

**Lane Cove Public School
School Council Meeting
LCPS staff room - Tuesday 28 May 2024 at 6:30pm**

Attendance in person: Terry McKinnon, Kylie McKeon, Louise Green, Rebecca Lynch, Caleb Taylor, Trent Gardiner, Ian Bao

Attended online: Emma Sorenson

Apologies: Sally Robertson, Mairead Ennis

Meeting opened: at 6:33pm

Agenda item 1: Acknowledgement of Country – Trent Gardiner;

**Agenda item 2: Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting held 5 March 2024
Rebecca Lynch approved, Caleb Taylor seconded;**

Agenda item 3: Principal's Report – Terry McKinnon

- Mandarin Class will be subject to evaluation in Term 3.
 - Whether parents are willing to pay is a criterion for the sustainability of the program;
 - Approx. 87% of parents paid in Term 1
 - Currently, approx. 75% of parents have paid for Term 2;
 - 58% made voluntary contribution payments;
 - Require 80% of parents to pay to maintain Mandarin program.
- All public schools in NSW suffered a 1.25% percent of budget cut announced recently.
 - The impact is manageable at LCPS, and staff team is stable;
 - Current plan is not to replace the assistant principal recently departed;
 - Optimized library operations and achieved cost savings without necessarily undermining operational capacity.
- Programs related to HPG and Behaviour Management plan – currently being developed, and more details will be shared in due course.
- School Hall update
 - Five potential names were shortlisted at this stage with intention to present them to students and other stakeholders for voting.
 - The School Council discussed different methods of casting votes, and an action plan will be compiled by the end of this term.
- Canteen Cove - recognition for the Kirkwood family
 - Kit Kirkwood (she) – a plague to recognise her contribution to the School.
 - The School Council also discussed different options to memorialise her, and the alternative ways to manage other related long term relationships and honour board.

- Homework
 - Propose to initiate conversation with Parents to better understand the role of homework for children in primary school;
 - Discussion points may include:-
 - Why? (analysing the objectives and benefits of taking homework)
 - What? (determining what type of homework does not serve these objectives, and what does:- e.g. reading at home with family is strongly encouraged)
 - How? (developing a holistic plan to manage homework at LCPS, based on evidence and shared principles)
 - Recognising the diversity of children/family expectations, the School Council acknowledges the importance to improve communication and foster collaboration between Families and School to support our children to achieve their potential.
 - Action item – parent information session – will try to organise webinar and provide other correspondences before next school council meeting.

Agenda item 4: P&C Report – Caleb Taylor

- Fund raising events are going well
 - Vivid Cruise event, first night is today.
 - More sessions have been sold out, and coming soon.
 - A good funding raising opportunity and a good chance for the School Community gather and socialise.
- Planning for other events (eg Fun Run) is also on going.
- Special Meeting in June.

Agenda item 5: President’s Enquiries – Emma Sorenson

- Increasing transportation cost and limited sport events
 - letters to Government Officeholders and politician sent out, but no response received;
 - members of School Council discussed alternative contacts to liaise.
- School Community Feedback on Wakakirri Program
 - The Principal acknowledged that the proposal to discontinue Wakakirri attracted five responses. This includes two complaints, and three requests for more information;
 - Discussion with three interested parents revealed that organising this program as volunteers will be beyond their capacity (there were 80 students involved in 2023);
 - A parent suggested the School to invite High School Students to help with rehearsal (which raises other concerns on logistics and safety);
 - “Dancing Group(s)” may be introduced next year which may offer a more sustainable solution. No decision has been made yet, and the School is considering a holistic plan with more details to be shared.

Agenda item 6: Any other business: N/A

Closed meeting at 7:35m