 2, 3 and 4 of term 4 to present the costed options and take feedback from the school community. Stay tuned for further details of this process early next term.
- Congratulations to Helena, Michael and others in the office for the new-look school website which went live whilst I was writing this report. We hope it will be the "go-to" site for all up-to-date information about the school and its activities.

Helen asked if the Principal could present/discuss the community involvement issues raised in the recently held Satisfaction Survey. Robyn to follow up.

General Business

Fete update

- Helen Bell advised that the Risk Assessment is being updated;
- Donations of goods for the fete have started to be received;
- The stallholder's pack has been distributed to all stallholders;
- Thanks to Deb Parr for offering to be the nominated First Aid Officer for the fete.

The Fete Committee to decide the date of the next Fete meeting and also to decide if a further "all stallholders" meeting will be required.

Class Parent Contact

Helen Bell reported that the work of the parent contact group has been awesome including making the school holidays a little easier with a spreadsheet of activities.

There is an end of term event planned for Friday 25 September at the Cubbies.

Next meeting

16 September 2015 (7.30pm) School Library

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

P&C President's report – September 2015

Thanks for coming along to the P&C meeting.

The Class Parent Contact network has been making the juggle that is school holidays a little easier with their spreadsheet of activities. If you haven't already, ask your class parent contact rep for the sheet and hook up with other parents, kids and activities during the break, or email Greta (gretaelizabethjones@yahoo.com.au).

I'd like to thank Norma as well as all those who volunteered, for this year's Book Week. It was lovely to see the kids so engaged and excited about being in the library.

The Fairy Garden is now looking fancy with the addition of plants. Thanks Clem and Di for leading the planting working bee. When the crepe myrtle flower it's going to be beautiful.

The cubbies have now been completed for a year and it's wonderful to see how much they're being used. This project provided us with lots of opportunities to learn about processes and it was so worth it!

The fete is now ramping up. Donations are now open, with an extremely neat drop off area (thanks Ted and Pip) set up in the multipurpose room. Take some time these holidays to de-clutter - clothes, books, dress ups, toys, craft and lucky dip items are among the many being collected. It's also time to take cuttings for the plant stall for Greta and dig out any unused bikes (these go to Stuart Jones (stuartjones1@googlemail.com) not to the drop off area). Kirsty has made beautiful hampers which we'll be seeking donations to fill early next term. This year we have the school choir, the Turner Trebles and the school band performing on the stage. It's going to be great! The first fete newsletter was sent out this week - there are SO many ways to contribute. Get on board!

World Teachers' Day is coming up in October. The official day is Monday the 5th of October - during our school holidays. We're looking for advice as to the best day to host a breakfast for our teachers and volunteers to help cater.

Kind regards,
Helen.

**Turner School P&C - Treasurer's Report
P&C Meeting – Wednesday 16 September 2015**

Account Balances

Our account balances at 16 September 2015 were:

- Internet savings account \$12,026.02
- Operating cheque account \$2,442.17
- Less unrepresented cheques -\$100.00
- **Total** **\$14,368.19**

Expenditure (since 19 August 2015)

- \$2000 Artist's and writer's festival
- \$2030.30 Turner School cookbook final payment (paid for by cookbooks purchased by school community)

Total \$4030.30

Financial commitments

Budget commitments

- \$8,700 Ongoing P&C commitments including Pegasus, contributions to students representing the school at national events
- \$4,700 Bike rack options (refer minutes 18 March 2015)

Total current commitments – approximately \$13,400

Heather Kettle
Treasurer

16 September 2015

ATTACHMENT C**ACTION LIST FROM P&C COMMITTEE MEETING 16 September 2015**

Action	Who	By	Remarks
Bike racks – plans and further options for fund raising to be considered.	Clem Jones	Next Meeting	
Community consultation on plans for car park alterations and containment fence.	Robyn Watson/Jo Padgham	Commencing Week 2 Term 4	
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