

**Lane Cove Public School
School Council Meeting
Minutes of meeting held: LCPS Library and via Zoom 6:30pm 4 April 2022**

Present in person: Talia Morgan (Principal), Sally Robertson (staff representative), Darshini Heaney (P&C President), Sarah Smyth (parent representative), Tony Nolan (parent representative),

Present on zoom: Hajar Torkaman (parent representative), Emma Sorensen (parent representative) Nathan Griffith (staff representative)

Apologies: Grace Lattuca (Deputy and staff representative)

Agenda item 1: Sarah welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Agenda item 2: Agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.

Agenda item 3: Principal's report from Talia

- Building works for the new school hall have commenced but delayed by rain - 20 rain days already. Originally a 9 month schedule, may be extended.
- Events at school: P+C welcome BBQ cancelled sadly due to weather, but there have been lots of events happening. Easter Hat Parade looking good but Anzac Day and Honour Assembly may go to Zoom because of the weather.
- LCPS joining CCA - the City Country Alliance. Over the next 12 months our school will be involved with several initiatives related to this. LCPS teachers have the possibility of going to regional schools and the option of sending students too, depending on time, costs and resources. It has a strong Indigenous education component. The program is in early stages of the relationship but it is a wonderful opportunity for LCPS.

Agenda item 4: P&C Update from Darshini

Several challenges have been faced in 2022:

- Welcome BBQ cancelled because of the weather but we have had two welcome events at the Diddy which were able to go ahead and were well patronised.
- P&C has a focus on getting parents reengaged. COVID and restrictions have significantly impacted Canteen volunteers. Several days without significant or any volunteers. Discussed strategies for increasing awareness around canteen and volunteers.
- Uniform shop running well - at a profit with great staff.
- Music program - main challenge is student recruitment. No trumpet or trombone player or jazz band. Senior concert band is much smaller. Again, it will take time to solve some of these issues but work is underway.

Agenda item 5: President's remarks from Sarah

Sarah commented CCA and Music Program are both potential selling points for our school.

We need to elect a second staff member and a community member to the School Council, and elect a Vice President.

- Talia advised that Corey Tasker will join as a staff member.
- Tony Nolan was nominated and unanimously elected as Vice President.
- Tony Nolan will seek a community member (Note: Tony has since suggested and invited local community member, Frances Christie Emeritus Professor of Language and Literacy Education, the University of Melbourne)

Proposed School Council meeting dates agreed:

- P&C meeting 10 May 6pm
- 26 May 6:30pm
- 18 August 6:30pm
- 10 November 6:30pm

Tony: spoke about student representation. Agreed the SRC may have ideas that could be represented to School Council, through appropriate channels.

Sarah: Discussed the need for a Maths Groups - review/debrief the strategy in place.

Sarah: requested ideas for agenda items for this year's School Council and suggested delivery of reading material in advance.

Agenda item 6: other business

Tony: Raised the issue of the electronic school sign - Talia advised the decision is still with Lane Cove Council.

Talia: Advised the feedback survey on the new reward system is still to come.

Sarah: Great having Parent Teacher interviews face to face.

Hajar: Mentioned Opera House educational events.

Talia: Despite COVID, things are slowly returning to normal at school, with planning, activities and extra activities. Lack of a school hall has been another issue. But things are moving in the right direction. Working on grants, school appearance, and a backyard habitats meeting tomorrow with the local Council to discuss options for greening the school.

Action: Next meeting is the intro at P&C meeting scheduled for **10 May 2022**.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.