Condobolin Public School

P & C Association

General Meeting Minutes 8th May 2014

**Meeting opened:** 7.02pm

**Present:** Joe Kiss, Jenny Kiss, Abby Grimshaw, Eloise Anderson, Deb Nay, Cee Whippy, Gregory Doyle, Kerry Dowling, Donna Whitely.

**Apologies:** Natalie McDonald, Jasmine Venables.

**Minutes from previous meeting:**

Jenny moved and Cee seconded.

**Business arising from previous minutes:**

Cee has been reimbursed $300 for her course and fuel.

Jarryd Walmsley been reimbursed $100 for rugby state representation last year.

MYOB for dummies is $40.30. Joe and Eloise need to reimburse. Moved by Jenny and seconded by Cee. All in favour.

Air conditioner has been ordered and Deb needs the quote.

Jasmine hesitant to order water for canteen. Mark rang to see if OK and can 39c be matched and is it ok to order water from elsewhere and ok to still use fridge. Still order other things from him. The water can be ordered through other places and the price of water will be brought down at canteen. 90% of products in fridge need to be bought through Mark. Issue settled.

**Canteen report:**

Flyscreen and magnets were fixed. One flyscreen still not fixed. Did really well at cross country. Took $1200 on Red Day and $1200 for cross country. On sports days can someone please send out notes that parents are welcome to buy food from the canteen?

Uniforms- can we have a unisex uniform. Problem is that shirts are so expensive and pricing people out. Can blue and yellow shirts be worn everyday of the week?

**Correspondence In:**

CGU Workers Compensation EFT request

Condo Quality Meats

CBA Statement – General Account

Foodservice Central

Inland Distributors

Condo Bakery x 2

Foodworks Smart school purchasing news

Condobolin Newsagency

LW Reid account

Smart Fundraisers

Condobolin Newsagency x 2

Telstra

Midwest foods

**Principal Report:**

Cross country went well and parents and CHS came and supported. Small issues- not all 8/9 yr girls came at the right time. All issues were overcame. All kids had a go.

73 students and 12 staff marched on Anzac Day. Most Deb has seen in her tenure. Have a think about kids been involved in the service next year as it is the centenary (service occurs after wreath laying). Perhaps encourages everyone to be more involved. Special banner for centenary?

NAIDOC is also about soldiers. War memorial gates in school and no names of Aboriginals listed and no names of anyone who fought in wars other than WW1 and WW2. Plaques that recognise these people who fought? As it is something that will last for future generations. Talk to LANS Council, Kerry to ask husband to come to next P&C meeting. Tomorrow will present to Cross Country and ANZAC.

Above 96% is our current attendance rate. NIPS program to run for kids that are consistently late. Home school liaison officer.

Cricket won today and through to next round.

Netball- girls have been invited back as possible to play in region. They won some of their matches and were not selected to go through to next round. Do not need male teachers to run sports. Peachy Richardson happening soon on 22nd May and Mark Whitla is their coach. Four teams involved. 40 students- 10 in each team.

Peer Support training starting next week. Kindergarten not involved this year.

Through the holidays Admin building painted. A few issues with the paint. Several layers put on quickly and floating has caused issues with colour and paint not covering.

Arborist did come. We have found that there are 6 trees along western fence that need to be removed. 15 trees need to be pruned, 7 urgent. Received report today. Reimbursed the thousands of dollars for the said report back to school. Keeping students away from certain trees on western side of school. Report will go to Asset Management and will deal with what has to happen. Black Sally and Pines are safe and do not have a tendency to fork - do not have to prune back trees. Department will organise the contractor to take down the trees. End of Term 2 reports were due for all schools in the State. We could be high on the priority list and we have many trees that we need to monitor. Western Gate needs a planting regime. Give each class a tree to look after? Mistletoe are not an issue with weakening the tree. Do we have an immediate concern about Western Gate duty on super windy days and falling branches etc., and risks involved?

Next week is NAPLAN want kids to do their best and a time where they come anxious. Have a good nights’ rest and a good diet. When kids are anxious, students do not do their best. Orange arrows is state average in growth or above. Blue not so - what is going on with these students. Some students can go backwards. Average growth is 89 points in the area of writing. Students may have issues with the concept or did not understand the task involved. Do not concentrate on top band but how their growth is going. Able to compare NAPLAN results of Yr3 and Yr5 is done in different state? NAPLAN is one test on one day. Areas where students have strengths and weaknesses. Kids do better when they are not anxious. Yr3 tests are the baseline. Have a look at where they are at on the day. We prepare them in the style of questions. We do not ever know what the questions are in each test. Tests are marked by computers and do not accept many things. Deb gets to see the Yr5 to Yr7 improvements - last year’s growth was phenomenal. Tests are done in the morning and length depends on their age. First day of testing is the day with the most amount of work.

Sending out notes next year notes will be sent out about collecting information about students with disabilities or learning difficulties. Information that is sent off does not identify students. Funding linked to schools doing the right things with these students. Have to abide by National Disability Act. Funding based upon NAPLAN for the moment so therefore identifies kids who need help and they get the help that they need.

Teachers are writing semester 1 at the moment. Parents to get them in week 8. Deb reads all 278 reports. Long process. Difference in reports because of new English curriculum. Broken into five areas which are different to previous curriculum. C is where students are meant to be within their grade. There may be some misunderstandings with the new method of reporting. Reporting methods are limited and may not be appreciated by all parents.

**Treasurer Report:**

Mothers’ Day stall - thanks you to those that manned the stall- Donna, Kerry and Jenny. Banked $699. Made $220 in profit and still have kids coming 9th May at 11am. Easter Raffle profit of $884. Great work.

Income $9801.33 and $170.00 expenditure.

Canteen income $15,583.29 and $7,465.44 expenditure.

**General Business:**

Fundraising- all little plants have been mostly sold. 6 month waiting list for fundraising in Bunnings Forbes. Chamens will also be supportive- ask for support.

We will know number of Variety Club closer to date. If not wet they can park on OVAL and if wet limited parking in the COLA and more parking on the street. Sensible enough not to tear up the oval.

Last meeting Debbie Chambers had given us reimbursement and also wrote us a letter.

Rally is 20th August.

LW Reed- want to sell us trousers. Smallest pair has a double knees. Double pockets with zippers. Without elastic in the bottom. Sizes from - $23.63. Same people who make the jackets. Spend $99 or more freight is included. The pants down the street are not cheap- too big of a mark-up. May be best to get two types of blue on the shirt e.g. a lighter and a darker blue (better for both girls and for boys) as the gold marks to easily and hard to get out. Providing a cheaper alternative is a great and businesses in town- possibility of alternate shirts to be sold through them. Not an affluent community and think about affordability. Panel polo is only about $15 and mark up is $20 per shirt. 18 month project to get this research done. Subsidy for all people and needs to be every year to make it fair for all. Service rather than a business. No storage in the Canteen and where would all stock go. Going to be an outlay as to pay for the first order. Two years from when a uniform is implemented til full implementation - can we afford that implementation over that 2 years? Worth a look and research but will be a long term thing. What are the pros and cons? What are the ideas before taking it to the whole parent community? 2 year transition period.

Mary is doing Premiers Reading Challenge - why did they not get any certificates last year? Parent and librarian need to both sign off on books online. Any point in doing it if there is no reward or acknowledgement. Kids are given an official certificate and their name in the paper. There may be a cut-off date. We need to look into sign off date. Short list is 30 pages long of books. It is quite a process for the parents. Mary may not understand the process in which the parents have to go through.

Bark chip is better than wood chip as it acts more of a weed deterrent.

**Next Meeting:**

12th June 2014

**Meeting Closed:**

8.30pm