

**DAPTO PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C MINUTES**  
**MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2012**

**ATTENDEES:**

Paula Priest, Anne Hughes, Sharon O'Callaghan, Tony Friedrich, Natalie Hutchinson, Teena Luck, Simon Burns, Tina Hush, Traybee McLean, Pas Silveri, Cheryl Seagrove, Joanne Scholtens and Lisa Connelly.

**APOLOGIES:**

Michelle Garcia, John Priest, Tony Baerwinkel, Rod Luck, Michelle Whitehouse, Steve McLean and Vanessa Carr.

**MEETING OPENED AT 7.00PM**

Minutes from last meeting accepted by Simon Burns and Anne Hughes

**FOLLOW UP FROM LAST MONTH:**

**GUEST – Pas Silvestri – Council Representative**

- Gave an update on the roads situation around DPS.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- Natalie thanked members and staff for their support during the year.
- Would like to purchase gifts for:
  - Office staff
  - Jenny Gillam
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, there will be a farewell at 3pm for the staff leaving at the end of this year. The P&C has been asked to provide some afternoon tea.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- No income this month
- Lots of expenses as the two x whiteboards have been purchased and hats have been purchased.
- More electrical expenses to come re: whiteboard installation.

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

### **Staffing**

Mrs Vicki Moses (Deputy Principal), Mrs Anna-Mai Taylor (Kindergarten), Mrs Joan Hornig (Library) and Mrs Cathy Jones (Year 5) will all be retiring. These four wonderful teachers are all sad to leave and will miss the children terribly. I personally will be sad to see them retire, however I know I can speak for the community in wishing them all the very best with the future and in the challenges yet to come. Their time with the children of Dapto and their efforts will not be forgotten.

Mrs Cheryl Seagrove has been seconded to work at Department of Education's Head Office in Sydney for the next 12 months. I personally want to thank her for her professionalism and hard work over many years here at Dapto. I look forward to working with Mrs Seagrove again in 2014 when she returns.

Mrs Chloe O'Neil will be taking 2013 to be with her family and I look forward to seeing her in the future.

Mrs Jo Knight who has worked in the support unit for many years has relinquished her position to follow other educational pathways and support different students elsewhere in Australia. Thank you for your hard work and good luck for the future.

Mrs Donna Blinksell works as a Teacher's Aide throughout the school. She has just been offered a permanent position at Koonawarra Public School from 2013. Good luck Donna.

### **Arrangements for the start of 2013**

There will be some changed arrangements for the beginning of 2013. The changes are aimed at smoothing the transition between teachers and grade in the most orderly of fashion.

At the beginning of 2013 children will come back to the same class as 2012 with the teachers they had the previous year. These will be held for 3 days while we confirm numbers. The reason for this change is to ensure that there is only one change for children and that we do not have to move any child twice. Also the children will have the comfort of last year's teacher in most occasions.

Although this is a small change it will assist children in moving between teachers and grades. Students with special needs will also be taken care of in an orderly fashion at this time. In week 4 of term 1, all teachers will have a 'meet the teachers' evening to explain the year ahead.

### **Properties**

#### **Interactive Whiteboards**

2 Interactive Whiteboards were installed in 3M and 3/6MC. The teachers and students are much appreciative. Thank you to the P&C for their contribution. I have made a mistake and realised that I have left KT without a board. I have organised for the installation of another board January 30<sup>th</sup> so it is ready to start the new year. (Cost \$6,500)

#### **Digital sign**

The school will make a purchase at the front of the school to further communicate with the community. It will be a video screen so it will have the capacity to display images.

The cost is around \$25,000 and we will order it later this week. The installation will be in February.

### **Curriculum**

Thursday Dec 13<sup>th</sup> and Monday Dec 17<sup>th</sup> are our dates for the presentation day.

Wednesday Dec 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday Dec 14<sup>th</sup> are our dates for talent quest. Of course parents are welcome.

### **Reports**

Reports go out this Friday.

### **P&C Projects for 2013**

Do the P&C know what they want to aim towards in 2013? Can the school have dates for fundraisers in 2013 to better coordinate with the community?

### **Thank You**

Can I sincerely thank the P&C for their outstanding efforts in 2012. Dapto is an amazing school, a school which offers children so much. A big component of that is attributed to the parents and their support of the school. The partnership is what makes it work. Have a wonderful Christmas and I hope to see you all in 2013.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- A mention to go in the newsletter about what was purchased for the dance teachers with donated funds. A total of \$230 was raised and each teacher (Mrs Nordstrom, Mr Hedger, Mrs Thorn and Mrs Martin), received a \$50 Tosti Cellars voucher, a box of chocolates and a \$2 scratchie.
- Mrs Seagrove attended her last P&C and thanked all members for their support during the year.
- Simon Burns, a long time member, also thanked all, as this will be his final P&C meeting at DPS. Simon's youngest child is going off to high school next year. Simon's quick wit will be missed!
- Jo asked if the last day of school could be a "mufti day?" This is to be confirmed. Stay tuned to the newsletter.

## **UNIFORMS**

- Suggestion of having a more "uniform", uniform. Perhaps starting with a school shirt? This shirt would only be available from DPS Clothing Pool, therefore, all shirts would be exactly the same in respects to colour and design.
- This will take up to two years to roll out and a uniform committee will be set up in the new year to commence further discussion with the school community.

**MEETING CLOSED AT 9.17PM**

**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2013 AT 7PM**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2013 AT 7PM**