

Turner P & C
Minutes of the P&C General Meeting 22 October 2014
(Turner School Library)

Attendees

Helen Bell (President)
Tina Campbell (Secretary)
Diane Jones
Clem Jones (Minute Secretary)
Heather Kettle
Ephraim Grunhard (Assistant Treasurer)
Jo Padgham (Principal)
Caleb Campbell
David Dunstan (Public Officer)
Richard Etherington

Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting at 8.55pm and welcomed all those present.

Apologies

Ari Tri Sulanjari
Maia Gould
Greta Doherty
Pip Chapman
Shari Thompsett
Kirsty Brook
Melanie Stutsel
Stephanie Hillier
Rebecca Palethorpe
Ari Hansell
Margo Lilley
Katie Cole
Annette Braagard
Megan Layton

Acceptance Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2014 were accepted – moved
Helen Bell seconded Ephraim Grunhard. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes of previous Meeting

- Protocol for obtaining approval of P&C funded projects. Draft being developed through ongoing discussion and e-mail. Copy of current draft at Attachment D. **Ongoing discussion.**
- Basketball Hoops - quotes. Set of suitable hoops located within the school. To be installed in Trainyard. ACTION COMPLETE.
- Digging Mound – Further alternatives to using tyres to help stabilise the mound were discussed including leaving the mound as is and allow students to play at digging and re-build mound as needed. Further options to be considered.
- Boomwackers set up in “Afters” – Helen Bell to check any impact of Boomwackers on children with special needs. No response from “Afters”. Matter to be re-considered next year. ACTION COMPLETE.

REPORTS

(a) President's Report

Helen presented her report, in particularly mentioning:

- Risk Assessment for the Fete approved;
- Completion of the wheelchair ramps and access to the cubbies complete – well done to all involved;
- Also congratulations to the TOMs and chess students.

Helen then foreshadowed a discussion later in the meeting of possible changes to pre-school hours.

A copy of the President's Report is at Attachment A.

(b) Treasurer's Report

Heather Kettle presented the Treasurer's Report.

Funds still largely fully committed, around \$8000 uncommitted but held in reserve for Fete activities.

Account Balances at 22 October are:

Internet savings account	\$34,081.24
Operating cheque account	\$4,803.38
Total	\$38,884.62

Moved Helen Bell, seconded Ephraim Grunhard that report as presented be accepted.
Carried.

A copy of the Treasurer's Report is at Attachment B.

The meeting decided that any further expenditure by the 2014 P&C Committee would be restricted to funds currently available. The net funds raised at the 2014 school fete were to be transferred and made available to the 2015 committee.

(c) Principal's Report

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

Jo referred to her written report and noted some brief highlights:

- Success of the girl's Chess team in the ACT final and now competing in nationals in Adelaide;
- Three Turner teams competed in the Australasian Championships in Melbourne. No prizes but great performances.
- Ongoing problems with parking.

Jo then presented and discussed a paper on a *Proposal for a partial fence to one area of the Turner School playground*. The main points discussed were:

- The Directorate's Infrastructure and Capital Works invited Turner school to canvass the level of support from the School community for the installation of security fencing;
- Jo stressed that the need for the fencing is largely based on safety. Turner has around 55-60 children with disabilities and they need a secure area to move around in and play;
- The fencing along Hartley Street will increase the safe playing area for all students at the school;
- Any fencing provided will NOT prevent public after-hours access to the school's playing areas, gates will be placed as appropriate.

Jo is to send out a special communication to the school community inviting comment and provide information and opportunity for feedback at the school fete on 25 October.

General Business

- World Teaching Day on Friday 31 October. Tina Campbell to organise roster for preparing breakfast on the day from 7.30am to 9.30am. Bob Edwards and Ephraim volunteered to cook. Volunteers also sought to assist with shopping.
- New ramps for cubbies – the meeting queried what appear to be some missing safety barriers. Jo reported that the work was undertaken in accordance with the approved plans and that the completed work has been inspected and approved. Before students in wheelchairs are allowed on ramps, they will be given safety training and advised to always use the area in company with another person.
- Bunnings Sausage Sizzle to be held on Saturday 6 December 2014. Clem Jones to organise a roster.
- School Concert scheduled for Wednesday 3 December 2014
- Possible reduction in preschool hours following the end of Federal Government funding. Helen reported that during September the Federal Government announced that funding to top-up state preschool hours to 15 a week would continue for 2015; however there is not yet a commitment beyond 2015. Without this federal funding, the ACT Government says it could only afford to provide 12 hours a week for four year-olds. ACT P&C Council is seeking the views of parents and school. Helen to e-mail P&C members to canvass views. Item to go into newsletter and e-mail

Other Business

- Fairy garden arches and general enhancement of fairy garden to be discussed at the November meeting.
- Car parking problems continue despite provision of additional on road spaces. Strategy for discouraging school community from parking in dangerous situations to be developed.
- Richard Etherington suggested the P&C consider including some outdoor learning areas where children could experience different environments. One suggestion was to leave an area of the playground unmown and let the children play in tall grass. Another was to have a large pile of sand delivered enabling the children to dig and tunnel. These will be considered in the ongoing discussion on the playground, when the P&C has funding to allocate.

Next Meeting – Wednesday 19 November 2014 7.30pm

Close

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

President's report

Welcome back for term four! Thanks for coming along tonight. It's great to see the Fete coming together. It looks set to be a great day. Thanks to everyone who has been working on the fete over the last few months and thanks in advance to everyone volunteering on Fete Day.

The ACT Health Directorate has been extremely helpful in the preparation of this year's fete, particularly the curry stall. Based on their advice this year we're cooking our curries fresh on Fete Day.

The wheelchair ramps and paths were installed at the cubbies over the break. It's wonderful to see this project completed. On behalf of the P&C I'd like to thank everyone for their work on this project, particularly the parents who volunteered their time last year to build and paint the cubbies and Jo Padgham for ensuring their safety and accessibility.

At the start of the year we agreed to increase our support to students who represent the school in competitions to \$250 per student. Since the last meeting we are proud to have had the pleasure of making 25 contributions for two competitions: 21 Tournament of the Minds students and 4 Chess players. Congratulations to our clever students! This is in addition to the \$250 we contribute towards each eligible student's Pegasus riding.

At tonight's meeting I'm going to talk about pre-school hours – 12 or 15? During September the Federal Government announced that funding to top-up state preschool hours to 15 a week would continue for 2015; however there is not yet a commitment beyond 2015. Without this federal funding, the ACT Government says it could only afford to provide 12 hours a week for four year-olds. ACT P&C Council would like to know what we think about this. How important are the additional three hours a week to you? Please email me (Helen.bell@gbca.org.au) to let me know what you think.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Fete on Saturday. Don't forget to try the curries!

Yours sincerely,

Helen Bell.

ACTION LIST FROM P&C COMMITTEE MEETING 22 October 2014

Action	Who	By	Remarks
Protocol for obtaining approval of P&C funded projects. Draft being developed through ongoing discussion and e-mail. .	Committee Members		Ongoing discussion.
Proposal for a partial fence to one area of the Turner School playground.	Individual members of P&C	31 October 2014	Provide views on fence proposal
Fairy garden arches and general enhancement of fairy garden and development of digging mound to be discussed at the November meeting	P&C	November meeting	
Car parking problems continue despite provision of additional on road spaces. Strategy for discouraging school community from parking in dangerous situations to be developed.	Principal and P&C	November Meeting	
World Teaching Day on Friday 31 October	Tina Campbell	asap	Organise roster
Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	Clem Jones		Organise Roster
Possible reduction in preschool hours beyond 2015	Helen Bell		Helen to e-mail P&C members to canvass views. Item to go into newsletter and e-mail

DRAFT project protocol