

Turner School Parents & Citizens Association
Minutes of the Executive Meeting - Tuesday 17 August 2021, 7.00pm
(via Teams)

It is preferred that agenda items are notified to the Secretary, Vice President or President one week before the meeting and, if required, accompanied by a written report, and a written proposed motion.

The Turner School Parents and Citizens Association aims to improve the academic, social and emotional outcomes of students regardless of a student's ability, race, gender, religion or socio-economic status.

All members should remember to be punctual and be prepared, listen without interrupting, speak briefly and criticise the ideas not the person.

1. Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country and opening remarks (Chair)

We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land we are meeting on, the Ngunnawal people. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of Canberra and this region. We would also like to acknowledge and welcome other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who may be attending this evening's meeting.

Present: Amanda Bruce, Robyn Watson, Nathan Richards, Allison Edmonds, Nicola Gibson, Annie O'Connor, Ole Nielsen, Lucas (for Renee Zwikelberg), Aarathi Ayyar-Biddle, Kathy Moffatt

1. Welcome:

1.1 The meeting was opened by the Chair at 7.00 pm and they thanked everyone for attending.

1.2 **Apologies:** Dale Todling, Jamie Todling, Lucy Mossop, Di Jones, Clem Jones

2. Business

2.1 Previous Meeting Minutes (July 2021)

It was Moved by the President and seconded by the Public Officer that the minutes of July 2021 be approved. **CARRIED**

2.2 Action arising

- the summarised reports for 2019-20 have been submitted to ACNC, this is now complete,
- the Winter disco has been canceled due to lock down,
- the survey on behalf of the Board and the P&C is underway. There was a discussion that it would be helpful to understand the feedback that comes from other schools as well, noting that this has previously been passed onto the ACT Education Directorate,

- The Vice President gave an update on the pizza oven and gave an overview of relative costs. Approximately \$3,000 to \$5,000 for a smaller oven that would self-assemble. 40% additional costs to have it assembled should a parent not be able to assist. Price and logistics for how we move the oven would need to be determined. The Principal emphasised portability would be required to ensure safety on school grounds out of hours (outside staff room or on the other side of the living skills garden were storage options). There was a discussion about the location of the pizza oven at North Ainslie school. It was suggested that the proposal is affordable. The school could consider a potential permanent location, and or liability and safety concerns in due course.

2.3 Fundraising and parent engagement for 2021, including engagement survey

The Principal reported that the colour run would fit into (term 4 – week 11) with the event to run similar to cross country (ie by the school) with P&C able to coordinate fundraising activities associated. The event would be in school time, at the end of a day, a team of teachers would assist and organise (with sports captains, also with the year sixes for whom it would be a leadership opportunity).

It was agreed in discussion that the mini fete be postponed.

ACTION: Fundraising and parent engagement for 2021 to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting

2.5 President's Report

The President's written report had been circulated for August, as attached to these minutes.

2.6 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report had been provided prior to the meeting. It was noted that the payment for the \$2,500 donation has been made to school for the artist and writers festival, and the receipt is awaited. The insurance has been paid, and the balance of the account is approximately \$32,638.64 with no outstanding liabilities.

2.7 Principal's Report

The Principal's report had been provided prior to the meeting. Lots of work is underway preparing for online learning from Friday, with plans in place for both a shorter and extended lockdown. Logistics are being explored with regards to device and learning from home packs. The school is working with ACT health. Health and well-being of students is also a focus, and Alison outlined some supports in place. P&C acknowledged the work of the school and the Executive team and thanks to Aarthi also for the communications via the Facebook page. The Principal also highlighted the success of the festival, with a huge number of parents able to join activities in a COVID-19 safe way, which was fantastic.

2.8 Board Report

Aarthi thanked all staff at the school for the smooth transition to online learning, noting good feedback about the regularity of communication, and the quick provision of Chromebooks. The general feeling is we have done this before and it is not as uncertain as in 2020.

The last Board meeting was 28 July, focus was next school improvement plan. Thanks to those who completed the vision and values survey. The school improvement plan will continue to be developed over the next few meetings.

2.9 Public Officer Report

Annie provided a verbal update, highlighting the improved website and google drive will assist going forward.

2.10 Communication (including P&C/CPC email lists, Facebook)

The Committee noted the apology from Dale.

2.11 Friday Lunch Orders Report

Nil update given the COVID-19 situation.

2.12 Crazy Camel Report

Kathy provided an update. Artworks have been collected from the school and Kathy was planning to chase up those missing artworks shortly. Between now and 2 September we can go ahead with electronic advertising and through online channels. Dates to be finalised and then order forms could be circulated. It was noted that going forward, if teachers are able to 'tick-off' on a folder against a class list that may assist with logistics.

2.13 Correspondence

Nil

3. Other Business

It was noted that the kindy afternoon in the Cultural Integrity Garden is 2-3pm, 20 August. P&C parent to attend

3.1 Next meeting date: Tuesday 19 October 2021, 7pm, location via Teams

4. Closure

4.1 The Chair closed the meeting at 7.56 pm.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Action List
- B. President's report for August 2021
- C. Principal's report for August 2021

A Action List

	Action	Responsible	Date	Status (at 18 August)
1	ACNC. A statement is outstanding from the 2019 calendar year, with the next statement due for 2020. Report back at the end of June 2021	Vice-President and Public Officer	May 2021	Complete
2	Disco winter BBQ - 25 August, President will organise a BBQ	President	June 2021	Canceled due to lock-down until 2 September
3	President will communicate the survey results in the next newsletter.	President	July 2021	Complete
4	Complete survey on behalf of the Board and the P&C (changes to the Act)	Aarthi and Alison	July 2021	Underway
5	Investigate pizza oven plus dough supply	Vice President	July 2021	Underway
6	Fundraising and parent engagement for 2021 to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting	Secretary	August 2021	New
7	Link to be provided for 19 October meeting	Principal	August 2021	New

Turner School P&C Association

Presidents Report for the P&C Meeting Tuesday 17th August 2021

Nicola Gibson

Supporting the Community

We will be running a **Winter Warmer event on Wednesday 25th August**. Members of the Turner Community will be encouraged to join us for a Hot Chocolate and some desert on Wednesday 25th August from 5.45pm-7.45pm...Parents/Carers can drop off the kids at the Disco and join the P&C for a warm-up drink and a chat. President to convene event.

Spending Funds

I had the great pleasure of attending the closing ceremony of the Artists and Writers Festival on Friday 6th August. It was an incredibly inspiring and moving ceremony including beautiful storytelling and music. We hope all students enjoyed the Festival and designed some new words. The Turner P&C Committee were delighted to provide ongoing support of the event, a donation of \$2,500 was made towards the event.

Results of the Community Engagement Survey

Thank you to all those who responded to our Parent Engagement survey, the feedback has been consolidated. In summary, most of the feedback received was in support of a mini-Fete, or a Colour Run, with most respondents indicating that they were happy to help on the day, but not necessarily take on the responsibility of Convening the event. We hope to deliver a mini-Fete in Term 3, more details will be provided.

Fundraising

There have been no fundraising events conducted since our last meeting

Expenses

We have paid P&C Council Affiliation fees for the 2021/2022 period an amount of \$562.13 was remitted.

Finally, a submission to the ACNC has been completed for the Turner P&C Association. This included a summation of the AGM for 2019 and 2020



Principal's Report to the P&C

*Date: 17 August
Edmonds*

Allison

Thank you

Thank you to our school and community for the quick adjustment to the lockdown and move into remote learning. We have received from our community messages of encouragement and of their commitment to support each other and the school in ensuring that each of our students is supported both in their well-being and learning.

Particular thanks to our Board and P&C representatives who are supporting communication through the Facebook page and through parent contacts. A big thanks again to everyone for their continued efforts to look after their school communities and going the extra mile to help those who are anxious and need a bit of extra help at this time.

We aim to streamline communication to families so that what they receive is targeted and timely. We are passing on information as it comes through from the ACT Education Directorate and are grateful for families keeping up to date with email communications. We will continue to update our website and the Learning From Home Hub.

Move to online learning:

- We move to a period of teacher-led remote learning from Friday 20 August where students are encouraged to stay at home while the ACT enters a more prolonged lock down as part of our health response to COVID-19.

- Turner will remain open for vulnerable young people who cannot work from home. Those students will access the same remote learning program as their classmates, delivered by their usual classroom teacher/s.
- Each year group will have its own tailored approach, you can expect regular check-ins and engagement with your child. This will include physical and digital resources for our younger including library books, and online connections through a virtual classroom.
- The learning platform for years 1-6 will be the familiar google classroom. For the Preschool and Kindergarten remote learning period we will be trialling the SeeSaw platform which is expected to be more early childhood friendly in it's format.
- Information about home learning resources, processes and devices will be going out to all families tomorrow.

School Improvement Special Highlights:

Many thanks to the families who engaged with our school captain led 'Vision and Values' online feedback opportunity. It was encouraging to see how invested our community was in our values and vision. We value feedback and opportunities like this are so important in responding to our community and celebrating the things that are valued and working well.

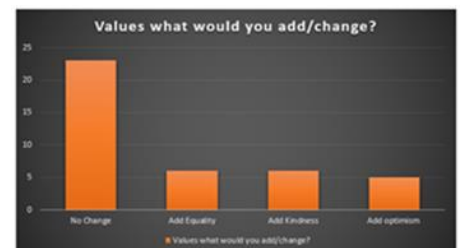
SCARFF VALUES

- Support
- Cooperation
- Acceptance
- Respect
- Friendliness
- Fun

Our school captains spent time working through feedback from their work with students and from the google survey and summarised this in the most recent newsletter.

“Thank you to the members of the turner community who filled out the values and visions form. This information has helped us to see that everyone is satisfied with the Turner values. Many of our community members believe that we should add kindness, honesty and equality. From that

feedback, we have had the idea to expand on SCARFF by making an acronym for each word in SCARFF and using this to help us have an even better understanding of how to put the value in action.



Festival Wrap-up and Celebration

We are grateful that our students were able to participate in our Artists' and Writers' Festival, exploring our national institutions and participating in such a rich variety of learning. Our Learning from Home Hub includes highlights from the festival. <https://sites.google.com/ed.act.edu.au/learning-from-home-hub/community-projects/2021-artists-writers-festival>



A huge thank you the Festival Committee, supporting teachers, visiting experts, parent experts, student leaders and student media/reporting team. It centres us on the importance of letting our students engage in diverse learning experiences, including the Arts to expand their skills in literacy, communication and connecting with an audience.

In her closing ceremony speech, Professor Ewing shared a quote from Rebecca Solnit

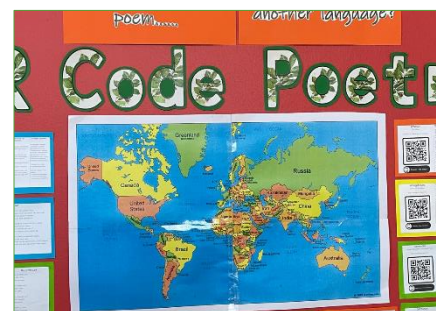


“The object we call a book is not the real book, but its potential, like a musical score or seed. It exists fully only in the act of being read; and its real home is inside the head of the reader, where the symphony resounds, the seed germinates. A book is a heart that only beats

in the chest of another.”



You can see Professor Ewing’s closing address on the Learning Hub and she finishes with a comment that the learning from the festival is only the beginning. I wonder where the Artists’ and Writers’ Festival will lead your child to next!



Some 3/4 reflections capture the variety of learning and excitement.

Arkady	The Literacy workshops because I liked planning and drafting our short film.
Michael	I liked the google labs because we could make music and stuff.
Felix	I liked the drama workshop because it was fun and challenging.
Antonia	I enjoyed the excursion to the museum because I liked learning about who was on our land before us.
Amelia	I liked the excursion because the stories and displays were interesting to learn about.
Jackson	I liked the brainstorming phase of the short film because you could make it a comedy.
Kira	I liked the excursion because I enjoyed listening to the music poles with the birds humming and the people talking. :)

Petra	I liked doing the clay sculpture because I got to work with my mum.
Alessandra	I enjoyed the word in the word in my pocket, it was fun finding new words.
Audrey	I enjoyed the literacy workshop because I liked drawing my comic and publishing it on Pixton.

Teacher and Student Festival Collaboration

We were privileged to work with art specialist Naomi Zouwer across the festival. She ran workshops for both teachers and students.

The focus was objects can carry story. She taught us how to mix and use Gouache (magenta, cyan, yellow and white) to paint an object that holds significance for us and to tell its story. These painted images are being hung on a collaborative image tree.



A Focus on Wellbeing

We will continue to send home to the community information to assist in supporting wellbeing and in helping ourselves and our families navigate the coming weeks. Like in 2020, the Turner School Student support team plans to continue to provide you with regular updates on ideas to nurture your children's hopes and sustain their (and your) well-being over this time and make your lives easier. This week our school psychologist, Michelle, sent out the first of these wellbeing newsletters.



A big thanks to everyone for their continued efforts to look after each other and our school community and going the extra mile to help those who are anxious and need a bit of extra help at this time.

Changes to upcoming events:

Event

Disco and P&C event
Learning Journeys
School Satisfaction and Climate Survey
Kindergarten Cultural Integrity parent activity
Belconnen Track and Field Day
Week 7 Senior Assembly
Extra curricular activities

Current Situation

cancelled
postponed until term 4
postponed
cancelled
cancelled
cancelled
Move to online from next week

Allison Edmonds