



TIGHES HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL

P&C ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

Term 1, Week 8

14 March 2016

1. **Attendance:** Tony Selwood, Mary Crump, Ben Collis, Kristen Tola, Ben Coker, Kaylene Hanwright, Tai Bawden, Kristy Crooks, Anita Watts, Ali Raine, David Ryan, Jenny Tarran, Sam Rutherford, Michael Badier, Nicole Daniel, Larelle Haug, Zeita Mason, Nuria Mestres, Dom Willson, Steve Curry, Ras Berghout, Jane Lander, Jacquelynn McGowan, Kristy Nicol, Debbie Nicol
Apologies: Rachel McCulloch, Naomi Isaacs, Neil McIlhinney, Chris Tola

2. **Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting:** Accepted (moved – Tai Bawden, Seconded – Ben Collis)

3. Principals Report – attached

- Staffing – Ms Kerrie Armstrong successful in getting the Assistant Principal position that was recently recruited – other open positions will be recruited by the end of 2016
- Thanks to parents/carers for already booking parent-teacher interview times
- Thanks to all who attended the meet and greet afternoon
- Ethics classes – one of our parents (Carly) will be conducting Year 5 classes
- Kindy Club – the 2016 program is up and running with thanks to Ms Beshman and Mrs Crump
- Buddy Bench – one of the school parents has offered to donate a “friendship seat” to the school. Tony suggested that the P&C might consider the purchase of one on behalf of parents. Cost is approximately \$230. It was suggested we could approach a local men’s shed to build the seat.

MOTION (Ben Collis) – The P&C can purchase a seat to be placed in the playground and used as a “buddy bench” or friendship seat for students

CARRIED - P&C members voted to purchase a seat to be used as a “buddy bench”.

- Water fountain – one will be installed near the basketball court and one near the toilet block. They should be installed by end of Term 2
- Uniform Review – A uniform review committee was formed in 2015 consisting of Tony Selwood, Mary Crump and 2 parents (of both junior and senior boys and girls). A list of options was provided to the P&C meeting. The committee will meet soon to discuss some new options and come up with a proposal

4. Presidents Report

- **Welcome** – Thanks to all of the parents of new students for coming along. A reminder that you can join the P&C for \$2 per year – also, non-members are also welcome to attend P&C meetings, but a reminder that only financial members can vote. We also always need volunteers to help out with various activities throughout the year. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for information about what’s happening. We also have P&C minutes and information on the school website.
- **P&C Federation NSW** – the Federation is calling for new members. Contact Ben Collis (President) for further details.
- **Bunnings BBQ** – Thanks to Ali Raine for coordinating the BBQ, and to all of the volunteers who came along to help out
- **Sunday Family picnic day** – this was a great, inclusive family day



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5. Actions arising

- Treasurer to move the Canteen funds into the Cash Reserve account.
- Kristen Tola to contact the Newcastle Permanent representative to find out the changes, and report back to the P&C.
- Plaque for new playground. IN PROGRESS – the plaque for the new playground should be installed soon.

6. ITEM 1: School Uniform Update

- This was covered in the Principal's Report

7. ITEM 2: School Fete 2016

- DATE: 28 October
- THEME: Circus
- Next step will be a call for Coordinators – look out for a note from the Fete Committee
- Ben Coker will be at school on Monday mornings – Ben will be talking to class teachers to help plan the classroom ideas/themes
- Ben Collis – sponsorship will be the focus next

MOTION (Ben Collis) – The P&C to pay for the special rides which will have to be paid for very soon to secure them.

CARRIED - P&C members approved the Treasurer to release the funds for payment for the special rides.

MOTION (Kaylene Hanwright) – Can the P&C purchase a new tattoo machine – the cost of which is \$350 (approx.) inclusive of inks and attachments.

CARRIED - P&C members agreed to purchase a new tattoo machine for approximately \$350.

8. ITEM 3: Easter Hat Parade – P&C food

- The Canteen will close on 24 March (a note will come home)
- Food will be provided by the P&C for both breaks
- There was a discussion about the types of food that will be provided. Will mini-burgers take too long to assemble? Other food ideas were: soft taco, dinner roll.
- There will be 3 options: sushi, burgers, one other
- First break – hot cross buns will be sold
- Drinks will also be sold

ACTION: Kristy Nicol will help source the buns for the mini-burgers through a supplier

9. ITEM 4: Canteen

- Carried over to 14.

10. ITEM 5: P&C STORAGE

- It was suggested that the P&C should store all of our bits and pieces of supplies and equipment in one place. Perhaps a locked box or space somewhere at school. Could the P&C invest in something like that?

ACTION: David Ryan and Ben Collis will look into a suitable location for the P&C to consolidate and store equipment and supplies.



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11. ITEM 6: BUNNINGS BBQ – 19 JUNE

- The P&C need a coordinator for the next Bunnings BBQ on 19 June
- Ali has lots of information about how to coordinate this
- Volunteers needed, please

12. ITEM 7: SCHOOL BUS – CALLAGHAN COLLEGE

- THPS students are zoned for Callaghan College at Jesmond
- Some parents think we should investigate having a designated school bus – as some students have to catch 2 buses to arrive on time to start school.
- There was a discussion around this, and other parents commented that students can catch an earlier bus which gets them to Jesmond on time
- Any parents with concerns about public transport options for their children should contact Callaghan College directly.

13. ITEM 8: REPAINTING SCHOOL MURALS

- The P&C was contacted by one of our parents, Jessica Coughlan
- Jessica offered to re-paint the school mural walls free of charge
- There was discussion around this, that the murals do not require re-painting
- One parent suggested the P&C should consider opportunities to maximise school entry points as more welcoming, and to provide more indigenous connections, with artworks in these areas
- The P&C welcomes further discussion with Jessica about this, and Tony and Jane Lander can look into other ideas

14. Finance

- **Treasurer's Report – tabled**
- This month: P&C funds \$4027.17
 - Canteen \$6427.64 was transferred into Cash Reserve account
 - Cash Reserve \$24638.52
 - TOTAL \$28665.69
- Canteen coordinators are still to pay into the P&C account
- Membership receipts will be given out soon
- Outgoings- Book awards
 - Trophies for Presentation Day 2015
 - Lunch bags – goods for sale
- Income- Membership fees
 - Lunch bag sales
 - Second hand uniforms
 - Bunnings BBQ
- Accounts for payment - Mother's Day stall gifts

15. P and C Initiatives

- **Canteen Committee**
 - Feedback to the new operators was that some parents were concerned about certain items offered on the menu, such as light jelly cups
 - Some parents are concerned about teaching good eating habits to children and the menu choices being offered



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- There was an extensive discussion about the menu
- Tony mentioned he is happy to conduct the Good Food assessment again, to review the current food options being offered by the Canteen
- Discussion continued about how the Canteen is going. Feedback was that it's great to have the Canteen open 5 days, and it is possibly too early to know how well the new arrangement is working.

MOTION (Ben Collis) – That the P&C allow the current agreement to continue, as we have not had the opportunity to gain feedback from parents and students.

CARRIED - P&C members agreed to extend the Canteen operating agreement to Term 2.

- **Fundraising Committee**

- *Movie Day*

- Date changed: Sunday 18 September
- Movie: Pete's Dragon [PG]

- **Garden and sustainability Committee**

- Carried over to next meeting

16. General Business

- **Canberra Excursion (3 days)**

- There is no longer a student assist grant available

MOTION (Tai Bawden) – That the P&C support students who cannot afford to attend the excursion with a subsidy. **Not Carried.**

- **Athletic Carnival**

- Does anyone know if there's a spectator's fee at Glendale?
- Parents were not sure about this

ACTION: Mr Slade will check whether there is a spectator's fee at Glendale, and notify parents via the School App

- **School App**

- If the School App is not working on your phone – please try uninstalling it and re-installing, and it should then work! What a great tip!

- **School seating**

- The seats around the school are not looking their best. The wood appears to be deteriorating, and may need repairs or replacement

ACTION: Ben Collis and David Ryan will audit the school seats and work out a plan for repairs and/or replacement.

- **Kiln (in the Art Cave)**

- Jane mentioned that the kiln has to run into the night, and it gets very dark in the Art Cave area. The area requires more lighting, so that volunteers feel a bit safer there.

ACTION: Tony will look into providing more lighting in the Art Cave area.

- **Thank You**

- To Jane Lander, a big thank you for volunteering your time to fire up the kiln on Saturdays

- **New parents attending P&C meetings**

- all parents are welcome to come along to P&C meetings
- there are concerns with how we receive new parents and feedback about how intimidated people feel at times during meetings



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- It was suggested to change General Business to an open forum, including a meet & greet
- **Shade cover for playground**
 - It was suggested that the P&C consider building a shade cloth/cover over the playground on the western end of the school

ACTION: David Ryan agreed to investigate options for a shade cloth/cover for the playground, and report back to the P&C
- **Working Bee**
 - Ras and Tess would like to coordinate a day for a Working Bee with Ben Collis.

Meeting Close: 8.02pm

Next meeting: All Welcome
9 May (Term 2 – Week 3)
6-8pm