Como and Districts Parents and Citizens Association

Minutes for meeting held May 6th, 2015 6:30pm in Como PS Staffroom

1.1 Attendance: Nicole Arnold, Stacey Mclelland, Dave Sharp, Jacinta Muratovic, Liesl Nugent, Robert McCarthy, Tamara Rockstro-Groom, Adem Muratovic.

1.2 Apologies: Jenny Easton, Robyn Martin, Darren Martin, Laureine Gabriel.

Minutes of previous meeting. Change spelling of McCarthy. Minutes otherwise accepted.

Business arising from previous minutes

3.1 Banking- Continuing to investigate alternative to Shire Credit Union. ? new branch at Kareela as a possible solution.

3.2 Jacinta Muratovic to draft canteen contract letters for Tamara Rockstro-Groom and Natalie Sier.

Correspondence In- 4.1.1 -Department of Education have emailed requesting confirmation of the P and C association being ‘Incorporated’ or ‘unincorporated’. After investigation we have records that state we are incorporated as part of the P and C, yet if you look up our ABN we are listed as unincorporated. Nicole Arnold has confirmed the above, and the department were happy to accept that we were incorporated. No further action required.

4.1.2 School sign has been completed. Account needs finalising. Adem Muratovic to contact firm regarding final arrangements.

4.2 Correspondance Out- Tamara Rockstro-Groom provided batch payment lists.

5 Business arising from correspondence- Nil

6 Principals report

• Drainage. I am still awaiting for the funds to be approved for both of our drainage issues. I will do my very best to ensure that all work is carried out between market days.
• Market advertising- flyers were sent to Oyster Bay, Como West, Connells Point and Bangor Public School’s- hope this makes a difference.
• NAPLAN will be held next week for students in Yrs 3 and 5. We do not teach to the test – but we teach to the format to alleviate anxiety.
• Yoga started last week- the students gave great feedback.
• Botany Bay EEC excursion huge success and the students had a great day.
• Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability – Australia wide/mandatory has begun.
• Thank you to Jenny Easton for her fabulous organisation of the Mother’s Day Stall.
• Beautifying the garden outside the Stage 2 classroom- mulch will be delivered next week and the council are supplying a selection of native plants.
• Pre School visits- I am giving a number of school readiness talks to parents at local pre schools – I am aiming to increase out school’s profile in the community and hopefully we will get some enrollments out of this.
7 Presidents report

- Quiet couple of weeks.
- Continuing to investigate bank changes. Our daily limit needs to be increased.
- School plaque has been designed and ordered. School will pay invoice. ETA within 2 weeks. Adem Muratovic to attend to fixing plaques ASAP.
- P and C annual report submitted.
- Final payment of soft fall needs to be made ($6-7000).
- Investigating costs involved in outdoor classroom/amphitheatre. Plan to keep costs to a minimum, with possibility of a working bee. Nicole Arnold has lodged grant applications for same. Tafe, Bunnings and Tradies Community Grants also possible options.
- Kitchen and Canteen upgrades - not grant news as yet.
- Liesl Nugent interested in having Book Club as a fundraiser and will look into same.

8 Treasurers report - None

9 Market subcommittee report

- April market foot traffic was disappointing.
- One stall has formally requested the market be held on another day. All alternative options have been considered. Change of days may not solve all issues as there are local markets allocated to every weekend. To change to a Saturday would clash with weekend sports. Competition with the Cronulla markets is proving challenging.
- “Burn out” of market sub committee is a real issue. Volunteer numbers are down. Without the market, a huge amount of revenue raised for the school would be lost and parents would then be out of pocket. The possibility of dropping market back to once a term was made as a suggestion. Themes included Asian Noodle festival, Full Moon Festival, Food and Wine Festival were all made for next year.

10 Motions for voting

- 10.2 Motion for Tamara Groom to take on the role of Friday canteen manager until term 4 with pay being split between two workers - unanimously supported.
- 10.3 Adem Muratovic voted in as treasurer - unanimously supported.

11 New business

11.1 Resignation of Laureine Gabriel as Treasurer

11.3 Volunteers are needed for canteen and markets. Gaps in time slots are a continuing problem. Tamara Rockstro-Groom suggested email/letter sent to all parents to indicate availability to volunteer. Nicole Arnold in support of a letter to parents as an annual, compulsory request.

11.4 Changes to canteen role. Split between Natalie Sier (wed) and Tamara Rockstro-Groom (fri) until term 4.

11.5 Request for Paypal to be set up for payment of school fees and market stall holders rent. Nicole Arnold advised that Paypal would not be an option for school fees as there is already a Department of Education finance system/computer program being rolled out, however agreed that this could be an option for the markets.

Meeting closed: 8.25pm.
Next meeting  Wednesday 17.6.15.

Dates for your diary-
Remaining meeting for 2015
29.7.15
9.9.15
21.10.15
2.12.15