



APCS P&C Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday 3 April 2024

Time: 1800 – 1900

Venue: In the Jenla (Level 1 of APCS) and via TEAMS (Meeting ID: 496 105 863 442, Passcode H8tvnj)

Attendance:

In person: Alexandra Baker, Natalie Bamber, Filipa Duarte Baptista, Joasia Gajda, Astrid Gill, Madeline Greenberg, Filipe Gomes, Libby Gunn, Pieta Joy, Debra Lade, Jo O'Bryan, Chris Tackenberg, TT To, Stacey Touma, Audrey Wigsten.

Online: Jillian Anderson, Rachel Dulson, Cathy Grace, Tina Karas, Vanessa Lennon, Rowena Nelson, Subas Sahar.

Apologies: Craig Nicholson.

1. Welcome and Acknowledgements

An acknowledgement of country was given. The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as a true account.

2. P&C Update

Madeline Greenberg provided a P&C update.

- Term 1 has been a successful term.
- The primary school sausage sizzle which was to be held at the Meet the Teachers event didn't occur due to rain. However, the sausages were used at the Year 7 welcome and the juice poppers have been given to the breakfast club.
- The K-4 movie night event will be on Friday 10 May. A 'save the date' will be sent before the end of Term 1. A call out for volunteers will also go out to ask for assistance with the sausage sizzle and any other jobs.
- The Years 5 -6 event will be a silent disco on Friday 21 June. More information on this will follow.
- The City of Sydney doing a community BBQ on Friday 31 May. The P&C is not involved but it's a nice opportunity for the community to get together.

- The P&C website which can be accessed through the school's site has been updated as much as possible with the help of Joasia. The site lists the P&C meeting dates, papers and links to the meeting as well as dates for P&C events.
- A reminder that to be a P&C member, you must pay a fee of \$2 every year (it's not a one off).

3. Finance report

Chris reported that the P&C had no expenses this month. Still \$79,000 in the bank. More expenses expected for next month. A summary of the income for March is below.

Alex Park P&C Profit and Loss	
March 1 - 31, 2024	
Second hand shop	197.04
T-shirts	-
Memberships	32.00
TOTAL	229.04

4. Principal's Report

- Staffing
 - Welcome back to Cazna Vangarden who has been on long-term sick leave in Term 1. She returned last week and will be the Years 1 and 2 Learning and Support Teacher and will teach 1/2K on Fridays. Ms Kimes teaches 1/2K 4 days a week.
 - Matthew Ablitt is going away in Term 2. He's in the RFF role and teaching into 1T and 4P.
 - Siobhan is in the IEU until the end of the year. The three IEU classes are nearly full. Siobhan is assisting with transitioning the new students. The unit also has an additional SLSO until the end of the year until the children get settled.
 - The Stage 1 and 2 Learning and Support teacher has been recruited. This person is Maddy. John Porter has been appointed permanently which freed up the L&S role.
 - An ad for the PDHPE Head Teacher role closed on 3/4/24.
 - The Maths Head Teacher role is free after Michael Lucas left. The role has been advertised and the ad has closed. Still working through applications before interviews take place.
 - Maeve Thompson is moving to Canterbury Boys. She has been teaching Aboriginal Studies and Year 9 and 10 English. Tom Cutts will take on the teaching of Aboriginal Studies. Still finalising English teaching covers.
 - Christos Tofa moving to Randwick Girls as a permanent teacher. Looking to find a replacement.
 - Harry Burgess has been a casual, now appointed as permanent.
 - Maths vacancy filled by Siobhan O'Kane with Steve Bennett back to fill some Maths vacancies.
- Neurodiversity week was held last week and celebrated at the K-6 assembly. The IEU students need more activities for lunchtime that are well thought out and planned. Deb is asking for the

P&C to contribute to the purchasing of the toys. It was asked if the parents will be consulted as to what toys would be suitable. The teachers will speak with the parents alongside looking at their learning contracts to decide on what toys/equipment will be bought. See agenda item 5(4) re approval of funds to buy the equipment.

- Harmony Day was a great event for K-6 (Bec Campisi ran for primary) and 7-12 (Harry Burgess ran for high school)
- Sophie Cusworth ran International Women's Day. Kylie Kwong was one of the speakers at the event.
- PDHPE event 'Interview for a day' for Year 10. 7 people from different walks of life came and interviewed the students and gave the school great feedback on how they presented as well as gave the students individual feedback.
- Wellbeing boost was provided to the school by the Federal govt. The money had to be spent by the end of Term 1. Given to all stages for incursions. Junkyard beats was organised for Kindergarten. Motivational speakers organised for high school. Anti bullying and mentoring programs were also arranged. There will be a Boxing program in Term 2, Weeks 1 - 5, for Year 9 and 10 students. An Olympic boxer will coach students on how to use sport to express emotions. Will include a talk and training sessions. HSC workshops for Years 11 and 12 to help with studying and ensure wellbeing also being arranged.
- Camp Australia - Deb Lade had asked the Dept of Education to release the tender. The Dept has started the tender process.
- Last day of Term 1 is Friday 12 April. Term 2 commences for students on Tuesday 30 April.
- Professional Development for staff on Monday 29 April. The day will focus on curriculum reform and purposeful assessment, then additional modules chosen relevant for each faculty
- Looking to update the school's website to ensure only relevant and up to date information is kept on the site.
- Thank you to any parents who gave reports on K-6 school reports. The school is happy to take any further feedback.
- Reminder re absences. School wants to drive unexplained absences as the Dept of education monitors this. Parents/carers are to respond to the text that is sent to explain a child's absence. If you have medical certificates, parents are to email them to the school. You can also notify the school of absences by parents portal (Sentral) or call the school and speak to Mary. Absences of 5 days of leave or more must have an extended leave form completed and submitted. This form is available on the school website.
- Schoolbytes is working well to get notes signed by parents, though the school is mindful of multiple online platforms - Sentral, Schoolbytes, Flexischools - that parents and carers need to use.
- Successful 2025 school tour for high school was held a few weeks ago; 50-odd families attended. EOI closes tomorrow for parents/carers of Year 6 to notify of their high school intentions. May and June school tours will follow, including for the Primary school.

Alex Baker, the Head Teacher of Sport in high school since 2023, did a presentation.

- High school structural change has taken place. Cohort changed from year based to stage based. Different bell times for Stage 4 on Wednesday in order for sport to take place.
- Alex is supported by Mr Brenner, the APCS Sports Organiser. He runs and organises Stages 4 and 5 sport. 12+ staff members across the high school supporting and teaching into sport.
- Alex has drafted a sports policy, including information on things such as what to do if students are sick or don't have their uniform.
- Year 7 and 8 have a Gala Day once a year and the Denzil Shield each term. Students can choose which sports team they want to participate in then go to Heffron park to compete against other schools. Basketball and touch football were the sports in Term 1.

- The Denzil Shield is a new event. Students put into their sports houses, learn 2 sports, then compete at the end of the term. There is a round robin competition and they can earn points. At the end of the year sports awards are given.
- Stage 5 students like to have more student choice, so they've been given 3 types of sports to participate in: Passive, community and competitive. This caters to all students' interests. New opportunities will be offered every term.
- The competitive sports are trying to replicate grade sport. The school is currently not in zone, but Alex is trying to get this to change.
- Community sport examples - tennis, swimming, ice skating, rock climbing, gym. There is a cost involved.
- Passive sport examples - no cost. More social sport, slower paced. e.g. power walking, badminton, yoga, pilates.
- Behaviour for best and fairest given at the end of each session. Also traffic light system where orange is given where teachers need to redirect students. Red traffic lights infringements see students placed in a reflection room where they need to complete a reflection sheet about their actions. This is linked to PBL behaviour. This system along with the new sporting structure has been very effective. Data analysis from Term 1 2023 to 2024 show that the 90 negative incidents reported in 2023 reduced to only 17 reported in the same time in 2024.

5. Other Business

1. Quotes for BBQ windbreaks (with APCS logo) to seek approval to purchase

Proposing to put aside \$1000 for two windbreaks. Logo to come. Seconded and approved by members.

2. Quotes for 15 netball uniforms

Netball uniforms - \$49 each plus shopping. Approx \$800. Proposed to purchase. Seconded and approved.

3. Icy poles for cross country

Request for P&C to purchase icy poles for K-6 cross country. 650 icy poles needed across 2 days and volunteers for parents to hand them out. A Woolies shop will deliver them to school on Friday. Proposed, seconded and approved.

4. IEU toys purchase request - as per the Neurodiversity item in the Principal's report.

At least \$2000 requested. School will purchase them, then invoice the P&C. Proposed to purchase. Seconded and approved.

5. Camp Australia

As mentioned in the Principal's report, there are steps in place to start the tender process for a new OOSH provider for APCS. There has been discussion as to whether the P&C could take over running the OOSH service. Chris Tackenburg has spoken to Australia St Infants School whose P&C run their OOSH service. It would take at least 6 months for the P&C to organise, meaning from Term 1 2025 APCS could have the P&C running OOSH.

If the P&C was the preferred OOSH provider, then they would not have to partake in the tender process. Deb could tell the Dept that the P&C are going to be the provider.

Deb will contact the Dept of Education to see if we can suspend the tender process, or continue with it and find out what happens if we don't progress or follow through with any interested parties.

6. Next meeting

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 1 May at 6pm at the Jenla and via TEAMS.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm.