



MANLY VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2020 via Zoom at 7.40pm

PRESENT

President	James Fewtrell
Treasurer	Tony Sherlock
Secretary	Karen Murgatroyd
Principal	Tina Lee

Kristen Te Pania	Kate Williams	John Gillings	Wendie McDougall
Helena Edgerton	Chris Nichols	Katrina	Kerry Smallman
Helen Gay			

APOLOGIES: Caroline Sylvester-Smith

Minutes of the last General Meeting held on 11:08:20

Approval of Minutes **Motioned:** Tina **Seconded:** Tony

Matters arising from previous minutes:

Action: Recycle bin for canteen - Tina to follow up – **waiting for quotes to come in**

Action: Skip-a-thon went ahead and was a huge success

Canteen:

1. The Summer menu is proving very popular especially the nachos on Wednesdays. Orders are still increasing each week, we hit 240 on Friday 30th October.
2. We are grateful that Becky can continue to work 14 hours each week on Jobkeeper and enjoying having our 1 volunteer per day to help with the lunch time rush.
3. We are open again for lunchtime sales but they are pretty slow at the moment, most parents are preordering ice blocks etc.
4. The second Thermomix is getting a good work out each day – big thanks for that o the P&C.
5. We are now providing a 'Birthday Bucket' for ice blocks etc to make the birthday child feel a bit more special and Tina will encourage everyone to continue to use the Canteen to provide birthday treats rather than send them in from home. Here's an example:



6.

7. We are all enjoying working the canteen this term and want to mention how well-mannered and polite all the children are being this term, a real credit to the school!

Uniform Shop

Kindy orientation and sales have looked very different this year with there being no shopfront and all sales are being taken online.

The new skort and short samples are in and we are really happy with them. Karen and I tried them on a few children last Friday and they look flattering and are much more true to size. We have been told we will receive the stock before the start of term one 2021 so they will be able to pick up their backorders for skorts and shorts the first week of school before Kindy starts

Seeing we have old stock I have opted to introduce the new items only to Kindy 21 children until the old stock runs out. Saying this we have already introduced the polo's to other sizes as we have run out.

We are having a secondhand uniform sale Friday week Nov 20th from 8:30 – 9:30 am. We have been inundated with second hand uniforms because we haven't been able to sell any from the shopfront. I would also like to ask the P&C if I can try and sell our bigger size stock that doesn't move very quickly at a reduced price.

Action: Want to sell new large size stock at the secondhand uniform sale – Approved.

I am finding that Big Cartel just isn't good enough now that we are totally online and the numbers are increasing. I had a meeting with Kyle from Profile Apparel (our supplier) and his recommendation is to go to Shopify. I have also been chatting to Kim Sagoa, Uniform Coordinator from Harbord Public a lot this year. They have been using Shopify for 3 years. Profile are happy to help set it up and cover the initial setup fee of \$1700 however we would have to cover the monthly fee. It is brilliant with stock forecasting, will be easier for parent orders and on back end management of the shop of which there is none at the moment. This will also allow anyone to come in when I leave and just carry on without making the huge mistakes from the past. An extra perk is that if any other school using this platform needs help say during orientation or even just trouble shooting, then they just need to put the word out eg Harbord, Curl Curl, hopefully Manly West even Bally.

Action: It was discussed whether to move the sales of the uniform shop to Spotify – Approved – Wendie to initiate the swap over.

With access to the online uniforms shop only through the P&C website I am finding that parents are having trouble even finding our site let alone sending an email enquiry.

I have been talking to Shay Gillings about the P&C website which is not very user friendly and she has spent some time drafting a website. I would like for the P&C to have a look at it, decide if this is something that we can do, and while I know Shay would probably do it for nothing, in these times I think it would be nice to actually pay her for her efforts of setting it up. I would also like to propose that the P&C actually assign one person to take over the control of the website so Canteen, Band, Fundraising, uniform etc. can pass information onto that person and they will update as required. Our current website is very clunky and to be honest none of us know how to use it so it hasn't been updated all year.

Action: Agreed to proceed with the new website and a fee of \$500 paid to Shay Gillings for her work on the project so far. Shay will run the project but we need to look for someone to take on this role within the P&C going forward.

Principle's Report

What a year it has been. We have learnt a lot and had to adapt and change according to changes reflective of the ever changing COVID guidelines. There have been some real positives out of this experience including the progression of technology and the implementation of digital platforms and technologies. Zoom meetings have become a part of everyday life and washing hands and social distancing a part of everyday school routines. I must thank and acknowledge all of the teachers in maintaining their ability to stay positive and be flexible and creative in adapting their teaching methods to accommodate the changing world. It has been an incredible learning journey for all of us.

Events 2020

The various events including dance and band concerts and performances were done online this year. I must particularly congratulate the Dancesport program as the online platform and filming was very professional. Online question and answer forums were conducted for the new Band parents, and we did manage to perform as part of the initial Kindergarten Orientation program. We are now looking at filming our Celebration of Learning assemblies for the end of the year and hopefully also have small number of parents at these (award recipient's parents).

It was shame to cancel our Glen Street theatre concerts and town hall performances for drama, choir and dance, but the children still enjoyed doing all these activities when so many other activities were cancelled for them.

Professional Learning for teachers was placed online

Most of the teachers professional learning went online this year. EduTech, CPR, implementation of technology, networks meetings and zoom conferences for literacy and numeracy. It was a very different format but still providing some support and development for teachers.

Our new co-teaching environments were trialled in variety of ways and most of the professional learning budget for this year was used to provide release for teachers to program and plan collaboratively and then evaluate and give feedback to colleagues on a variety of teaching models including "one teach one assist," co teaching etc.

NAPLAN online cancelled- Year 3 and 5 Check in data

This year we weren't able to do NAPLAN testing due to the restrictions however Year 3 and 5 did do some online check in assessments. We have made great gains in numeracy in Year 3 this year performing very well as a school with the number correct as compared to the state. Measurement and volume still requiring more consolidation. Year 5 was similar in that the percentage correct compared to the state was better but areas of weakness still seems to eb the hands on 2D shape questions, measurement of weight and adding 2 – digit numbers without trading (mental computation strategy).

Reading- Year 5 students performed consistently better in most questions than the state %. Where we fell down was on features of certain text types and using conventions to build meaning. Some difficulty with interpreting precise meaning of words with similar connotations (generous, Kind-hearted and charitable).

Year 3 reading the cohort performed better than the state on most questions. Where we need to improve was "using contextual clues to interpret and determine meaning. "MVPS performed well above state in the understanding of figurative language and poetic devices including personification in poetry.

Situational Analysis

We have just completed our 3-year school plan and we're currently assessing the areas we need to focus on for the next 4 years.

I would like to run some parent workshops on the directions of the school but I'm not sure if I will be able to. Surveys may be an alternative to this. The Tell Them from Me survey had Parent survey but we may need to send home another one.

OOSH Tender

Primary OSHCare our current provider lost the tender and Sustainable OOSH will now take over. The transition process has just begun with the new provider wanting to be in by Christmas. I don't know if this is possible. Thank you to John Gillings for representing the P & C and parents on the Tender panel There was quite a lot of reading and John made some great contributions into our day of culling.

The new OOSH may take on some of the staff at the centre. They are also the provider for Balgowlah North PS and come highly recommended for their staff training and supervision and professional approach to the safety and well being of the children. We look forward to a smooth transition.

Vandalism and security

We have had some vandalism and breaches of security over the past 2 weekends. School security will be putting on patrols and video footage of the culprits will be shown to the police. Parents and community need to report youths to the police or school security on 1300363778.

The school was designed to allow for community use of the facility it would be a shame to now close it down for community use.

Skip-A-Thon

The skip-a-thon last week was a fantastic success. The students loved being outside with all their friends and completing an array of skipping activities including weaving through poles. Ladder jumping, Singla and partner skipping and large rope team skipping. A total of \$18 500 was raised. We would like to give the winning fundraising classes an ice block day of possible.

Remembrance Day- Wed 11 November

Remembrance Day school this year. We are separating the grades and stages and running an open-air service near the flagpoles. Poppies will be worn by the students and a lovely Lest We Forget signs being made for the hall.

Banner assembly- Friday 13 November and 27 November (photos of students will be put into the school newsletter).

Picnic and End of year festivities

We are going to hold our picnic days between Manly Dam and the school. We now have our new screens in the hall and the students will enjoy a picnic at the dam and then watching a movie in the hall. Year 5 and 6 will probably still go to the waterworks at Manly.

Celebration of Learning- Thursday 3 December (Stage 1, 2 and 3)

COL will take place in Stages. We are going to run them on Thursday 3 December. Only one parent from each family will be able to come to these assemblies. No grandparents. COVID guidelines will be followed.

9.30am- 11am Stage 3

11.30am- 1pm- Stage 2

1pm- 3pm- Stage 1

Kindergarten Graduation- Friday 11 December

Kindergarten will have a graduation ceremony and awards day on 11 December. We will do it class by class to allow Kindergarten parents to have both parents there. Filming of all ceremonies will take place with links that can be accessed.

Year 6 graduation- Monday 14 December-1pm

We will have our normal graduation ceremony for Year 6. There will be no students in attendance (other than Year 6), to allow for every year 6 students to bring both their parents. No grandparents will be allowed. 2 parents per child only. The ceremony will be in the school hall and parents can sit together.

Class Parties

No class parties and presentations this year. Collections for teachers can go ahead by Class Coordinators but the gifts will need to be dropped at the school. SRC reps can read out the presentation to the class teacher if required. Otherwise Parents can just choose to send their own gifts and cards in to school.

Scripture Service- -Final event- 25 November. Social distancing of the service will occur in the school hall. SEE classes will take place in classrooms.

Kindergarten Orientation

We have completed an online Q & A and now 2 face to face sessions. The face to face was very successful and the Kindergarten students enjoyed their time in classrooms. Very little tears and anxiety was shown by the students. We currently have 78 students and will make 4 classes for 2021.

A kindy picnic has been organised for Thursday 19 November at Manly Dam. Currently we have 79 students enrolled and will make 4 classes.

New Enrolments

We already have new enrolments for 2021. There is to be a school tour this Thursday 12 November at 3.30pm after school for interested families. It will be short and sweet.

Classes and staff for 2021

I am trying to make an additional 2 classes for 2021 to lessen numbers and continue our trial of the flexible learning spaces. I still will have some composites but hopefully in stages only.

Year 6 Graduation Dinner – Tuesday 15 December

Currently the Year 6 parent committee are looking at COVID safe ways to deliver food to the hall. The children will have their disco just themselves and limited staff will be able to attend. The Dance to be Fit group is teaching the students their dances for the night.

The committee has not been able to do a lot of fundraising and have hinted that they may need P & C support. Is this something the P & C would like to support? **They are looking at a budget of \$2800.- approved by P & C**

Spending Priorities for 2021

1. Refurbish fixed equipment- \$50000-\$100 000- **2021**
2. Staff Xmas party - \$500 (pay Tina) **P & C approved \$1000**
3. New class next year- need laptop/device trolley \$2800 (inc GST)+ 20-30 devices???-**Cabinet approved**
4. New athletics tops- \$2000-**approved**
5. Vege garden establishment- \$2000-\$4000 (**2021**)
6. Chicken Coup- TBA (\$5000) **Need quotes- Approved for 2021**
7. Hospitality fund- morning teas etc- \$500 **Approved -cash or transfer to admin office**
8. Family support fund- \$500- \$1000 (canteen, uniform shop, excursions) **-Done through canteen and uniform shop- they will invoice P & C**
9. Library shelving for senior fiction- \$3000-**approved**

Thank you

It has been a challenging year but I have never not felt supported in every decision I have had to make this year. Even with the staggered return to school after the Home learning phase the P & C were so supportive of my decision to allow “Stage “rather than “siblings” back to provide some normalcy for every student’s learning, and allow students to have their own class teacher, their own friends and normal lessons.

There have been a lot of adjustments for families and a lot of families have really struggled emotionally and financially. Thank you for the canteen vouchers, supporting the Band program so it was able to keep going, providing access to Job keeper for our canteen workers and allowing the school to help support those families in need.

Enjoy a well-deserved holiday and stay safe.

Tina

Band

Term 1

- Kicked off with the largest Junior Band ever – 34 students!

Term 2

- Band members, both Junior and Senior, proved very resilient during the Covid lockdown. They kept up their practice, many continued private tuition via Zoom and the band was able to restart once school was back after lockdown.

Term 3

- Due to the cancellation of all performances and parents not being able to be on school grounds, we recorded both the Junior and Senior Bands performing on the new stage in the school hall. This was the first time we had formally recorded the bands playing.
- When band rehearsals had to cease due to Covid restrictions, we had our first ever band rehearsals via Zoom for Junior Band.
- Junior Band also had Ukelele and Guitar classes once a week with Carlos, using the school instruments. This proved very popular.
- Ben was able to focus on the rhythmic abilities of Senior Band with rhythm and percussion workshops, which helped their musicianship.
- New instruments were purchased thanks to the generosity of the P&C: 4 Yamaha Trumpets and 1 new Baritone.

Term 4

- Junior Band performed to Years 2 and 3 at school and Senior Band performed on the morning of the Kindergarten orientation
- We held our first ever virtual Band Information session. John Logan, Band President, created a new website for prospective band parents.
- Ben recorded a presentation to parents and also provided links to the various instruments and all this was available to parents on the new website.
- Parents were able to complete the expression of interest form online and submit queries
- Ben hosted a Q&A session for parents with outstanding queries via Zoom
- Ben and Carlos, our conductors, commence 5 minute interviews this week with prospective 2021 band members, in lieu of the usual instrument allocation tests.
- We will be able to complete our recruitment process for 2021 Junior Band by the end of term.
- Band AGM 25 November via Zoom - John Logan & Helena Edgerton will be standing again, as President and Secretary respectively.
- The committee welcomes a new Treasurer for 2021, Ruimei Zhang, as Turia Mako will be leaving.
- Approx 55 current band members will continue in the band programme next year, plus new 2021 Junior Band members.

MVPS Band Programme continues to grow! Thanks to Carlos and Ben, the work of the Band Committee and the amazing support of Mrs Lee.

Other Business: None

Next Meeting – Tuesday 9th February at 7pm
Mtg closed 8.30pm

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