

Elmwood Normal School Community Association (ENSCA)

Minutes of meeting held 9:00am, Thursday 13 April 2017

1. Present:

Bridget Eastgate, Nicola Brownlee, Kelly Snoep, Rebecca Taylor, Michelle Tait, Steph Burdon, Maree Harris, Rachel Teen, Jonelle Quane, Paul Armitage, Louise Parnham, Daneen Morgan

2. Apologies:

Dawn Taylor, Renee Harman, Tara Lemon, Jo Wynn-Harris, Julie Wells, Pip Singleton, Natasha Lamont

3. School Disco

Maree asked for ENSCA's opinion on whether a school disco might be a good idea and provide the opportunity for parents to come together and chat rather than the usual picking up of children and rushing off. Disco would involve different time slots across the year levels. ENS auditorium was suggested but to avoid liquor licence issues it is better to outsource. The Library at No. 4 Mansfield or JDV's was suggested. Tuesday 15th August, 3.00 pm onwards has been agreed on as a proposed date. The Library at No.4 Mansfield is \$50 to hire.

AP Steph Burdon to investigate further.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16 March 2017 were previously distributed.

Action points to carry over

- a) Bridget to chat to Mary re calendar artwork requirements
- b) Nicola Brownlee to organise Brigitte's café vouchers for class rep

Motion: "That the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 16 March 2017 are accepted".

Moved: Bridget Eastgate

Seconded: Rachel Teen

4. Correspondence in and out

- NZPTA advertising various conferences.

- Thank you letter from Paul Armitage regarding ENSCA donations to ENS.

5. Treasurers Report:

Nicola Brownlee supplied the recent accounts and advised:

Opening Balance: \$47,235

Money received in for the Antarctic breakfast (\$2,260.00), the Amazing Race (\$525) and Entertainment Book sales (\$195).

Money paid out this month was for uniforms and sushi. A few invoices still to pay.

\$1,700.00 will be paid back for pool key deposits in the next couple of weeks.

Motion: "That the financial statements for the months of 17th March to 13th April 2017 are ratified and all accounts approved for payment."

Moved: Nicola Brownlee

Seconded: Bridget Eastgate

6. Principal's Update

Paul thanked ENSCA for the great job of organising the Amazing Race.

Paul said the Auditorium looks great and is just waiting on a break in the weather to finish roof repairs. The newly painted inside colour scheme gives a sense of more space.

Paul informed ENSCA that thieves are pinching cone speakers from schools as they are easily portable and can be wired up to iPods/media players and installed onto scooters so they have music as they scoot about. ENS has had several speakers stolen and consequently the school bell system has not been working effectively.

Security footage shows youths of around 15/16 years old on school grounds late at night. As ENS is a public school property we cannot put up a fence to lock people out. Security is checking on ENS each night but obviously are unable to be there 24/7.

7. Amazing Race

The ENS Amazing Race was held on Sunday 9th of April from 10 am to 2 pm. 31 families took part. Feedback confirmed that it was a fabulous fun family day out.

Need to give consideration to how often ENSCA run it? - 3 years was considered too long a period between race events so perhaps every 2 years? It is relatively easy to organise and prizes came in from the Biz Network.

Thoughts for future planning:

- Cut the number of questions down so all teams are back at school by lunch time so prize giving can start earlier;
- There needs to be several printers or several locations with printers as there was a queue of 20 minutes for printing which was not ideal;
- Ideally there should be new committee involved in organising future races so everyone gets a chance in participating in the race.

It was decided to run another Amazing Race again next year at the end of Term 1.

8. ENSCA Breakfast

Money is still coming in with a few more funds to be received. Organising is ticking along.

9. Quiz Night

Daneen spoke with the Casino. There are two rooms for hire. One caters for at least 50 people and the other larger room can accommodate at least 100 people (up to 250) and comes with free room hire and quiz master included. Only Sunday to Thursday is available in the larger room. A parking chit is given to those attending the quiz. It was proposed that a quiz be run on Thursday 29th June, the end of Term 2 (week 9). Five or six per team. \$10 each or \$60 per table of five/six people.

AP Daneen to collate information and have ready to sell tickets.

10. Art Auction

The information evening calling for volunteers was well attended with twelve people turning up. Most classes have someone to help out. One person per year level has been allocated to be in charge. Artwork is to be produced by the end of Term 2. There was a suggestion and approval that a class photo is to be displayed alongside each piece of art for auction so everyone knows the classroom/pupils involved.

11. Upcoming Events

None before the next meeting.

12. Any other business

Linc-Ed

Maree Harris showed ENSCA a quick view of the Linc-Ed database. It has the ability to email prompts if a teacher has written a comment on a student. Photos, videos and children's work can be uploaded. Students, teachers and parents can make comments providing an opportunity to hear from all those involved in working with your child and know instantly how a child is tracking. Goals can be set. User name and login provide a secure portal. Accounts are

linked and can be paid online all through the same portal. ENS Management Team to roll out Term 2.

Winter Sport

The winter sport program for Years 5 and 6 has had a shake up, as it was a logistical nightmare to manage. Students will now stay at school to play sport and may involve having St Albans Primary coming in to play against ENS teams. In addition there is still an opportunity for children to trial for teams to play at Hagley Park (an A and B team). A majority of schools around the city are changing their sport program to suit, as the City Council simply does not have enough venues available.

Brian is looking into co-ordinating coaches to come into school and run a block of sessions in a particular sport i.e. Mainland Football, Marist etc.

Meeting closed at 10.02 am.

Next meeting is to be held 18th May 2017 at 9:00 am in the staffroom.