

P&C MEETING {NOVEMBER 2020}

Meeting Date	November 3 rd , 2020
Commenced	1:02pm
P&C Committee	President: Lina Yassine Vice President: Rola Aiche Treasurer: Aisha Haddad Secretary: Aisha El-Cheikh
Attendees	Nicole Benson, Lina Yassine, Diana Amin, Rola Aiche, Olisyah Azis, Aisha El-Cheikh, Simon Lyster, Jaclyn Seles, Wafa Saboune, Shiho Ogawa As on Zoom, some people were characterised by avatars and not all people were recognisable-my apologies.
Guests	Nil
Apologies	Fatinah Zirein, Fatima Krayem, Aisha Haddad

Principal's Report – Refer to attached document.

New Classroom

- The new classroom building will not encourage open learning. They are separate classrooms.
- Nicole is unsure whom will be using the room. Will find out next year.
- This permanent building adds an extra 46 students to our capacity so the school will be able to have 227 students in total.

End of Year Events

- Cannot accommodate parents as per guidelines - even if their temperatures are checked on entry to school.
- Too expensive to livestream so will be recorded and later shared to parents.
- Across pool races will be abolished next year for the Swimming carnival. More novelty events and the water park will be utilised.

General –

Wet Weather Policy – A query from a parent about the school's wet weather policy.

{Nicole's Response} The kids are always out of the rain but one day last week, it was dry and the kids were outside. The rain then pelted down and we gathered everyone in classes but in the process some of the kids got wet.

This was unavoidable as we always keep children inside in the wet but the weather changed suddenly. The children did not go out to the playground in the rain. In those cases, a bell is rung and teachers go back on class whether their recess or lunch is finished. We also change our policies for canteen, toileting etc if the weather is poor.

We would like to see all kids with raincoats, umbrellas etc so they can move between the buildings aptly. Of an afternoon we go out of our way to supervise kids while standing in the rain ourselves and ensuring they are protected. Last year I bought big class umbrellas for kids to use.

We also monitored the air quality earlier in the year and at the end of the year and often kept kids in across both playtimes with the smoke and bushfires. I am unsure what other schools did but am confident in our own approach of continuing to keep kids safe.

Canteen

- Positive feedback has been received in regards to the lunch specials that have been recently introduced.
- Miss Marea looking into other payment methods like online & Credit cards.
- A parent questioned if an item in the special can be swapped for another. It will be looked at in the future, but too hard for this term as all meal deals are the same cost.

P&C Citizenship Awards

- Nicole asked if P&C would be paying for the citizenship awards for presentation day – as has been the case in previous years.
- These are funded by the P&C only – the staff choose the recipients.
- All attendees voted YES for the proposal.

Meeting Closed at 1.30pm

P&C Principal's Report 3/11/2020

From Nicole Benson (Principal)

Buildings-The double classroom building from Bankstown North has been delayed but will be here and completed over the holiday break-ready for usage next year. It will hold two classes and be where 6/5M is now.

Staffing- Ms Webster will be not returning next year as she plans to spend more time with her family and other commitments.

Olivia Clark has been appointed through interview and will be joining our staff next year. Ms Clark has already been doing some casual days and will be filling in on Ms Webster's position in weeks 8, 9 and 10 when Ms Webster takes leave.

Jill Williams was successful through the Expression of Interest process as our Deputy Principal/Instructional leader for 2021. She is an experienced Assistant Principal across two schools and is currently Relieving Principal of Grays Point PS.

We are awaiting news from Staffing on another appointment.

I would like to thank Fatima Krayem and Taha Marabani who were on our merit selection panels for their time and commitment to the process.

End of Year Events-Guidelines persist so we have reconsidered our processes. Presentation Day sessions will follow the same processes i.e. K-2, 3-6 but be filmed and uploaded for parents to watch later in the day.

Year 6 Farewell will continue with limited staff in attendance and only Year 6 children (and the four captains for 2021).

The Platinum excursion is now a Gold Incursion (due to the period of remote learning) with lots of wonderful things planned.

The Swimming Carnival has been booked for next year and Mr Brannigan is working his way through the COVID Safety plan. Next year there will not be across the pool races for a number of reasons including the fact that the pool will not remove the lane ropes next year.

School Directives-We are presently evaluating our current school plan and using this data, a situational analysis and our External Validation results to plan our directives over the next four-year cycle. School data includes the TTFM survey results, the remote learning survey results and the feedback from parents on strategic improvement. The Government directives are to increase student results in the top two NAPLAN bands in Reading and Numeracy, increase student growth rates from year 3-5 and from year 5-7 and improve attendance rates. In addition, the school directives will focus on using research and data to drive planning and teaching which is specific to student needs and improving student wellbeing and engagement.

We welcome your feedback on these initiatives.

School photos-I am open to the P&C researching and finding a different supplier for 2021 but if not will book MSP to secure a booking