

**KENT STREET SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

**2016 P&C Meeting**

Held on:	<b>14-June-2016 (T2W8)</b>	Meeting No.:	<b>04</b>
Start Time:	<b>6:00pm</b>	Close Time:	<b>7:47pm</b>

<b>PRESENT:</b> Raelene Perselo, Kath Ward, John Nicol, Gillian Pirie, Amanda Keswick, Tracey Ellis, Karen Davison, Kirrilly Owen, Hilda Dias, Massimiliano Guerrini, Hana Byambadash, Dianne Owen, Hikmeta Morcombe, Lily Tanjaya, Hans Bader.
<b>APOLOGIES:</b> Salman Mehmood, Amna Mehmood.

**P&C GENERAL MEETING**

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Accepted

Moved By:	John Nicol	Seconded By:	Gillian Pirie
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**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nomination</b>	<b>Seconded by</b>	<b>Carried</b>
WACSSO Rep	Gillian Pirie	Raelene Perselo	Yes

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Bank Statements, WACSSO affiliation fees and insurance information, P&C membership form, P&C voice, superannuation information.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

<b>P&amp;C Account Jan to May</b> P&L net Profit / (Loss): \$ 1,045.52 Balance Sheet: \$ 64,552.30
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<b>Canteen Account</b> P&L net Profit / (Loss): \$ (4,741.66) Balance Sheet: \$ NA
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- John provided and explained the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement.
- Long service leave investment has been reinvested for six months at 2.8% through the Bank of Queensland.
- John informed that Canteen incurred a loss once again. Will be required to review pricing. Canteen Committee to meet to resolve this.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

Principal's report attached.

### **CANTEEN COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Tracey Reported on behalf of Canteen Committee

- Canteen is catering for the Mining Challenge at the end of this term. Will need to make 400+ wraps on the 30 June and is looking for volunteers to assist on that day.

### **CRICKET (SPOCK) REPORT:**

Mark was absent so there was no formal report on behalf of SPOCK

- Kath noted that she is working in partnership with SPOCK to create a business plan to support the building of an indoor sporting facility on site at Kent Street.

### **AVIATION SUPPORT GROUP (ASG) REPORT:**

Amanda noted that ASG have not met since the last P&C and she will report in term three.

Moved By:	Gillian Pirie	Seconded By:	Amanda Keswick
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### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Parent night – Kath asked for feedback on the structure of parent nights.
  - Parents are happy in general with the timing and structure.
  - Some parents emailed teachers because they couldn't get in to see them and were impressed to get a speedy response. Some did not respond though.
  - Discussion about whether to take the child to the meeting – Kath suggested that it is a three-way partnership and always better to take your child with you.
  - SEQTA remains an issue for some parents.
  - Interview requested option to be pursued for next year. The issue of reports not being issued but parents needing to book appointments can be resolved via this option.
- Wish list
  - Parents are most eager to focus on beautification of the canteen quadrangle so that students are encouraged to stay (and buy). \$3500 was committed to improved seating with cover. Kath to liaise with Ben Thurstun re Trade Training Centre students working on this project.
  - Uniform fund was roundly supported. Raelene moved that this be an annual commitment that the P&C will support the uniform fund in the amount of \$1500. Seconded Kirrilly. Carried.
  - The P&C agreed to keep the wish list on file for future reference once further funds are forthcoming.
- Fundraising
  - Kirrilly reported that the Cygnet Theatre has agreed to offer 'Bridget Jones's Baby' on Saturday 17 September at 8.45pm. Tickets will be \$20 per head with \$8.50 payable to Grand Cinemas. An additional fee of \$5 for wine and nibbles is being investigated by

Kirrilly. Plan for an 8.15 arrival to socialise. David Burch prepared to do the tickets. Kath to enquire as to whether payment can be through the school Qkr/EFTPos etc. Poster for parent night to be organised by Kirrilly.

- Dianne Owen suggested that we host a walk-a-thon, probably with Year 7-8 and offer prizes to the top fundraisers. Ideas included swimming with the dolphins, family pass to Adventure World, an Ipad. It was agreed that this is a low cost, low effort initiative with potential to raise \$10 000+. Dianne to source the donation form.
- Karen Davison suggested that we register to run a Bunnings sausage sizzle once or twice per year. Karen to investigate this.
- General business – queries re fencing program, school grounds etc was raised. Kath said that the fencing program is complete and working well for the most part. Some of the grounds look better already by virtue of the reduced amount of rubbish that can blow onto the site. The crows continue to be a problem but more bins have been placed on the ovals.
- Homeroom and buddy system – Parents were asked about the idea of a vertical home room and the general consensus was that this is a good idea.
- Inappropriate behaviour on the bus – the concern was raised that a few students in full uniform impact negatively upon the school's reputation. Kath said that specifics should be forwarded to the school as we are eager to support the transport authority but need to be informed so that we can help.

**NEXT MEETING:** To be held in Week 4, Term 3, 9-Aug-16 at 6pm.

***Attachments:*** *Principal's report*

1. **Student hosts** – Letters went home to parents of Year 7, asking whether they give permission for their child to be a student host once or twice in the school year. As explained earlier this term, the hosts would miss home room, go slightly late to period one and also miss period five on their designated day. They would manage the school flags, lock and unlock gates at the beginning and end of the day, delivery packages and run errands. They would be expected to catch up on work missed so that their school work doesn't suffer. Unfortunately, very few students have returned their permission form. We believe that the lack of returned paperwork is not necessarily as a result of opposition to this plan so will resort to an opt out option where parents will be informed that their child will be placed on the roster unless they specifically state that they don't wish for this to occur. We hope to start the roster before the end of this term.
2. **Parent night** – I have had a parent raise concern about the timing of parent nights this year so would like to take some time to explain why they occur as they do. The teacher agreement makes provision for two parent nights per year and we made the decision to separate the Year 7-9 evening from the Year 10-12 evening with good reason. We appreciate that parents of beginning students (especially Year 7s) would certainly need to meet with teachers earlier in the year to ensure that they have settled and are on track. We determined that doing this at the end of term one was long enough for all staff to know the students – remembering that some staff only see the students once or twice per week (Health, Arts, Technologies).

With students in Years 10, 11 and 12 we decided that it was better to wait until the first set of OLNA data was received (just last week) and exams for the senior students were completed and marked. Exams finished just today. For students in Year 10, it is more fruitful to meet at the end of the first semester once results are in to help gauge which senior schooling courses might be more suitable or the core focus needed if a student is not on track for the preferred course at this point in time. Similarly, midyear is a better time for Years 11 and 12 to review their progress and make informed decisions or revise their goals.

Having said all of this, we are open to feedback on the timing of the parent nights. I will be checking with parents on the night and welcome an open discussion in general business this evening as well.

3. **School Board** – The School Board is comprised of parent representatives, staff and community members. The Board is eager to be better known to the school community and intend to roster themselves on for the Year 10-12 parent night on Wednesday 29 June. All parents are welcome to have a coffee and a chat in between interviews. A summary of the achievements of the Board will be available on the night as well by way of our 'annual public meeting'.
4. **PBS** – Kent Street is a Positive Behaviour Support school and we have created our matrix of priority areas aligned to our school values. Three key values that form our initial focus are:
  - a. **Respect for learning** – arriving on time, ready to learn
  - b. **Resilience to achieve** – setting realistic goals and striving to achieve them
  - c. **Responsibility to our school and community** – wearing full school uniform with pride.Parents can assist the PBS initiative by ensuring that our young people get enough sleep and are fully equipped and organised each morning. We are having a particular blitz on inappropriate clothing such as leggings instead of shorts/skirts/trousers/trackpants. Any parents experiencing

financial difficulties that impact on their ability to ensure that their child is in full uniform is invited to contact their Pastoral Care Coordinator – Nadira Naidoo for Years 7-8; Chris Broom for Years 9-10; or Susan Lees for Years 11-12.

5. **Wish List** – Staff at Kent Street have compiled a list of additional resources for the P&C to consider. I will table this as general business.
6. **Principal absence** – I will be attending the Aviation Tour of Europe and the UK this coming holidays. We depart on Saturday 2 July (the first day of the holidays) and return on Friday 22 July having spent 21 days touring Germany, Poland, the Czech Republic, Paris, London and then to Farnborough for the air show. Students only miss three school days owing to the holiday period and student free days at the start of next term. Miss Helena Rychal will be the key member of Executive to contact whilst I am out of the country.
7. **Events held from Week 4, Term 2** –
  - a. Year 8/9 Fashion camp
  - b. Year 7 Science excursion to the Perth Zoo
  - c. Year 10 Science & Engineering Challenge
  - d. Year 7 Lightning Carnival
  - e. Specialist photo day – 1 June
  - f. Year 8 vaccinations – 2 June
  - g. CALM Camp for the Cert II students
  - h. Mining Challenge – mentor training at Curtin Uni – 3 June
  - i. Upper school exams concluded today.
8. **Forthcoming events**
  - a. Mining Challenge follow up training 15/6
  - b. Year 11/12 Chemistry excursion
  - c. Year 9 Japanese excursion
  - d. Year 10 Lightning Carnival 23/6
  - e. Men in Mining event 24/6
  - f. NAIDOC Week – week 10
  - g. Curtin English Conference for Upper School
  - h. Malaysian Cricket Tour
  - i. Year 8 CoRE Kalgoorlie expedition
  - j. Year 10-12 parent night
  - k. Aviation Europe/UK Tour
9. **Term dates** – term two commences for staff on Monday 18 July but students commence on Wednesday 20 July 2016. All teaching staff and curriculum support staff will be attending a network wide professional learning conference at Curtin University on Monday and will be undertaking school specific professional learning on the Tuesday.

Kath Ward  
Principal