

Turner School P&C Association

President's Report for Annual General Meeting 2021

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A big thank you to all our hard-working volunteers for their work in 2020. Whilst we couldn't carry out the community or fundraising events of normal years, there remained a lot of work and effort from all. Thank you for your contribution in 2020.

Due to the lack of community events in 2020, our focus was administration, governance, and communication strategies of the Turner School P&C. We worked with Access Canberra to audit certification as an accredited Association. We drafted an update of our constitution based on changing requirements of the P&C Association and we look forward to finalization of those in early 2021.

Personally, it was extremely gratifying to continue to work with such dedicated people from the Turner School community. Both Turner staff and parent/grandparent/career volunteers really do their best to ensure Turner School continues to be the fantastic community it is today.

Supporting the Community

This year we were able to help two students represent the school at regional events by making contributions of \$250 towards their expenses. We look forward to being able to continue this initiative into 2021 and beyond.

Fundraising

In 2020 we undertook the annual Crazy Camel art fundraiser. This year it returned \$3105 to the P&C which was 30% increase on 2019. It was a fantastic result!

We also applied for the Supporting Parent Engagement Grant from the ACT Government. The grant application was focused on gaining funds to assist with the construction of the Cultural Integrity Garden outside of the library. Applications were lodged in October 2020 and after several reviews and RFI with the grant administrator, we were awarded a grant of \$17,672 in January 2021. The delay in approval has delayed our planned timeline for completion of the project. However, working with Allison, we have adjusted our schedules and expect to have the formal opening in late 2021.

Spending funds

Administrative and regulatory expenditure in 2020 totaled \$1,914.61. Please see the attached audit report for detailed breakdown of costs.

The P&C also allocated \$5,250 to Turner School in August 2020. Funds were divided as follows

\$3000 – STEAM Festival activities

\$1000 – Restrung damaged ukuleles

\$1250 – the to SRC for their garden project

Advocacy

The 2019 review of P&C processes saw a need for increased focus on governance and communication. Given the forced distance of CV-19, we were presented many challenges to ensure we maintained focus on those goals. Administratively we have been able to ensure certification, and data management practices have been improved through creation of document libraries. And communication through the Facebook Group and Class Parent Contact networks have seen increased engagement throughout the year. Community feedback suggested that these have been positive tools.

Conclusion

It goes without saying that 2020 provided a unique set of circumstances. Despite this, it is no surprise that our fantastic volunteers were able to push forward to continue to bring positive outcomes for our community. It has been a pleasure to be associated with you all. With the updated of our constitution, this brings an end to my two years as President of our P&C. I would like to thank you all for your efforts, guidance, and friendship throughout this time and I look forward to assisting in any way you need going forward. Thank you.