Mount Ousley Public School

Parents and Citizens Association

Minutes from meeting held
Tuesday 9th June 2015

Welcome from President

Present- Tracy Grant, Pete Murray, Todd Fletcher, Josh Silver, Brad Tate, Neil Bramsen, Peter Holmes, Lisa Fahey, Leanne Fowler.

Apologies- Thor McAulay, Merissa Reid, Jo Telenta, Linda Zamuner.

Review/Acceptance of previous meeting minutes- Forward by Tracy Grant, Seconded by Todd Fletcher.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes- Students instrument purchased by parents. P & C donated $30 voucher for book fair.

Road Safety meeting attended by 3. A few ideas generated. Decided to approach in 2 steps. To educate motorists and also children. Kids have been out the front and the back of the school, observing drivers and road signs. Kids to come up with road signs/slogans, about what is expected in a school zone and what is not. The other approach discussed was talking to other schools about any issues they have in their school zone, and if they had concerns raising the possibility of approaching media.

P & C expenditure, library upgrade, photos on Twitter. New shelving units purchased, looks great and so much easier to use.

Principal’s Report- Peter opened up his report by discussing how children have been involved in the designing of desired outdoor learning area. Time has been spent researching google images, taking measurements, sharing ideas, discussing what’s essential and what’s not, what’s desirable. Student input, ownership from the ground up.

He then passed over to both Neil and Brad, to discuss what we do here at MOPS, how it is relevant technology wise, why we have a laptop program and iPads in the classroom.

Neil opened up his discussion by stating there is still lots of traditional learning occurring, however it is done so with the use of technology, to help get out into the real world. Discovering different ways of presenting. Classes from years 3-6 use Kidblog. 3/4B have used technology to have discussions with students from Africa.
Discussions have ensued about what the students have/don’t have compared to us here at MOPS. How we can help with resources. Discovering there are different ways of obtaining a result. Changes the way teachers teach.
We in effect teach what is taught in other schools, it’s HOW we teach that is deeper, richer, more relevant. When kids are more involved, learning seems to stick.

Why wouldn’t you use technology? It’s used to motivate, teach, learn. Everything in balance.

Brad began by discussing that K-2’s don’t use laptops as much as the iPads. Reasons why included size/weight/touch screen. iPads are used to gain access to information, access to experts. Discovering the ability to find information. Complex ideas are researched, along with the ability to use various apps. Apps that are used to help create a useful product. Apps can be used to practise skills. Some of the apps used at MOPS help children become more efficient in math skills, give the chance to practise, the chance to code, write a set of instructions. They can control spheres, editing and writing its instructions. Technology grabs kids at a young age to engage in learning, into the world of education.

In closing the discussion was had that local schools are beginning to implement BYOD programs.

**Uniform Report**- Nothing to report. Long sleeve shirts order now in. Lots of coloured sport shirts still available.

**Fund Raising Report**- Nothing to report.

**Canteen Report**- No report.

**Treasurer Report**- Balance P&C acc $57,182.10. $36 000 being for playground equipment.

Balance $21,182.10
Canteen/Uniform $11,130.51

Tracy asked if canteen is making money. Discussion ensued as yes it is, but with the assistance of the uniform shop the balance is looking healthy.

**General Business**- Peter mentioned that MOPS is a proud rugby school, and that this coming Saturday the school team would be participating in the state titles in Narrabeen. The culmination of the day being a chance to play at Allianz Stadium in Sydney. 10 players having the chance to play, 5 also being able to assist in the formation of a guard of honour for the Super Rugby teams.

**Meeting Closed 8.00 pm**

Next meeting scheduled to occur on the second Tuesday of July, the first day back at school after holidays. It was agreed next meeting to be moved to second Tuesday of August. The 11th.