

Illaroo Road Public School P&C Association

AGENDA

General Meeting on **Tuesday 10th December 2013**

7pm Sharp

Attendance: As per attendance book.

Apologies: As per attendance book

Date: Tuesday 10/12/2013

Venue: Illaroo Road Public School Library

Meeting opened at 7.05pm

Item	Subject	Description/Responsible
1	Welcome	President
2	Present/Apologies	As per attendance book. 7
3	Any new members?	President. Nil
4	Ratify Minutes	For the previous meeting held 10 th September 2013. Ratified by Adam Hodgkins and Helen Mills
5	Library Makeover	Presentation by Brooke Irving on the Library Makeover. Points of presentation creating a 21 st century library: Proposes that the Library program will be changing. Every class will be going to library every week. Create a flexible learning space for 21 st century learners. Learning with comfortable engaging learning spaces. With portable devices and tablets the students may prefer to move around. 23 Pc;s ordered and will replace Macs in the Library. Macs to go to classroom. Need to solve current plug and cord problem by moving Junior literacy to the centre of the library. Require 8 more computers to complete a class set. Mobile shelving to adapt to future changing situations. Cater for more students by replacing the Kinder chairs with more sizeable chairs. See attached "wish list" total requested \$55000.00. \$50000 in savings and estimated projected earnings \$10,000 to \$15000 Motion raised Adam Hodgkins to maintain current \$4000 (grounds maintenance) to look after school grounds and new \$51,000 for library project funds to be directed at library upgrade. Total pledge of \$55,000. Seconded by Helen Mills. No one has spoken against the motion. Unanimously passed by all attending.
6	Guest Speaker	Melissa McHugh, student welfare officer: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In Tuesday and Thursday each week.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify students that require support. • Melissa does one on one mentoring. • She is available for students to go and talk to when required. • Smith family learning for life scholarships. Two families offered assistance using the program. • Different to the counsellor in that Melissa can not counsel children. She can sit and talk to children that may be distressed and offer strategies to the students such as breathing techniques.
7	Matters Arising	<p>a) Update of shade cloth over sandpit. Karen met with Adam (company Name?) re quotes for the cover. Adam has not contacted Steve H yet with a quote and Steve H will follow up.</p> <p>b) Update of new retail software in Uniform Shop. Adam Hodgkins reported that some volunteers were somewhat hesitant but have turned around after training. Hiccups from poor wireless connection. Proposed solution blue data cable hook up. SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS OF THE MOTION RAISED.</p> <p>c) Adam H proposes the purchase of an eftpos machine. See attached for costing. Andrew G moves that we purchase an eftpos machine. Seconded by Sherry.</p> <p>d) Mr Tink will speak to the school representative to organise data hook up from the school into the uniform shop.</p> <p>e) Members unanimously voted in favour of eftpos machine purchase and absorb the 1% in to the price rise of the uniform items.</p>
8	Items for Discussion	<p>a) Fundraising ideas for 2014. Suggestions:</p> <p>a) Two discos over the year. Or move Term 4 disco to Term 3.</p> <p>b) Bingo night at a location off the school grounds.</p> <p>c) Family fun day. Term 4. Charge \$20 for a wrist band. Includes Rides and displays</p> <p>d) High tea. Bring children with slushies or milk shakes for the kids.</p> <p>e) Voluntary contributions to be increased to accommodate raising money for library restorations. This will be mentioned as the target.</p>
9	Fundraising Activities	<p>f) School disco update. Made \$1323.00. A great sweaty night had by all.</p>
10	Principal's Report	<i>Graham Tink</i> <i>Tabled by Graham.</i>
11	Treasurer's Report	<i>Adam Hodgkins</i> Tabled by Adam and the only mentionable change was moving the funds into a term deposit. Seconded by Andrew G
12	Canteen Report	<i>Tracey Bentley/Karen Woods.</i> See attached report. Lap top has been purchased for the online ordering system. Will run an information evening to introduce the flexi schools program to parents. Tabled by Karen.
13	Uniform Shop Report	<i>Liza Hodgkins</i> Excellent sales. OC and Kindy days assisted. Motion: That the P&C resolve to allocate \$55,000 this financial year towards the school for the purpose of maintaining the grounds (\$4000) with the balance of

\$51,000 going towards a special project involving upgrading of the library and purchasing tablet devices .

Speaking for the motion:

Traditionally the P&C have worked on special projects from time to time. The push to install interactive whiteboards in recent years is an example. The advantage of having a special project is that it gives the P&C and the entire school community a focus for fund raising and a greater sense of achievement and satisfaction in setting and attaining worthy goals.

Our 'pledge' in years where there has not been a special project has been spent on vital resources (such as the numeracy and literacy resources) and our contribution has allowed the school to provide a better quality of resource to a wider number of students.

Numeracy and literacy resources are not required every year and the decision to supplement the school's budget for these resources with P&C funds has been in response to requests from the principal and teachers. The P&C has insufficient experience and resources to determine exactly what (if any) resources need funding and has previously trusted the teachers' and principal's judgement after the needs have been detailed.

I propose we continue to trust the principal's judgement this year in respect to the request for upgrading the library.

The alternatives are to either withhold the funds until we are presented with a better opportunity to spend the money or to insist that the money is spent contrary to the teachers' and principal's advice. In my opinion neither option seems sensible at this point.

We will have adequate funds if we continue to raise money as in previous years.

We have a unique opportunity to contribute to a special project with exciting and tangible outcomes. Let us not limit our opportunities.

While I will happily listen to anyone who wishes to speak against this motion, I want to urge you to vote with me in supporting an opportunity to build our school resources.

Motion:

That the P&C resolve to install eftpos facilities in the uniform shop. Seconded by Andrew G. All present voted unanimously in favour.

Speaking for the motion:

I have been in the uniform shop for several days while training the new computerised system and I would estimate that only two or three customers

		<p>did NOT ask if we accepted eftpos. There is definitely the demand for it.</p> <p>The advantages include handling less cash, with a reduced risk of misplacing cash (admittedly, this is not historically a major issue) It would engender goodwill from the users of the uniform shop, the parents. The parents are an integral part of this school and supporting parents means supporting the school.</p> <p>The disadvantages include the cost. Most credit card transactions will incur a surcharge of just under 1% and debit cards will incur a fixed charge of \$0.35 or \$0.15 depending on the value of the transaction. The terminal will cost \$25 per month.</p> <p>The terminal will require a wired internet connection and there will be a cost to setting this up. (And permission required to connect to the school's ethernet.</p> <p>I believe these costs can be easily recouped. An average price rise of 2% would cover all of these costs.</p> <p>The uniform shop is a service to the school community and raises money to support our children's education. We can continue to enhance the service to the community by installing eftpos in the uniform shop</p>
14	Correspondence	<p><i>Sherry Wearne</i> Tabled by Sherry Wearne. Amended report will be emailed.</p>
15	General Business	<p>Karen mentioned the end of year drinks at Wharf road at 6pm on Saturday night.</p>
16	Next Meeting	<p>Tuesday 11th February 2014</p>
17	Close Meeting	<p>9.05pm</p>