

Belair Public School P&C Association
Minutes for meeting Wednesday 19th March 2014

Meeting opened: 7.25pm

Attendance: Christina Price, Katrina Johnson, Susan Sommers, Nichole Richens, Hannah Ayton, Emma Abdilla, Boris Welzen, Stacy Dean, Jenny Green, Jenny Crain, Vanessa McNally, Christine Clifford, Col Jackson

Apologies: Tina Wilkie, Dom Squires, Luke Bellamy, Mel Donnellan, Matt Morrison, Rachel Hopkins

Minutes from previous meeting: Tabled
Accepted Col Jackson, seconded Nichole Richens

Business arising from previous minutes:

- Soccer at lunch – Warwick Beard discussed with staff, children will now be allowed to play soccer as well as other sports at lunch. The weather will be assessed and staff will make appropriate decision.
- Credit card payments – will be operational from next week
- Parking signs – have been put on school fences

Correspondence in:

- Fundraising material
- Law Sense legal seminars
- Invoice for Kev Baldwin confectionary
- School global funding statement
- Notification of Annual P&C Conference

Correspondence out: Nil

Treasures Report: Tabled presented by Col Jackson

We remain in a sound financial position with no know financial obligations. Col Jackson stated that it is important that fundraising activities for 2014 are followed through to enable us to continue to provide the level of support to the School that we have in past years.

Uniform Shop Report:

All going well. We have had trouble with our crests, they can only be put on using a heat press. Tina Wilkie has contacted the supplier to see if something can be done. There may be a shortage in the meantime until we can source a new supplier

Canteen Report:

Tabled, written by Dom Squires presented by Jenny Crain

- No lollies on the next Red Day which is Milkshake and Donut on Wednesday 9th April
- New menu is going well – hot dogs no longer available, as they were a red item (only 1 complaint). We did 241 orders last week, the most this term so a lot of people must like the new menu or at least we hope as they are buying the homemade healthy options.
- We attended a trade show last Thursday and got plenty of new ideas we can introduce throughout the year, one being Sushi.

Principals Report: Tabled presented by Jenny Crain

Please see web for this report

General Business:

- Boris Welzen asked what a Red Day was. Katrina Johnson explained that we use these Red Days as a source of revenue for the canteen. We are allowed two per term. Boris also asked who was responsible for the canteen – we explained that the canteen had a paid supervisor that is employed by the P&C. Boris also wanted to know if we are here just to provide a service or if we were profit driven- I think we were divided on whether we were one or the other with some saying profit and others service. Boris asked if we could look at making the canteen healthier and maybe offering a healthy option on a red day may boost sales. Are we able to look at this? Jenny Green offered that it was one of the healthiest canteens around. We went on to explain that we do fit current guidelines and the Dept. of Health recently assessed our canteen. The school has opportunity to set a good example and Boris stated that perhaps we are not living up to our potential. It was suggested he can speak to Louise and look at how the canteen runs and what we sell.
- Christine Clifford raised the cost of Athletics carnival, Canberra. She was asking if it really does cost what we pay. Jenny Crain said Warwick Beard would be able to give her a breakdown of costs.
- Susan Sommers said she didn't think it was fair that parents had to pay when going on excursions. Jenny Crain tried to explain that there are still costs associated with parents going – a bed, a seat on the bus, food, entry costs.
- Christine Clifford asked if we get quotes from other companies Jenny Crain replied that we do and the company we have chosen was best value for money. Boris Welzen offered that there were lots of things in Canberra that are free which we could do to limit costs. Jenny Crain said that venues are sometimes chosen due to proximity and work hours of bus drivers etc. Jenny suggested this matter may need to be discussed directly with Warwick Beard.
- Hannah Ayton asked if there was a way to get more soap in the toilets. Christina Price said cleaner filled soap dispensers every Friday. Jenny Crain said she would take up with Warwick Beard. Perhaps we could have pump gel on way in/out of classrooms. Jenny Crain said she would investigate costs of sanitizer for every classroom. Emma Abdilla said perhaps we could provide sanitizer and tissues at beginning of year instead of soap.
- Christine Clifford asked if we could remind everyone to be going to toilet in pairs particularly infant's children.
- Jenny Crain asked for parents to use the toilets in the admin building if required and not toilets that the children use.

- Teresa Turner said the Band would like to run a raffle on Grandfriends day along with their cake stall they were wanting to check this was ok with P&C we all agreed this would be ok for them to do. They also asked if it was ok to run stall from canteen no problem here either.
- Christina Price asked if Easter raffle was to be handed over to fundraising committee. It was agreed that she should continue as it is underway. Christina Price asked for cheque for \$150 to Alice's wonderland for hire of rabbit suit. We will get \$100 back when suit is returned.
- Due to a fundraising committee being formally established complete with a co-ordinator Vanessa McNally asked about Entertainment books – whether she should hand over or continue for this year. Susan Sommers promptly replied that she should hand them over to the committee. Hannah Ayton - our new fundraising co-ordinator said Vanessa McNally should continue as this is currently underway and Vanessa McNally has already been dealing with Holly Bennett from Entertainment Books. Vanessa McNally said assistance is always appreciated and if anyone was interested she was more than happy for them to come along and help. Hannah Ayton said we would address this for next year. The P&C all agreed to this.
- Emma Abdilla talked about GBO (Global Brands Outlet). A few parents have looked at their stock and the fundraising committee have agreed to meet Jody/Michael from GBO on Saturday to discuss our options and organise purchase of stock for our Mother's Day stall. We have agreed for the committee to be able to purchase up to 600 presents to the value of \$2000. We agreed the committee are able to choose up to 7 options as we are able to return what is left. Katrina Johnson is happy to approach GBO to get something in writing that we are able to return unsold goods. She will also negotiate payments terms.
- Christine Clifford asked if a decision had been made regarding the year 6 farewell. Christina Price told Christine Clifford that she had discussed this with Warwick Beard and that he didn't wish to discuss further. She wanted to know why Christina was discussing things with Warwick outside meetings, Christina let her know that as it was business arising from November's meeting she had raised this with Warwick. Christina said she often raises issues from previous meetings with Warwick Beard to see if he would like anything to be put on the agenda and to also discuss what needs follow up. Christine said she would raise at next meeting.
- Christine Clifford asked about bags in the sun – can we perhaps put the kid's lunchboxes in a basket in the classroom or in the shade. This affects rooms facing east so predominantly kinder and year 2. Jenny Crain said she would look into this.

Next meeting – May 21st 2014

Meeting closed 9.02pm