Riverbank Public School P&C Meeting

Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday 24th June 2015 @ 7pm – School Staffroom

Meeting Opened 7pm

Attendance – Jeannie Brown, Lesley Parsons, Belinda Turkmani, Kristy McGuiness, Rachel Scott, Darshan Lal, Bradford Wright, Cindy Wright, Joanne Ellingham, Muriel Mastrippolito, Rhiannon Smith, Viola Moreitz

Apologies – Parminder Singh, Asra Khan, Payal Wachhar, John Smith, Farida Japardi, Joe Debrincat, Heather Lane, Birinderpal Singh, Andre Moreitz, Karen Lambert, Jian Li, Patricia Lorbona, Eric Quan

1. Welcome and Formal Opening of Meeting.
   • Lesley Parsons welcomes parents, citizens and school executives
   • Lesley Parsons acknowledges the Dharruk people of this land
   • Welcome of New Financial Member Eric Quan

2. School Disco Friday 17th July 2015
   • Ticket Sales as of Wednesday 24th June – 153 Tickets sold
   • K to 2 disco 107 tickets, 3 to 6 disco 46 tickets (only 3 sold in class 5b)
   • Muriel Mastrippolito to provide 350 Popper Juices
   • Belinda Turkmani hiring lights
   • Silverleaf Bakery at the Ponds Shopping Centre donating 450 long bread rolls
   • Harcourt’s donating 450 Pork, Beef and Chicken Sausages
   • OOSH paying for 328 packets of chips – Kristy to organise chips from her work @ Snackbrands - $112
   • Ray White paying for Footsteps DJ - $500.00
   • Tea, Coffee, Tongs, Serviettes, Cleaning products etc. have been ordered for use in the canteen / sausage sizzle - About $80 to $100
   • About 30 families have donated drinks of some sort, either by pre-purchase or donating money.
   • Glow Sticks, Bands, Glasses, headbands etc. have been ordered – Cost $332.32
   • Muriel to organise onions and had 6 mums willing to help cut them up
   • Discussion of making ticket prices approx. $10 each next year to accommodate the purchase of soft drinks and water.

3. School Banking – Rhiannon Smith
   • 35 New Bank accounts opened on the day at school
   • School Banking will be going ahead next term.

4. Treasury Report
   • Money in the Bank as of 23.6.2015 = $14 975.45
   • 89 parents have paid the P&C Levy equalling $7120.00
   • Disco tickets have made $1224.00 with an extra $100 donated for the purchase of drinks
   • The School has set up a trust for us. When and if that happens Jenny notifies Lesley and when we request the money she will write a chq. Currently 1 person has paid.
• Harcourt’s have donated $2500 so far. Approx. 3 to 5 more homes will be sold in the coming months

5. Presidents Report – Lesley Parsons
• Opening of School Parliament – It was lovely to see what our children have achieved over the last 18 weeks
• Interviews have been held over the last week for the Assistant Principals Position which will conclude tomorrow.
• Organising of School Disco has been going well.

6. OOSH Movie Night
• Movie night for all OOSH Families will be held on 14.8.2015
• Muriel to organise and run fundraising BBQ on the night.

7. Father’s Day Stall
• Will be held the 2nd and 8th Sept 2014
• Approx. $1300 to spend

• Currently Heather runs 1 canteen for both our School and the High School
• Heather will trial running canteens on both sites next term.
• In this period Heather will gain further knowledge as to whether it would be worth it for the P&C to run the canteen.
• Heathers wages will be halved by the Primary School and the High School
• More investigation needed.

9. End of year Picnic lunch
• Last day of term – Wednesday 16th Dec 2015
• Discussion of fundraising ideas
• Decision made to have no fundraising that day. All P&C members will be able to enjoy lunch with their children.

10. House Colour T-Shirts
• Flyer to go out in next terms newsletter.
• Order Forms to go home in School Bags following the newsletter.
• Size Range = 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 and Adults small
• $20 per t-shirt

11. Bunnings / Masters BBQ – Tracey Middleton
• Presented by Kristy McGuiness in Tracey’s absence.
• Spots available end of this year
• Discussion regarding BBQ
• Unanimous vote for yes – Go ahead with booking the BBQ
• Tracey to organise sponsorships and volunteers
12. Trivia Night – Tracey Middleton
- Presented by Kristy McGuiness in Tracey’s absence
- Discussion regarding organising, costs and places where Trivia could be held.
- Decided not to go ahead with a Trivia Night. Need to figure out a big fundraising idea in which Riverbank will be well known for.


Staffing Appointments and School Class Restructure
A new classroom teacher has been appointed to Riverbank PS this week through Merit Selection. Due to rapidly increasing enrolments there will be a restructure of all 3-6 classes throughout the first week of Term 3. Student learning will be enhanced due to having smaller class numbers across all primary classes. A letter will be sent home to families outlining the restructure.

Student Reports
Teachers have been busy collaborating as they compare their ongoing assessment of students’ progress, to ensure consistency in preparing formal written reports to parents by the end of this term. Our reports will also importantly identify key learning goals or ‘next steps’ critical to each student’s further progress in their learning. School reports will be sent home on Thursday 25th June.

Performing Arts
Congratulations to our school choir, junior and senior dance groups and members of the combined school band with The Ponds HS for successfully auditioning for The Ridges Music Festival in October.

Woolworths Donation
On Wednesday 27th May I had the honour of attending the opening of Woolworths at The Ponds Shopping Centre. I would like to thank Woolworths for their kind donation of $1000 and commitment of ongoing support of all schools in The Ponds.

Parent Volunteers/Scripture
Our thanks to the many parents who volunteer their time each week whether it be fundraising for the P&C, organising school banking, representing the community on teacher selection panels, reading with our students in classrooms, covering books in the Library, assisting in the canteen or running scripture lessons; your time is greatly appreciated. Our thanks also to Parramatta Library for donating books to our school classrooms for our students to read during non-scripture.

Sport in Schools
Next term the children at Riverbank will have the opportunity to participate in a sport program every Wednesday. Students will utilise a diverse range of resources that quite often our school cannot provide. The program is delivered in a range of complex stations that provide a wide and varied range of resources.
Restorative Practice Philosophy

Come along to our P&C meeting on Wednesday 22nd July to find out more about Riverbank’s whole school philosophy and values -7pm School Library

Term 2 Overview:

This term Riverbank PS celebrated:

• Opening of our new Student Parliament by Michelle Rowland MP
• ANZAC Service with the Ponds HS
• ANZAC Dawn Service at Riverstone
• Our winter uniform being worn for the first time
• National Simultaneous Story time “The Brothers Quibble”
• Cross Country Carnivals
• Band and Music Tuition
• Choir performances
• Dance groups successfully auditioning for the Ridges Music Festival
• Commencement of Scripture classes
• Chess Club
• Commencement of Parent Volunteers in classes
• Library borrowing for all students
• National Sorry Day
• Athletics Carnivals K-6
• NAPLAN Tests
• School Surveys on homework, technology and performing arts
• Playground Art by LJ
• Kindergarten 2016 and new family information sessions
• Student School Banking
• Online School Payments
• New Staffing appointments
• New School website and school app
Term 3 Dates

NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) Week

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year’s theme is we all stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate. Students will participate in a range of activities in their class throughout week 1.

Education Week

On Wednesday 29th July we will celebrate Education Week with Open Classrooms and an assembly led by senior classes. More information will be sent home in the first week of next term.

Book Week

On Wednesday 26 August we welcome author/illustrator Belinda Landsberry to Riverbank PS.

Jeanie Brown
Principal