

**Mt Hawthorn P& C Association Inc.**

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Harbeck Centre – 7:00pm, Monday, 19 August 2013**

**Present:** *See attendance list*

**1. Welcome/Apologies**

Tim opened the meeting at 07:05 and welcomed everyone including special guest Eleni Evangel MLA.

**Apologies:** *Helen Davey, Alison Hardman,*

**2. Eleni Evangel MLA**

Ms Evangel thanked the school for the opportunity to meet with the P&C

Ms Evangel addressed the meeting on several key issues

**1. Building Funding (Undercover area)**

Minister Collier prior to the election came out to the school and committed \$1.25mil to upgrade the undercover area and to re-apply several surfaces

Ms Evangel confirmed that this will be delivered but was shocked to hear the funding had been reduced to \$750k

Ms Evangel has followed up with the Minister who confirmed that there will be “no issues” with the funding.

Department has put forward their own costing for the undercover area, however was minus the performing arts/music area that was to be attached

Ms Evangel has confirmed that she will be fighting for the remaining dollars

Ms Evangel confirmed that a major inner city schools review is planned to address footprint / building issues etc. Funds have been put aside for this.

Michael Jenkins commented that Ms Evangel has been put in a poor position by the Education Department but at the same time commented that the community expects \$1.25m as committed

Tim Swart commented that the funding also was to include an amount of space for performing arts (not “2 classrooms”)

Dale Mackesey commented that we have no place to house the music program (will be going from “class to class” next year)

**Action:** Dale to email Ms Evangel concerning the space required for performing arts (not use the wording “classrooms”) and also that he is happy to co-ordinate with Ms Evangel on this issue. Dale made comment that the email would be coming from the Campus Planning Committee.

One parent asked whether the funding was being split between years. Ms Evangel said not to concern with that – it will all be done in one hit

Tim Swart commented that the P&C is heartened by the overdue planning for the inner city schools, but that the school community will be expecting the full funding (\$1.25mil) as promised outside of this planning

## **2. Council Amalgamation**

Ms Evangel commented that the Premier is open to look at the boundary changes that include all of Vincent into City of Perth

Ms Evangel commented that there has been consultation with Mayors concerning the amalgamation of councils. The City of Perth wants to be “business oriented” and has cherry picked the bits they want. City of Perth doesn’t want Vincent as they want to have a “Capital City status” without any residential issues. (Melbourne has 12 surrounding suburbs.) Stirling are big enough without Vincent. Minister in the end split Vincent in two.

Ms Evangel suggested that there is a need to convince both the City of Perth and the Minister. Ms Evangel will present a Petition to City of Perth on Monday. Petitions being signed at Mt Hawthorn (Mezz), Kyilla Markets, North Perth

Ms Evangel commented that splitting Vincent would be a logistical nightmare.

Ms Evangel commented that 4 (out of 9) councillors at City of Perth have been convinced to take all of Vincent. Key date is October Local Government submissions to Minister

Ms Evangel has asked the community to lobby City of Perth Councillors/Mayor – “we are inner city residents”

## **3. Other Issues Raised**

Ms Evangel provided a brief update on Perth City rebuilding:

- Elizabeth Quay
- Light Rail System over next 4 years (Fitzgerald St)
- New Museum

A question was asked about Secondary Education issues over the next few years (Churchlands / Mt Lawley).

- Population is increasing in inner city.
- Capacity / alternatives of secondary schools.

Ms Evangel acknowledged that the Minister is aware of these issues. Ms Evangel offered to invite the Minister to the school to discuss these issues hopefully before the end of the year.

Mt Hawthorn Primary School population has grown at approximately 50-60 per year for the last 5 years

## **4. Minutes of previous meeting**

It was moved by Alex and seconded by Maree that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as true and correct.

*Carried without dissent*

## 5. Business arising

1. Tim to look at installing the printer in the kitchen

## 6. Correspondence

### In:

Email to Tim Swart from Eleni Evangel MLA re: building funding  
Suzanne Keane (Mezz) – re: BBQ fundraiser 31<sup>st</sup> August

### Out:

Letter to Eleni Evangel MLA re: building funding  
Letter to City of Vincent re: Support of application for electronic speed signs

## 7. Treasurer's report – Lesley Abraham

Disbursements tabled

Cash Balance as at 18<sup>th</sup> August 2013

Commonwealth Bank	
Opening Balance	\$67,035
Closing Balance	\$79,665

Bendigo Bank	\$2000
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### Income

Lapathon	\$20,750
Entertainment books (52 books)	\$676

### Expenses

Architect drawings	\$5,197
Workers comp	\$783
General insurance	\$322
Fair Coordinator	\$1,000
WACSSO	\$1,085
Grounds maintenance	\$1,456
Deposit paid for fair ride	\$2,080
Payroll liabilities term 2	\$1,606

Very successful lapathon. Big thanks to the parents who counted the funds (\$20k in 2 weeks)

There has been no correspondence from the ATO re the ABN registration so I shall follow this up before the next meeting.

Peter Fisher (Auditor) asked if we have appointed Lesley as the Public Officer for the purposes of ATO.

### Motion

It was moved by Tim and seconded by Alex that Lesley Abraham be appointed as the Public Officer for the Mt Hawthorn P&C Association.

*Carried without dissent*

Peter Fisher (Auditor) has provided some guidance for a provisions account to set aside a figure of \$1,816 per annum for canteen equipment and \$ 471 for office equipment per year into the Bendigo account. This is to be used for the replacement of electrical items. If approved this will be implemented in due course.

### **Motion**

It was moved by Lesley and seconded by Tim that we set aside \$2,287 per year into the Bendigo Bank for canteen and office future replacement provision.

*Carried without dissent*

Lesley has been in contact with the Commonwealth bank with regard to the fair re their ability to assist us with banking, counting machine provisions etc. Investigating options for secure cash collection from the school grounds on the day.

**Action:** An update will be available for the next meeting.

## **8. School and committee reports**

### **8.1 School Ed Support Centre - Alison Harman**

Key points:

- Nothing to report

### **8.2 Safety House – Kylie Petrou**

Key points:

- No reported incidents
- Safety House month is in Sept – will be doing something similar as last year.
- Map is still being worked on

### **8.3 Uniform – Maree Pickens**

Key points:

- Increase in volunteers has been welcomed to cover for work commitments (Shari, Mel, Helen, Lesley etc)
- School Board has been great at communicating Uniform Dress Code both with the Uniform Shop as well as the wider school. Note uniforms do not have to be purchased from the shop.
- Michael Jenkins commented that the Uniform group should be congratulated for working together so closely with the school Board with regards to the Dress Code / Policy
- Hats will be the next to be looked at. Suggest keeping the change very simple.
- Orders to include Year 6 /7 Leaders shirts need to go in very soon – need to confirm numbers / sizes with parents. Year 6 shirt will be “off the shelf” (Year 7 is customised.)
- Alex, Shari, Maree are looking at putting the uniforms on “online canteen” for Term 4

#### 8.4 Grants – Robert Paparde

Key points:

- Had entered into the Integrity Wastewise Award – not successful this time unfortunately
- Bronte is working with the school on the “Artists In Residence” program
- Lisa is working with Bronwyn on Anzac centenary
- Tim made comment and thanked the Grants team for the time / energy required to submit grant applications

#### 8.5 Grounds – Kim Frankowiak

Key points:

- P&C has been involved in the Campus Planning
- Stuart commented on the “Fairy master planning”
- Fairy Garden plan presented (\$10k limestone / fence spent to date). \$20k to go (50/50 between school and P&C)
- Lapathon (\$20k) – Kim asked if it could be split in 3? \$6k ea fairy garden / nature path / pre-primary?  
Lesley commented that it needs to be something “visual”.  
Justine asked whether we just hand the money over to the school for spending now. Dale commented that the Soccer goals were already sourced, also looking at AFL goals  
\$5k – goals  
\$5k pre-primary  
\$5k fairy garden

##### **Motion**

The motion was proposed by Justine and seconded by Leslie that the Lapathon money been dispersed to the school for immediate spending for allocation to grounds projects.

*Carried without dissent*

- Stuart commented that we will need to relocate the playground equipment at the end of the year as part of the undercover area project
- Kim commented that there is external funding available to take on wastewise initiatives. Recycling is very active in the younger years.

#### 8.6 Fundraising – Helen Davey

Key points:

- Bingo night tickets on sale – sales have been slow to date
- Lapathon nearing \$21k
- Sausage Sizzle at Mezz (31<sup>st</sup> August) will be done by (and raising money for) the School Netball team
- Will also be running a sausage sizzle on Election Day. Suggested that we might like to choose an area for this to fund? Dale to get back to P&C (Last time was \$1200)
- Movie fundraiser (@ Event Cinema) put on the back burner. People have been asking about an outdoor movie night – not sure when. Leslie asked whether we could use the money raised at the Election sausage sizzle to subsidise the movie night

### 8.7 Canteen – Sarah Wiggett and Celia Hadgraft

Key points:

- Tim confirmed that Sarah will be taking on the Canteen supervisor / co-ordinator role next year with Celia leaving
- Justine commented that costs have risen but sales haven't risen at the same pace. Perhaps we should lift prices? Peter (Auditor) offered to undertake a cost analysis of the canteen.
- Tim commented that the school canteen isn't a money making exercise and not all schools have canteens on 5 days / week.
- Tim suggested that we look to a recommendation for price changes ready for Term 1

### 8.8 Communication – Alex Castle

Key points:

- Rob displayed some display board options – looking at a motion to purchase at the next general meeting (prior to Fair)

### 8.9 School Board – Alex Castle

Key points:

- As per Uniform report
- Good response to reporting survey – some changes to be made going forward next year (including parent teacher interviews)

### 8.10 School Fair – Shari

Key points:

- Everything is ticking along
- 29 class stalls
- 14 external stalls
- Website to be launched in the next few days
- Letters to major/minor sponsors have gone out with specific requests
- Permits (food etc) are in hand with the City of Vincent

## 9. Principal's report

### Highlights 3rd Term

**Students** – Eight Year 6 students gained selection to Perth Modern School for 2015 and Ashley Joel won first prize in the Children's' Book Council 2013 Make Your Own Storybook Competition.

**Music** – Opus Concert, Crown Concert, WAGS Band Concert and Crown Soloists

**Curriculum** – Literacy & Numeracy week, Science Week and Book Week.

**Physical Education** – Winter Carnival, Faction Footy, Freo Long Bomb and State Cross Country

### Enrolments

Projected Enrolments 2014

Year	K	P	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
2014	113	119	111	99	91	84	80	63	62	820

## **Facilities**

The budget for the covered area project at Mount Hawthorn Primary School has been reduced to \$750,000. Unfortunately there are budget cuts across the board following the papers that were handed down from Treasury last week. The scope of this work for our project will obviously be affected as a result and I would guess that we would now be looking at a covered hard court as the full scope of works.

## **Grounds**

**Fairy Garden** – Limestone retaining wall completed, with a quotation being obtained for the decking as per the plan.

## **Finances**

The Finance Committee is in the process of looking at submissions for additional funding of approximately \$150,000 from our One Line budget. Funds have been distributed in the following areas:

<b>ICT</b>	\$39 000 for Work
<b>Grounds and Gardens</b>	\$25,240
<b>Minor Works</b>	\$24,300
<b>Salary Pool</b>	\$5,000
<b>Curriculum</b>	\$24,800

## **Reports & Reporting to Parents**

The policy has been reviewed and will be ratified by the School Board at the next meeting. It includes scheduled parent / teacher interviews for 2014. The details and dates of these interviews will be finalised before the end of the year.

## **Dress Code**

The Dress Code has been updated after an extensive consultation process and I would like to acknowledge Shari McKeon from the School Board for leading the process. Links to the reviewed Dress Code will be contained in the next newsletter and sent out with Liaison Parents. I would also like to make mention of the compliance to the interim Policy by the students in particular the Year 6 and 7 students who have been fantastic role models.

## **Surveys**

The Term three surveys will be on "Bullying" with Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 students completing the survey. Parent and Staff will also be surveyed on this topic.

## **Traffic**

Kiss and drive has been extended

Will shortly be proposing (to City of Vincent) to have additional parking on Scarborough Beach Rd

## **10. General business**

- 10.1** General discussion regarding after school play as to the risks of unsupervised play. Some parents are not aware of the rules regarding what is / what isn't allowed with the play equipment. Comment that it would be good to remind parents via parent liaison meetings/email

**11. Next meeting:** 16 September 2013 (General)

**Meeting closed:** 09:15

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**G. Gleeson**

HON SECRETARY

19 August 2013