Condobolin Public School

P & C Association

General Meeting Minutes 9th December 2014

**Meeting opened:** 7.08pm

**Present:** Nat MacDonald, Abby Grimshaw, Eloise Anderson, Joe Kiss, Margaret Baxter, Deb Nay, Jasmine Venables, Kerry Dowling, Donna Cowan.

**Apologies:** No

**Minutes from previous meeting:** Kerry moved minutes and seconded by Natalie.

**Business arising from previous minutes:**

Library bags- do they say primary on them. No they say Public. If it said Primary we would have had to change them.

Grass cover coming and the rain will have helped. Sprinklers are being of great use especially after the fireworks that were on last week.

Cricket boys did very well to be in the semi-finals. We lost to Dubbo South Public and they lost to Orange Public in the Grand Final. Orange are very close to being state champions.

**Correspondence In:**

Chamens Supa IGA

Foodservice Central

Inland Distributors

Condo Bakery

Commonwealth Bank Statement

CBA Term deposit & changes made to term deposits

MTAA Super

Telstra

ASCA

**Canteen Report:** Rough copy of new menu. Some prices have gone up because they are a lot cheap than the state average so that it is nearly on par with everybody else. Lollies have been banned for next year and juices as well because of the amount of sugar that is in them and therefore does not comply with the standards.

Can a statement or account be opened up for emergency lunches so that it can be paid for by the school and given to Maria?

Food preparation area- can it be moved so that is out of sight from the line? Motion moved to arrange an electrician to relocate power points by Jasmine and seconded by Donna. All in favour. Canteen price list and menu motioned by Jasmine and seconded Donna. All in favour. Passed. Do things sold at the canteen have to be labelled? All fine.

Does the menu need to go out by next week? If it is there and ready for the newsletter next Tuesday. Can the menu go up with the minutes of P&C? Perhaps.

**Principal Report**: Extremely busy month. Change in library due to a successful book fair. Over $5000 of merchandise sold. We have had a lot of staff out due to swim school- 70 students out doing this. Thanks to the Wiradjuri Centre for donating the bus. Last Friday was the K-2 Christmas concert. Three different items and a lot of confidence in the performances. Lots of fun was had and a lot of support from support staff decorating the hall to make it look wonderful. Community Christmas tree- have a look for the students bunting as it takes up much of three sides of the tree. Each class is quite different in their presentation. Second year that we have participated in the project. The fence is there to encourage people to leave the tree alone and show respect.

School leader’s speeches. 12 girls and 6 boys for school captains. Very confident in their speaking. Elections last week for house captains, and school captains. The leaders will be announced at Presentation Night next Tuesday. Held in the hall this year and hopefully moved to a day time in the future. Want to see more students present. Looking at alternatives to raise attendance.

Working our way through financial time of year.

Student reports were sent out yesterday. Fortunate that staff had worked really hard to have them ready as of last Friday. There are still concerns about grading because they are not always based on assessments but on a number of things. Staff looking at PLAN monitoring progress on this.

High School Maths Faculty worked with Deb surrounding PLAN. They have a program called Central, they’re working on having access to data and where students are up to.

Year 6 graduation on Friday at 10am and the School Social and Farewell and Dinner. Hopefully finished by 8.15pm.

Concern about the amount of students who are attending and to get numbers or indication of how many students are going. $20 this.

6 days left for students and 8 days left for teachers. A lot of the kids are tired. Don’t always make the wonderful choices they may always make.

Teachers should be sending out notes about class parties.

Teachers will be working on the Staff Development Days about the new Science syllabus.

Exemptions for next year- we cannot grant exemptions for holidays, special events- leave only. Principals can say it’s unacceptable. Our attendance may fall or dive because of this. Our attendance at the moment is above 92%.

Community consultation tomorrow between 12-1. Lucky to get 12 people. Interested in joining- there will be nibbles. What do you want from an educational institution to achieve, how we may achieve these goals and why want this for our students in Condobolin.

AECG meetings have been mapped out for next year and whether it can be linked with P&C next year.

Thank you for your help and support this year.

**Treasurer Report:** November 2014

Canteen Account Income $17, 054.72

Expenditure $10,477.56

NET $ 6,577.16

General Account Income $3,435.55

Expenditure $ 873.12

NET $2,562.43

Abby moved and seconded by Natalie

**Fundraising:** Are we able to say thank you for donations in the paper or go around to businesses? Send them a card? These are the people that won and thank you to these businesses in the paper. We will do it on Monday Morning. Contact winners if it is alright to publish names in the paper.

**General Business:** Concerns about parents driving up the pedestrian crossing. They took a pole out and the Shire have driven up as well. Parents are always dropping kids and stopping at the crossing and letting kids out. Parents parking in front of drive ways and making staff late to duties. It has been put into the bulletin. There is a no stopping zone. We do need more parking. Make complaints to Council about any concerns.

People in Condobolin do not stop at all for pedestrian crossings at all. IT is a real problem. Speed humps and such things need to go through Council. Pre-School do not qualify for speed signs. Discussion about traffic to be had. Kids on bikes and scooters are just as dangerous.

Next year with classes- will be similar format to this year with straight classes and composite classes. Not graded. We have a support class. Some students together become heightened because they are anxious due to that other student being in the same room. Which students are friends, which students shouldn’t be together and which behaviours shouldn’t be together. Reduced suspensions by about 60%. Issues are of a lesser degree than they once were. CPS is now used as an exemplar for PBL. Getting older and hormones may be issues. There are fewer negative role models in the school making it a better environment. We don’t always get it right.

AGM meeting will be 12th March 2015. Decide next year about April and May 2015 dates.

**Next Meeting:** 12th March 2015 (AGM)

**Meeting Closed:** 8pm