

P&C Association Incorporated

Minutes of P&C General Meeting held on 27 May 2025

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| Open | Meeting started at .9:15am |
| Attendance | Principal – Mr. Mark Steed Deputy Principal – Ms. Tanya Russell Deputy Principal – Mr. Dave Renshaw |
| Minute Taker | Ann Chou |
| Apologies | Mrs. Natalie Saad |
| Previous minutes | Motion carried: 1 st Siu Kim 2 nd Jolene Yu |
| Business arising from previous meeting | N/A |
| Principal's & Deputy Report | <p>Principal – Mr. Mark Steed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Road traffic survey update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will try to invite representatives from other 4 schools in this immediate educational precinct for future meetings because this issue is one that requires a collaborative effort. • Georges River council have looked at the whole educational precinct (Sydney Technical High School, GRC Hurstville, Bethany College, Star of the sea, The Adventist School and Hurstville Public School) and have just commissioned new traffic survey last year which looks at traffic volumes on all of the roads, challenges and dangers for pedestrians. • Transport for NSW have been working with the state government on a business case for a pedestrian overpass which will be located at the front of our school and extend diagonally across the road to the KFC car park. It will cost around 5 million to plan and 15 million to build. We have also considered widening the gates; however the footpath would also be required to be widened. 2. Markets Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We've had an application with the Assets manager from the department for the past 3 years to try to get a license to hold markets on weekends. Propose with P&C to collaborate with the school to have markets on weekends. Then would have to look at putting in place the development application with Georges River Council for license and also advise the number of stalls the market can hold. The cost of the application around \$20K and takes around a year to get |

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| | <p>approval. Motion: Jolene Yu & Lena Qiu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are planning to get one of the council officers (planning officers) to engage in the process and a traffic and development consultant that we work with to guide us through the process. <p>Deputy Principal – Mr. Dave Renshaw & Mrs Tanya Russell</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Canteen Tender Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New canteen license process is complete. The service provider MADE FRESH will be continuing. Menu and operations will reflect DoE healthy eating guidelines. The Canteen manager Kathy will attend to P&C Meeting once a month and SRC meeting. School Interviews. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent-teacher interviews scheduled for term2, week 10. Staff have allocated space and time; 11:30am-6:00pm on either Tuesday or Wednesday, plus additional afternoons. There will be a translator provided on Monday. Communication will be sent to families shortly via note, Seesaw and Belltower. School reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Semester 1 reports will be delivered digitally via the Parent Portal in Sentral. Families have received instructions on access and downloading portal through Belltower. This change aligns with department policy and improves efficiency, security, and sustainability. Movie Night: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planned movie night was postponed due to wet weather. New date is 20th June. Already purchased tickets will be honoured. |
| President's Report | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Democracy Sausage was a success event. P&C didn't spend any money. All were donated from businesses. The Mother's Day stall was completed successfully. Most of the stock was sold. |
| Treasurer's Report | <p>Democracy Sausage \$1970 Mother's Day stall \$6900 Account Balance \$39,057</p> |
| General Business | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion of String Ensemble in School Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some parents have asked whether participation in the String Ensemble is officially recognized as a regular school activity in the school reports. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The current practice seems inconsistent; for example, it was not mentioned in my child's Semester 1 report last year but was included in Semester 2. ○ Parents would appreciate if String Ensemble could be consistently included in reports, like other programs such as Band and Choir. <p>2. Change in School Donation Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recently, some parents raised concerns about the change in the donation process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Why has the school switched from using cash envelopes to an electronic donation system? ▪ They prefer the old method, as children could personally hand the donation envelope to the teacher, making them feel their contribution was acknowledged. ▪ The new electronic method system lacks the same sense of connection and recognition. <p>3. Use of VPN Apps and Gaming During Class Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One parent recently found out that her son's school iPad had a VPN app installed, which allows students to bypass school restrictions and play games during class time. Another parent has also noticed their child playing online games during school hours. ○ They would like to ask the school for support in managing this issue, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sending an E-news reminder to parents to check their child's iPad for these VPN apps. ▪ If teachers notice these apps, issuing a warning to the student or parent. ○ The goal is to address this issue before it becomes more widespread. <p>4. Two additional P&C Vice Presidents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irene Li and Shirley Lam |
| Next Meeting | Tuesday 17th June 2025 9:15am Onsite in the main staff room |