**Sandon Public School P&C**

**P and C General Meeting Minutes**

**Monday 28th May 2018 at 6:00pm**

1. **In attendance:** Kirralee Dwyer, Lindy Commens, Katie Roberts, Scott Strijland, Carolyn Gadd, Mark Clayton, Anna Smith, Jane Palfreyman, Emma Thomas, Helen Bull, Michaela Potts
2. **Apologies:** Denise Smoother, Tania Robb, Luke Kitchener, Jason Moulynox, Adele Rae, Michael Baker
3. **Minutes of previous meeting:**

The motion that the Minutes of the P&C meeting held on Monday 5th March 2018, be confirmed-

Moved by:  Anna Smith Seconded by: Katie Roberts

1. **Correspondence:**

**In-** Letter from Michaela Potts regarding poor communication to parents. Denise has responded to Michaela’s letter.

Next term, a term calendar will be sent out to parents for Term 3’s coming events. Parents are not happy with the current communication between the school and families, but we need them to come forward so we know what needs fixing. Katie suggested doing an online survey to try to find out what parent’s want. Jane will speak to Denise about this and see if she wants to do it or if P & C will.

Michaela responded and said that the term calendar on the school website was not current and was not a true indication of the coming events during the term.

**Out-** Thank you notes to Brendan Noakes at Harvey Norman x3, letter to Woolworths to change signatories, thank you letter to Woolworths for their donations, Flight centre for their % contribution to school and Andrew Williamson for the donation of firewood for the Mother’s Day raffle.

1. **President’s report:**  No report
2. **Treasurers report:**

* Mark reported that $42K in the account.
* Mother’s Day Stall made $500 profit.

1. **Clothing pool report:**

* Mark Clatyon reported that clothing pool is progressing along.
* Carolyn reported that she was asked to form a group to look at having a minor uniform change. Mark and Emma in this group. A survey will be sent out about school uniform and looking at a change. The main aim of the change is to have a gender neutral uniform option.
* Kirralee reported that in the past some new students have been given brand new uniforms, instead of second hand, and the money to be paid at a later date. This policy will no longer be available and money needs to be paid in advance. There will be no credit available!

A reminder to be sent out to families with the winter uniform price list. Kirralee will follow this up.

1. **Canteen report:** No report
2. **Fundraising report:**

* **Special food Days**- $310 profit was made on the popcorn and popper day. We still have poppers left over.
* **Athletics Carnival-** will be another special food day, snack bags. Notes will be given to all students. Sue Pancaldi has offered to help distribute the food on the athletics carnival day.
* **Pirate Day**- 21st June to have a special food day, Pizza day? Katie to follow up.
* **Crazy Camel**- The art work will now be completed earlier, so the orders can be processed and distributed before the end of Term 4.
* **Bulbs-** $220 profit. We won’t be doing the bulb orders every year, as it did not make as much money as previous years.

Katie also reported that Warwick Waldron ordered 3 separate orders but 1 order was lost from the staffroom, she is disappointed in the support from the school in chasing this up. Money was refunded for the lost order. Year 6 leaders should not be responsible for handing out orders like this.

Another mother rang to say that she ordered some bulbs. Unfortunately, the order didn’t make it down to the office. It was sent to school but the teacher didn’t send it down to the office, this is still being followed up. A reminder to teachers that it is very important to send money straight to the office.

It does not make the P&C or the school look good when incidents like these happen, especially when families are trying to support us.

* **Father’s Day Stall-** Term 3, about week 6. Kirralee started making items for the stall. Helpers will be needed to sell items etc
* **Family Photo Shoot-** Saturday September 1st. Notes have been sent out and families who are interested can make a booking.

1. **School Report:**

* A free dental clinic and notes went home today with all students.
* Denise- P&C donation to the school- Denise was absent and other executives were not sure about the donation. This will be followed up by Kirralee.

1. **General Business:**

* Skoolbag app, some issues with the notifications. The app needs to be reinstalled per individual device, as the notification section may not work after doing updates. Parents need to be informed of this.
* **School rubbish policy-**

Katie mentioned that the new rubbish policy was not communicated to the parents. Katie was concerned that students are worried and afraid to put their rubbish in the school bins. Katie also had a second concern which was the healthy eating component. She stated that she understands that we are trying to encourage students to be healthy and bring heathier options to school but some families are lucky to have lunch/ food at all. Making students feel bad about what they bring to school was a concern for her.

Katie restated that this current policy was not communicated to the parents about why the new rubbish policy was implemented. She believes both parents and students need more information on this so that everyone understands why it has been implemented. Anna and Michaela expressed their concerns as they live out of town and do not have rubbish collected, they have to take it to the dump so it is really inconvenient for those families.

* Sue Pancaldi- spoke about refugees who are currently residing in Armidale. She is currently working with the parents (ESL) and a crèche is set up for the children. Sue mentioned some of the difficulties the children and families have faced. In regards, to the refugees, Sue felt that this needed to be mentioned as sharing food is culturally sound practice and not to be discouraged at school. Religious day is a Wednesday for these families not a Sunday. Sue will speak further to Tammy Paterson- O’Kane about what she has experienced and pass this knowledge onto Tammy.
* **NAIDOC week-**

Katie mentioned that an option for next year to have activities like painting, cooking, stories etc, that are more appropriate to NAIDOC week instead of just tabloids.

* The P and C meeting time will continue to start at 6pm not 6:30pm.

1. **Agenda suggestions for next meeting:**

**Next meeting date- Monday 20th August, 2018. Meeting closed at 7:30pm.**

**Helen Bull**

**Secretary**

**Kirralee Dwyer**

**President**