



WAITARA PUBLIC SCHOOL
PARENTS' & CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

SUPPORTING THE WAITARA PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY



Minutes of General Meeting

Held on Friday 21st June 2019 at 9.45am in Waitara Public School staff room

Meeting Opened at 9.45 am

Opening and apologies

Nick Berman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Attendance:

Nick Berman, Suwetha Sripad, Seema Tomar, Kun Lu, Cindy Zhang, Savita S., Sasha Hao, Jocelyn Loughnan, Zdena Pethers, Marianne Aberline, Dany Coelho, Jack Liu, Amy Hill, Michelle Wigglesworth

Apologies:

Nathalie Almenara del Solar, Siddharth Samant, Jacqueline Simpkins, May Zhang, Suruchi Nahata, Donna Breslin, Daniella Cardoso Duarte.

Minutes recorded by: Nick Berman

- **Minutes of previous meeting**

Motion that the minutes of the General Meeting be received and approved.

Moved: **Nick Berman**

Seconded by: **Jack Liu**

- **Matters arising from minutes**

None

President's Report

The minor inconvenience of starting the meeting late was off-set by the joy of seeing the school excel in music, one of many fields the school excels in. This follows the very successful athletics carnival that was held earlier in the week. A big thank you to all of the parents who assisted with the running of the carnival, which was an initiative of the Sports sub-committee which is chaired by Michelle Wigglesworth.

It is great to see new members stepping forward to serve on the P&C Committee. A big welcome to Jack Liu who is standing for Secretary and who helped deliver more than 60 laptop computers to the school. This took a lot of work on his part and from Treasurer Suruchi Nahata in navigating all of the paperwork.

Those involved in the fundraising sub-committee have been catching their breath after their tireless work in Term 1 with the very successful Easter Raffle and Mothers Day stalls. There are some big events coming soon which will be promoted in the appropriate fashion.

The Uniform Shop has had a busy term with the sale of winter uniforms as the cold weather has set in.

Nick Berman

President

Uniform shop sub-committee Report

N/A

Fundraising Committee Report

A couple of parents put forward suggestions about future fundraising ideas for the future.

Seema Tomar raised the idea of holding a "colour run" as has been held at Hornsby North Public School. The Principal said she would be interested in any further information that could be provided for her to consider, however, she said the lack of space related to the building project makes this type of event nearly impossible at present.

Sasha Hao raised the idea of holding a food fair. The President praised the hard work of Donna Breslin and her fundraising sub-committee in holding this year's Harmony Day Food Fair. Sasha was encouraged to work with Donna and her team who will soon be starting to plan for next year's Harmony Day. While there are obvious limitations at the moment in terms of space at the school, it is a tradition worth building on until more space becomes available.

Donna Breslin

P & C Fundraising Convenor

Sport sub-committee Report

Congratulations to Michelle Wigglesworth and all of her sports sub-committee for the support they organised for the school athletics carnival.

Treasurer's Report

Easter Raffle

- Total sales \$6,381.40
- Expenses (\$790.50)
- Net **\$5,590.90**

Mothers Day stall

- Total sales \$5,125
- Expenses (\$4,562)
- Net **\$563**
- N.B. Huge stock remaining for future events

Bank balance (as at 21 June 2019)

\$104,127
58,672
21,848
184,647

Principals Report

Welcome

I am so excited to be back and appreciate the lovely welcome I have received from the whole Waitara community.

Computer Donation

- Jack Liu- donation from his company Veritas 66 laptops- as you can see. So much work went into the organisation of these devices. Thank you.

Ian Jukes- audit and visit

- An audit on Modern Learning and work as a critical friend.
- Parent presentation held by Ian Jukes on the 26th June at 7pm in the Library. **Reinventing Learning for the Always-on Generation** to our Waitara parents on Tuesday 25th June 7-8 pm in the Library Due to Issues with space, seats are limited to 100 people.

- ***Reinventing Learning for the Always-on Generation***

Based on the award-winning book of the same name, this session looks at the modern world, examines the new entry skills students will need to be successful in digitally infused working environments and provides a comprehensive overview of the core learning attributes of digital learners. What are the new thinking skills our students will require, and how must we shift instruction to ensure we are equipping them with these skills? Reinventing Learning provides a

practical look at how teaching, learning, and assessment must change in response to the dramatic changes we are experiencing.

8 spaces left.

- We need 8 parents to attend a question session with Ian on Thursday morning.

Facebook

- We started our Facebook page this week as an outcome of community consensus. Here we will communicate to you the amazing learning that takes place at our school. We are so proud of our students and their accomplishments. Please visit our page and this week, when you get the permission note to publish - please say yes so we can include your child. https://www.facebook.com/pg/Waitara-Public-School-2325526024152739/posts/?ref=page_internal

Parking and Build update

- Council and **parking**. Allister Henskens approached council and then contacted the Minister. This has started a follow up by Assets- DoE. Lots of police in Highlands avenue lately.
- **Build update-** they about to pour the concrete slab when the weather improves.

Mural-

- We have employed art teacher Lee-Anne Plasto to work on the mural on Monday and Friday- Cultural mural. Don't want to offend any countries so we are calling it a cultural mural and not naming the art. –all classes will participate.

SDD

Term 3 Futures Learning Unit to explore innovative learning environments and then to museum.

Dany Coelho

Principal

Correspondence

None

Motions of which notice has been given

- Nil

General Business

Jack Liu was elected P & C Secretary.

Sasha Hao was elected P & C Promotions Officer.

Vice Presidents Nathalie Almenara del Solar and May Zhang have recently resigned from their positions due to increasing work commitments. A resolution was carried to thank them for their service and present an appropriate gift to express our gratitude.

It was resolved that \$400 would be spent to pay for the holding of the athletics carnival.

Notices of motions for next general meeting to be held on Wednesday 14th August 2019 at 7.00pm

- Nil

Meeting Closed at 10:45am