



Turner Primary School Parents and Citizens Association

Meeting Minutes

Date: 17 May 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) Heather Kettle (Treasurer) Jo Padgham (Principal) Robyn Watson (Deputy Principal) Robyn Thurecht Steve Paton James Turvey Di Jones Chris Kenny Bob Edwards Ephraim Grunhard Sage Wang Abdallha Alkhaldi Aarthi Ayyar-Biddle Vicki Locke Number of attendees:</p>
Apologies	Rowena Fitzsimons (Minutes Secretary), Clem Jones, David Dunstan (Assistant Treasurer)
Receipt & Adoption	The Committee accepted the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 15 March 2017 – moved by Helen Bell, seconded by Greta Doherty.
Action Items	All action items from the May meeting were completed.
President's Report	<p>Helen Bell thanked everyone for attending the meeting this evening and presented her report (<u>Attachment A</u>).</p> <p>Helen noted thanks to Clem and Di Jones for their work to get the balance beams installed, and also acknowledged the new musical instruments. Helen reported that the P&C's contribution to the SRC was acknowledged by the School Captains at the recent school information night.</p> <p>On the canteen, Helen noted her thanks to the team at Lyneham for delivering early lunches at short notice on Cross Country day and advised that the school will now include lunch orders on the checklist for excursions and other activities. Thanks too to Bernadette McDonald and Lucas Masters for regularly volunteering to assist with lunch orders on a Friday.</p>

<p>Treasurer's Report</p>	<p>Heather presented the Treasurer's report (Attachment B) and reported that as at 17 May 2017, account balances were: Internet savings account - \$37,444.21 Operating cheque account - \$3,772.58</p> <p>A total of \$40,990 has been allocated for P&C funding priorities. Heather noted that additional funding was required for the balance beam, so funding for the train yard was decreased accordingly.</p> <p>It was agreed that Lucas would present the P&C's first cheque to the SRC at the Whole School Readaloud on 24 May 2017.</p> <p>Jo Padgham advised that blinds that the P&C agreed to fund in order to make classrooms for comfortable and energy efficient have been ordered.</p>
<p>Principal's Report</p>	<p>Jo Padgham presented the Principal's Report.</p> <p>5/6 Student Forum Jo advised that the Student Forum with the Minister for Social Inclusion, to mark 50 years since 1967 referendum, was a very proud moment for the school. Our Year 5/6 students showed very deep understanding and engagement with the issues.</p> <p>Staff Professional Learning Three Turner staff presentations have been accepted and the National Maths Conference and two at the English Conference, showing that Turner's teaching practice is held in high regard.</p> <p>Bike racks Available funding for proposed upgrades to the bike racks was not sufficient, so the school has invested the funding in painting and plumbing upgrades, including irrigation at the concert site.</p> <p>Cross Country The 2017 Cross Country was a great success, and House Captains took on a leadership role in the lead up to the day by establishing a running club.</p>
<p>Board Report</p>	<p>James Turvey reported that the Turner School Board farewelled and thanked outgoing Chair Bob Edwards, and welcomed new member Aarthi Ayyar-Biddle. The Board elected Kirsty Westaway as Chair and James Turvey as Deputy Chair.</p> <p>Aarthi provided a summary of Board highlights, including school upgrades, the Year 5/6 forum and Rostrum. The Board also heard about teachers' learning inquiries where teachers work in small groups to investigate particular aspects of learning and teaching.</p>
<p>Class Contact Update</p>	<p>Robyn Thurecht provided an update on Class Parent Contact activities and noted that class events have been held across the school.</p> <p>Jo noted that the Class Parent Contact updates are circulated to the Executive Teachers so that they are aware of what activities are taking place.</p>

Fete Update	<p>Robyn undertook to remind Class Parent Contacts to check in with teachers to connect to any new families that arrive during the school year.</p> <p>Robyn also advised that she is working with Bernadette McDonald to get the Class Parent Contact network involved in the art fundraiser. Greta Doherty undertook to send a request for assistance via the P&C mailing list.</p> <p>Steve Paton provided an update on Fete activities, and advised that Pegasus riding has been confirmed to run a stand (and may bring a horse). Steve has prepared letters seeking sponsorship to send out to local businesses at the end of this term, as well as invitations to the local medical centre etc to host a stall.</p> <p>Steve will look to use the Class Parent Contact network in Term 3 to drum up more stallholders and other volunteers.</p>
Music Lessons at Turner	<p>Helen Bell led a discussion on the provision of music lessons by third party providers at Turner and the potential for the P&C to have a role in managing music lessons. Feedback from parents indicated that some aspects of the lessons, such as reminders for children to attend and having rotating rosters, were not being delivered as per agreements with the school.</p> <p>Jo reported that the school sometimes has to deal with complaints from parents in relation to music lessons, although parents also approach music teachers directly and this has led to resolution of issues.</p> <p>It was agreed that the P&C would seek information on alternate music suppliers with a view to inviting additional suppliers to compete in the Expression of Interest for the provision of music lessons at Turner in the 2018 school year. This Expression of Interest is put out each year in term 4, however in the past it has not been widely promoted.</p> <p>As the meeting agreed to expand the Expression of Interest process, it was agreed that feedback did not need to be sought on the current providers. Aarthi Ayyar-Biddle undertook to contact other schools to find out how external music lessons operated there, and to seek out potential music lesson providers, with assistance from Vicki Locke.</p>
Other Business	<p>Helen Bell reported that she had received some feedback on the quality of school photos this year. It was agreed that Helen would send a note via the Class Parent Contact network advising parents to follow up with the photography company if they had any concerns.</p> <p>Jo Padgham also provided an update on a community conversation on the Future of Education in Canberra, facilitated by the Minister and the Directorate. The School has received an Engagement Pack to inform how the conversation will happen at Turner.</p>
Meeting Closed	8:30pm
Next Meeting	7:30pm Wednesday 20 July

Action Items

1. Greta to send Art Fundraiser email via the P&C mailing list
2. Music lessons – Aarthi and Vicki to talk to other schools and seek out additional music lesson suppliers

Attachment B

Turner School P&C - Treasurer's Report P&C Meeting – Wednesday 17 May 2017

Account Balances

Our account balances at 17 May 2017 were:

• Internet savings account	\$37,444.21
• Operating cheque account	\$3,772.58
Total	\$41,216.79

2017 P&C agreed priorities

Budget Item	Funding allocated	Expenditure and notes	Remaining funding
Operating expenses includes Pegasus, fete expenses, PSSA and TOMS	\$10,000	\$100 – fete Bubble soccer deposit	\$9,900
Bike racks	\$10,000		\$10,000
SRC	\$5,000	\$2,500 in T1/2 and \$2,500 in T3/4	\$5,000
Artists' and Writers' Festival	\$2,000		\$2,000
Blinds for four classrooms	\$10,000		\$10,000
Balance beam	\$1,160*	School to be reimbursed 17/5/17	\$0
Creative play resources for the Train Yard	\$2,830*		\$2,830
Total	\$40,990		\$39,730

**note the funding amounts for these two items were revised due to increased costs for the balance beam.*

Heather Kettle
Treasurer
17 May 2017