



# Rainbow Street Public School Parents and Citizens Association

## General Meeting Minutes 1st February 2021

### 6:05pm Meeting opens

Attendance: Gregory Dodwell, Craig Muldoon, David Smallbone, Kat Caverly, Matt Dimaris, Margaret Nalovski, Ian Stevens, Morag Taylor, James Richmond, Christie McBeth, Jo Sayers, Annette Schneider, John Bourd

#### 1. Welcome and meeting overview

2. **Apologies:** Jaquie Counsel, Belinda Bennett, Sarah Newby, Georgie Deakin, Jimmy Hayes, Dianne Nazaroff

3. **Approve and sign off December minutes** - John Board approved, Kat Caverly seconded: carried.

4. **Correspondence** - see attached.

5. **President's report** - see attached report. Plus: involvement is fun and rewarding; emphasis on volunteers. Call for Class/Parent Reps.

6. **Treasurer's report** - see attached

7. **Principal's report** - see attached

#### 8. Fundraising/Events -

Second-hand uniform sale: to be held on Paine Reserve before and after school the following Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday depending on weather. Signage and posters ready. Cash or card.

Meet and Greet: Quotes from last year's venue — Randwick Club: \$2400 for individually plated canapés alone (COVID restrictions); limited to 80 guests; supplementary funding no longer available from school (as last year's event cost \$3,000). Craig recommended not to go ahead.

Colour run: 0% upfront take from promotional host; 10% cut of money raised; 30% deducted for prizes. Proposed date of 21st March at Paine Reserve. Resources include - secure fundraising platform; colour powder; inflatable archways and tunnels; sunglasses; headbands and every child receives a prize depending on funds they raise. Children receive completion certificate. Event co-run by our P&C and Australian Fundraising. Liaison with Randwick City Council for booking — COVID restriction up to 2,500 person capacity. Proposed duration of half hour to two hours. May act as unofficial Meet and Greet for parents in outdoor setting. No capacity for sausage sizzle. H&S food prep course for serving food. Perhaps colours can be associated with child's class? Date chosen due to proximity to beginning of year; Daylight Savings being in effect; likelihood of good weather and field availability.

Motion — *That Rainbow Street Public School P&C Association arrange a children's colour run to be held at Paine Reserve to be held outside school hours retaining the services of Australian Fundraising* - Moved Annette Schneider, Seconded John Bourd. Carried with one abstention.

Bunnings BBQ: At time of Craig's contact with Bunnings, further BBQs on hold (time of Northern Beaches cluster). Perhaps have one in Term 2, or better, Spring. We have experience in holding, with a template of how to hold. Bunnings is also keen to donate goods for our school garden/outdoor classroom with Student Council (students) to provide a list of desired goods.

Rebel: Craig explained credit scheme (held over from Randwick's Amart Sports, before being absorbed into Rebel Sports) Craig leasing with teachers re spending of funds for children's sports equipment.

## 9. Business arising from previous minutes

### Holdover Executive Positions:

- Treasurer - Linh Medic ready to accept next meeting (March). Election held over to March.
- Vice President 1 - Matt D. Nominated by Annette S, seconded by John B. - elected unopposed. Congratulations.
- Vice President 2 - Annette may consider next month.

### 2020 P&C Survey Results:

Please see attached file. General discussion re students preferring outdoor oriented sports gear, gross-motor play ( cf pre renovation playground equipment); STEM oriented equipment (such as green screen - which school already has); board games. More discussion re language classes - equity and expense; DofE community requirements according to community demographics, etc. Support for new families (cf Library Fridays - now temporarily defunct due to COVID); understanding of pedagogy, advice from more experienced parents. One full-time language teacher position = \$80,000. Can TASK spare space?

### Local Traffic/Pedestrian issues:

Council contacted Principal re tree plantings at kiss and drop area. Council referring previous concerns to Traffic Committee.

## 10. General Business

### Election Parent Representative for School Learning Support Officer for Support Unit Merit

#### Selection Panel:

Linh Medic - nominated by Greg. D, seconded by Morag T. Elected unopposed (with one abstention). Congratulations.

#### Proposed Introduction of By-laws and Code of Conduct:

Introduced by Craig. Power-point presentation by Greg. D to give context.

Motion - *That Rainbow Street Public School P&C Association purchase a Square terminal @\$59.00.* Moved Annette S, Seconded Matt D. Carried.

**8pm Meeting closed.**

## **Presidents Report – February 2021**

Welcome to all our new families and welcome back to those returning for another exciting year at Rainbow Street. For those that don't know me my name is Craig Muldoon and my wife, and I have a son in year 3 and daughter who started Kindergarten today. This is my first year as President and I previously was secretary in 2018, 2019.

Our Executives this year, other than I are Greg Dowdell – Secretary.

We do have several vacant positions still to fill, Treasurer, 2 Vice Presidents Positions and an additional 6 executive roles. If you are interested in helping deliver great initiatives and events for the students and are action orientated maybe consider one of these roles. These roles are not simply titles on a website but involve additional responsibilities, obligations, and expectations but largely are a lot of fun and from personal experience, extremely rewarding.

If an executive role is not for you, that's OK. Equally as rewarding and important are volunteers which we will need throughout the year for events and initiatives the P&C — all of us — decide to organise.

Equally, if not more important than what we do is how we do it. The end doesn't justify the means. People will always remember how you made them feel long after they have forgotten what you said or did. Be kind, respect other people's points of view, listen, be a role model, be true to your word, be the change you want to see.

We have so little time at this school, what do you want to help achieve for our students, our children during that time.

### **Fundraising and Events**

I hope everyone, like myself is excited for the year ahead and the opportunities it presents us as a P&C and school community. Tonight, we will discuss Term 1 events, school equipment funding and outdoor classroom/school garden donations.

### **2020 P&C Survey**

The P&C conducted a small survey last year on P&C funding priorities which Kat will present tonight.

### **Code of Conduct and bylaws**

Something that the P&C have been looking to develop and adopt for the past couple of years. These are fundamental components of a solid foundation for our P&C which Greg will present tonight.

**Communication:** Back in 2019 the P&C conducted an anonymous online survey to help identify the priorities of our school community, assess how well we engage with families and understand parents' awareness of the P&C's roles and responsibilities. There were over 100 responses, 118 to be exact, representing approximately a third of all parents at the school. The strongest theme of feedback from the survey was related to communication and engagement, of the whole school community not just members.

So, expect to see more consistent communication, and engagement opportunities with the whole school community this year. Be it via the weekly Rambler, our P&C website which we have already started updating during the break and via the Class Parent emails.

### **Class List and Class Parent reps**

This year we will be using an electronic form rather than a paper list at parent information evenings. This will help us establish class parent lists earlier in Term 1 (previously taken until late in Term 1) and provide more accurate capture of parent email addresses.

