

Lane Cove Public School
School Council Meeting Minutes
Held: LCPS staff room 6:30pm-8:00pm 7 November 2023

Attendance: Terry McKinnon, Grace Lattuca, Sally Robertson, Louise Green, Rebecca Lynch, Caleb Taylor, Trent Gardiner
Apologies: Mairead Ennis, Ian Bao

Meeting opened at 6.30pm

Acknowledgement of Country

Previous minutes: Accepted by Sally Robertson and Seconded by Trent Gardiner

Principals Report delivered by Terry McKinnon:

Tell Them From Me Survey

Parents

- 221 parent responses received. Refer to Parent and Carer Satisfaction attached
- Work needs to be done on 'Parents are Informed' - look at ways to increase parental information throughout the year - informal meetings, checkin meetings, parent questionnaire at start of school year
- Improve communication for parents regarding school events - more notice and reminders required. Personalised communication from teachers required as opposed to Grade Coordinators or school office.
- Louise is leading a team of teachers currently working on streamlining whole-school communication. They will look at this in further depth through parental consultation and feedback.

Students

- 272 participants from Years 4-6
- Terry and school executive will unpack student responses with a key group of students from Years 4-6.
- School Leadership and School Culture survey undertaken by staff this year.

2024 planning:

- 116 kindergarten students - 6 classes
- 31 classes anticipated in 2023 (two additional teachers employed). 29 classes in 2024 - class sizes will increase slightly across the school
- Second ASPECT class will begin in 2024 - 3-6 students. Three year lease engaged. Financial benefit gained from the school to put back into school programs
- Kylie McKeon will fill the DP role through transfer. Currently substantive DP at Crestwood PS and currently working on Parramatta Office in Teacher Accreditation space. Unfortunately Grace Lattuca will return to her substantive position at Enfield PS.
- Mandarin trial currently being undertaken. Feedback from staff, students and parents will be asked for. Time being used for teachers to work with APCI Kate Saunders. If continued for 2024 will include grades 3-6. At least 80% of parents paying to make it financially viable for program to continue.
- P&C supporting school in technology upgrade approx \$130,000 of new equipment. P&C contributing 50% of total budget.

- Hall upgrade - work should begin this month with a completion date of May 2024. Weather dependant
- Toilet refurbishment has now been completed.
- Roofing work on Osbourne Park building has been completed
- Roofing work to begin on Library and Admin building
- Car park and pedestrian walkway to be relaid and sealed during Christmas holidays
- Work will begin on Basketball Court during December. Light poles to be installed at LC Council request. An agreement will be undertaken with Council to be responsible for the maintenance of the lights. Council will have use two nights per week from 4pm-8pm for use by LC Netball Club.

P&C Report

- Huge thanks to the P&C for contributions. Funds returned to school this year:
\$53,000 Voluntary contribution
\$65,000 Technology
\$2000 Year 6 end of party off-site
\$3000 Buses
- Fun Run was major fundraiser for the school raising just under \$60,000. This has proven a huge event and requires a great deal of parental involvement. Current Race Director will be standing down next year and a replacement needs to be found. Grace suggested making contact with Mosman PS race organisers to investigate their race model. Desire to keep it voluntary.

Presidents Report

- Immediate school community has been greatly enhanced by P&C. Increased parental involvement, greater engagement amongst the community. Sincerest thanks to P&C for their work in making this happen. 'Bringing back community' theme has been the cornerstone of this great work.
- Concerns of student behaviour in Lane Cove Plaza in afternoons from older students in school uniform. Some complaints have been received from local businesses. Stage 3 students have been addressed and parents have been informed. Could community service initiatives for the students be helpful? This could be explored further and explore ties with Uniting Home next door.
- Local Police Youth Liaison Officer from Chatswood Police Station could be approached to discuss with Stage 3. Grace will investigate further.
- \$30,000 grant has been applied for by P&C to cover cost of Shade Cloth cover.
- School Council to be involved in planning event for opening of School Hall in 2024. Discussions on naming of the hall to be included in Term 1 agenda next year. consultation to be undertaken with parent and student community.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm