



Turner Primary School Parents and Citizens Association

Meeting Minutes

Date: 21 June 2017

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Turner School Library

Welcome	By Helen Bell (Chairperson/President)
Attendance	<p>Helen Bell (Chair/President) Lucas Masters (Vice President) Greta Doherty (Secretary) Jo Padgham (Principal) Robyn Watson (Deputy Principal) Steve Paton James Turvey Di Jones Chris Kenny Ephraim Grunhard Sam Huang Derek Archer Number of attendees: 12</p>
Apologies	Rowena Fitzsimons (Minutes Secretary), Clem Jones, David Dunstan (Assistant Treasurer), Heather Kettle (Treasurer), Bob Edwards, Robyn Thurecht, Aarthi Ayyar-Biddle, Vicki Locke
Receipt & Adoption	The Committee accepted, with amendment, the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 15 May 2017 – moved by Helen Bell, seconded by Steve Paton.
Action Items	All action items from the June meeting were completed.
President's Report	<p>Helen Bell thanked everyone for attending the meeting this evening and presented her report (Attachment A).</p> <p>Helen noted her thanks to Bernadette McDonald for again coordinating the art fundraiser, as well as to the volunteers who had offered to support Bernadette with the project. We still need a Junior School coordinator for the fundraiser, so interested people are encouraged to contact Bernadette.</p> <p>Helen advised that there will be a special Wedges and Nuggets day at the canteen on the last day of Term 2. Some other key upcoming events for families and children included the Big Afternoon Tea and Dress Up Like an Animal Day on Friday.</p> <p>Helen also reported on negative feedback that she had received from families following the cancellation of the FCCI's after-school Chinese classes at Turner and noted that FCCI has established classes at an alternative location, at the church across from the school.</p> <p>Helen noted that Aarthi Ayyar-Biddle and Vicki Locke would report on</p>

<p>Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>music tuition at Turner at the next meeting.</p> <p>Greta Doherty presented the Treasurer's report on Heather Kettle's behalf (<u>Attachment B</u>) and reported that as at 21 June 2017, account balances were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet savings account - \$22,463.29 • Operating cheque account - \$18,600.35 • Less unrepresented cheques - \$16,001.00 <p>Total \$25,062.64</p> <p>The Treasurer's report was accepted – moved by Ephraim Grunhard, seconded by Greta Doherty</p>
<p>Principal's Report</p>	<p>Jo Padgham presented the Principal's Report.</p> <p>Reports and Portfolios Jo advised that staff and students have been busy gathering and reflecting on work from the semester. Jo noted the amount of extra work that teachers put in for comprehensive and meaningful reports.</p> <p>3/4 camp at Birrigai The 3/4 camp at Birrigai was very successful, with the students offering some great reflections of their experiences. The Principal of Birrigai reported to Jo on the professionalism and commitment of Turner staff and students.</p> <p>School improvements The new blinds to improve energy efficiency, purchased with P&C funding, have been installed and have been met with good feedback from teachers and students. Internal painting is continuing and classrooms should be finished over the school holidays. Trees for the new David Street carpark have also been sourced.</p> <p>National representation One student will be travelling to Hobart for the cross-country nationals and will be supported by the P&C. Chess nationals are coming up in Sydney.</p> <p>Community Engagement There was a great turnout at the Coffee Chat with the Principal of Lyneham High School, as well as the EALD Coffee Chat. A review of therapists at Turner has also been undertaken.</p>
<p>Board Report</p>	<p>James Turvey gave an update on school finances, noting that there have been some generous donations to the library fund and that voluntary contributions are also tracking well. The Board also discussed the decision to discontinue the school's relationship with the provider of after-school Chinese lessons and agreed that children's well-being should be the priority for the school.</p> <p>James also noted that the Board decided that Turner's Big Conversation about the Future of Education in the ACT would be undertaken in Term 3 and that this would be a great way to get families, children and the broader community to be engaged with teaching and learning at Turner.</p>

Class Parent Contact Update	<p>Greta Doherty presented the Class Parent Contact update on behalf of Robyn Thurecht. Robyn thanked those Class Parent Contact members who had volunteered to help Bernadette McDonald with the art fundraiser.</p> <p>Key upcoming activities include the Big Afternoon Tea on Friday 23 June, as well as informal drinks at the Turner RUC while the Junior and Senior discos are on in Week 10.</p>
Fete Update	<p>Steve Paton gave a presentation on the 2017 Fete, including the approach for seeking sponsorship, proposed stalls (both current and existing) and potential stallholders.</p> <p>Steve will look to use the Class Parent Contact network in Term 3 to drum up more stallholders and other volunteers.</p>
Funding Options for the Playground	<p>Helen Bell introduced this item and noted that the P&C had allocated \$10,000 to purchase new bike racks, pending funding from the Directorate to resurface the bike rack area. As the Capital Works funding for the resurfacing was not sufficient, the P&C needs to decide how else to allocate this \$10,000.</p> <p>A range of options were discussed including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a buddy bench, for children with no one to play with at lunch/recess • stepping stones and outdoor table/chairs for smaller children to use • wooden toys (tea sets etc) for use in the train yard and in the preschool • landscaping options for the dirt mound outside the library • funding for the P&C to undertake the resurfacing project, with sponsorship from Kennards Hire. <p>It was agreed that the P&C would purchase:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stepping stones and table/chairs, using the \$2830 allocated for Train Yard Creative Play resources as well as funding left over from the purchase of the blinds (budget neutral). School to order after the school holidays. • Wooden toys - \$350. Helen Bell to purchase. <p>It was agreed that the P&C would not:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • upgrade the dirt mound, as the children love playing on it as is • purchase a buddy bench, as Turner staff already have a role in facilitating play in an inclusive way during lunch and recess. <p>There was discussion about the P&C undertaking work to resurface the bike rack area. Chris Kenny and James Turvey advised that they had received initial quotes in the order of approximately \$25,000. Costs would be lowered due to generous sponsorship by Kennards Hire.</p> <p>The committee discussed this option, including advice from Jo Padgham that the area in front of the bus enclosure would need to be surfaced with reinforced concrete. Some members did not support the P&C taking on such a large capital project due to risks around potential budget blow-outs and difficulty in sourcing volunteers. It was agreed that Chris and James would investigate costs further, including the cost of concrete for the bus area, and report back at the next meeting.</p>

Other Business	There was no other business
Meeting Closed	8:45pm
Next Meeting	7:30pm Wednesday 16 August
Action Items	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. School to order stepping stones and table/chairs.2. Helen Bell to purchase wooden toys for use in the Train Yard and preschool.3. Chris Kenny and James Turvey to report back on options for resurfacing the bike rack area

P&C President's Report – June 2017

Thanks for coming along tonight.

The **children's artwork cards and calendars** are back - the P&C is again running the art fundraiser and we are looking for some assistance. This year it will be part of the Artists and Writers Festival. I'd like to **thank Bernadette** for volunteering to coordinate the whole process. We have put out a call for people who can help out at one or more of several working bees that will be organised during terms 3 and 4. This is to do things like display art work outside classrooms, take it down again a few weeks later, process the orders, and sort out all the products when they finally arrive and package them up for each family.

It would also be great if there is someone who would be willing to make an ongoing commitment and work with the coordinator through the whole process - ideally taking on the coordination for the Junior School. If you are able to help out, or would like to know a bit more about what's needed, please contact Bernadette directly on lbdfamily16@gmail.com.

The P&C has some **funds to spend** (we had set \$10,000 aside for bike racks if this surface area was upgraded in 2017, however this project is not going ahead). Suggestions so far include:

1. Stepping stone logs and a table and chairs for the area near the cubbies and balance beam
2. A **Buddy Bench** (where children can sit if they want someone to play with them)
3. Landscaping the dirt mound/hill (options to be shown later in the meeting)
4. Retaining the funds to enable the bike racks purchase in 2018 (to show our support for a capital works project Directorate project, estimated to be around \$90,000)
5. The P&C taking on the project, mapping it out, costing it and undertaking the work via working bees in combination with sponsorship from an external hire provider.

The **canteen is running a special Nuggets lunch order day next Friday** – the last day of school. Nuggets are classified as an orange food, which means they're okay occasionally, but not as a staple. Lunch orders need to be in on Wednesday next week. A note will be sent to the P&C mailing list and an item is being included in tomorrow's newsletter.

On June 30th 2017 the Turner canteen will be having a Nuggets and Wedges day. Please place your orders online no later than 9:00am on Wednesday 28th of June. Your choices will be as follows

Chicken Breast Nuggets and Wedges

Veggie Nuggets and Wedges

Chicken Meatballs and Wedges (Gluten free option)

Please note: Nuggets & Wedges will be replacing the usual menu however snacks will still be available. For any questions please phone Jo at Lyneham canteen on 6230 0211

Thanks to **Bernadette** and **Lucas** for helping out with **Friday lunch orders** this term. If you are free on Fridays (10.35am to 11.05am) please sign up for a shift or two: <https://www.volunteersignup.org/QLRHW>.

The Class Parent Contacts network is organising a **Big Afternoon Tea** after school this Friday. Notices have gone up in main information boards, some outside classrooms and in this week's newsletter. Parents are

also meeting for a drink at the Rugby Union Club/Bowling club (RUC) next week while kids are dancing their little hearts out at the school disco (no RSVP required – just head over to the RUC).

This isn't a P&C issue, but just a friendly reminder for those who might not have seen the notices at school – this Friday is **dress up as an animal day**.

I received five complaints from parents about the cancellation of the FCCCI's Chinese classes at Turner. In each case I directed the parents to the school and the board. There was frustration at a lack of consultation with parents, all of whom were happy with the classes (for one the classes had been a deciding factor in choosing Turner School). There were also concerns about the lack of language at Turner, so it's great to see the FCCCI has managed to set up classes at the church across the road on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Plans for the **Turner Fete** are underway, with rides booked for **Saturday the 28th of October**. Steve Paton is co-ordinating the fete this year. Please put this date in your diary and contact Steve with any fete related questions, ideas or comments: stevepaton76@gmail.com.

Kind regards,

Helen Bell

P&C President

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**Turner School P&C - Treasurer's Report
P&C Meeting – Wednesday 21 June 2017**

Account Balances

Our account balances at 21 June 2017 were:

• Internet savings account	\$22,463.29
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2017 P&C agreed priorities

Budget Item	Funding rollover from 17/6	Expenditure and notes	Remaining funding
Operating expenses includes Pegasus, fete expenses, PSSA and TOMS	\$9,900	\$172.23 – fete stall expenses	\$9,727.77
Bike racks	\$10,000		\$10,000
SRC	\$5,000	\$2,500 donated to school	\$2,500
Artists' and Writers' Festival	\$2,000	\$2,000 donated to school	\$0
Blinds for four classrooms	\$10,000	\$7,513 donated to school	\$2,487
Balance beam	\$1,158	\$1,158 donated to school	\$0
Creative play resources for the Train Yard	\$2,830	\$2,830 donated to school	\$0
Total	\$40,990		\$24,714.77

Heather Kettle
Treasurer
21 June 2017