Mount Ousley Public School

Parents and Citizens Association

Minutes from meeting held
Tuesday 11th August 2015

Welcome from Vice President

Present - Tracy Grant, Josh Silver, Neil Bramsen, Peter Holmes, Lisa Fahey, Leanne Fowler, Linda Zamuner, Jo Telenta, Candice Hanna.

Apologies - Thor McAulay, Merissa Reid, Brad Tate, Todd Fletcher.

Review/Acceptance of previous meeting minutes - Forward by Lisa Fahey, Seconded by Tracy Grant.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes -

Road Safety - Peter has been in contact with other schools, many are facing the same issues. Peter to attend a meeting of local principals. Once meeting held, approach to media next step.

Outdoor Area - Meetings held with staff, class meetings also held. Many common themes. Decided 2/3 children from each class to collaborate on final design. Kids having ownership!

Audit - Still to occur.

Principal’s Report - Peter opened up his report by discussing his recent trip to Singapore with a group of ADE’s (Peter an official ADE 2015, Neil an official ADE 2013). Peter explained that being an ADE opened up a great network system. Enabling the ability to connect with people doing great things in all corners of the globe.

The trip to Singapore was funded by Peter, many independent schools from all corners of the globe paid for their representatives to attend the conference.

Peter discovered that incredible things are happening all over the globe, for instance the Chinese government shut down their internet system for up to 3 days at a time. Even
though traditional learning structures still exist there was still space to introduce 1:1 iPad programs.

Time was spent talking about content. Many commonalities with what we’re doing and other international schools.

It was at this time that there was a break from Peter’s report with a visit from Marissa from MSP Photography.

Marissa was there to explain MSP’s various school photo packages available. Mount Ousley has had the same package available for a number of years now.

A new Masterclass package is available, at the same cost of the traditional package, but incorporating so much more.

Discussion ensued about the different packages, including the MyBook package.

It was agreed that the both the Masterclass and MyBook packages would be available for viewing in the office with the view to make a decision as to whether we change our package at the next meeting.

There was a general consensus to move to the Masterclass package.

At the departure of Marissa, Peter moved back to his report.

At the Apple conference homework was given, to create content to go up on iBook store.

There were engineers from the USA attending. They discussed the use of GarageBand in schools.

Peter discussed how a school in NZ downed tools and students created their own iMovies. A movie festival was held viewing the movies.

Discussion ensued about Apple IDs for students. Apple allows schools to generate a lot of IDs for their students.

Peter also discussed the ability to play with drones during the conference. The school will purchase a drone with a camera. It is more expensive, but offers more perspective.

The report than proceeded to include details about Peter’s and Neil’s recent trip to Adelaide.

Adelaide was a conference of representatives of ADS’s. It offered the opportunity to discuss the following: Visionary Leadership Innovative Teaching and Learning Ongoing Professional Learning Ideas were challenged. Some ideas will go nowhere, others put to staff, with the opportunity to incorporate into MOPS.

Teachers from a local school, St Michael’s at Thirroul also at the conference. They currently have a 1:1 iPad program in years 5 and 6. Opportunities to have further contact with local teachers.
Uniform Report - Nothing to report.

Fund Raising Report - Father’s Day Stall products ordered, ready for stall to be held Thursday 3.9.15.

Candice also discussed the booking of Jennifer Vello to do family portraits on a Saturday within the first few weeks back in term 4. Package includes sitting and 8x10 portrait for approx $25, with the option to purchase further prints.

Canteen Report - Tracy on behalf of Thor reported on the need for further volunteers, with the possibility of reducing opening days due to not being able to cover for those unavailable.

Tracy than asked if the canteen was making money. Last year saw it making $1500. It looks as though this year we are likely to make the same.

It was discussed that there was nothing to sell. Further canteen getting to be held in future weeks.

Treasurer’s Report -

Play equipment has been paid for. Bank limit had to be upped to accommodate such a large sum of money being transferred. Invoice to the school to cover the difference from the cheque and total cost.

Maggie’s money to go towards it. Plaque to be put up. Official opening day Monday 17th August.

P&C association fees paid.

Balance P&C account $12 194.60
Uniform/Canteen $13 068.07

Correspondence - Nothing to report.

General Business - Peter mentioned that last August/September there was a survey sent out about OSHC (Out of School Hours Care) to be held at MOPS.

Last week there was news through, the process has begun. There is a tender out for an application for our school. It is hoped that the tender will be filled, and the service available for the start of the new school year.

The service will include before and after school care.

No further business.

Meeting Closed 8.40pm