

Tambrey Primary School P&C Meeting Minutes

Date: 5TH May, 2015

Present: Maxine Trainer, Troy Withers, Nicole Storey, Stacey Oxley, Sue-Ann Scobie, Darren Gillon, Lauren Bruce, Maree Cross, Kylie Miller, Stuart Dale, Cassie Perry, Anne-Marie Horn, Ceanne England, Francis Bosman, Lauren Colby

Apologies: Amy Pilkington, Anrie Oosthuizen

Meeting opened: 7.30pm

		Action Required / Person Responsible	Due date
1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Accepted by: Maxine Trainer Seconded by: Stacey Oxley			
2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: Tambrey's Infrastructure and Rejuvenation Plan 2015 was passed onto the Pilbara Development Commission on behalf of Brendon Grylls and Sue Cuneo. A response was received to say that the \$51 million funds had already been allocated to different areas/projects. Brendon Grylls is aware of the outcome and will follow-up and see if there is another way to receive funds for shading. A response to Stuart's letter to Peter Collier was also received. It stated that Tambrey's 2014 application was received after the cut-off date so was ineligible to be considered. It was recommended that Tambrey re-apply for the 2015 grant and have it submitted by 24 June 2015. Troy said that the application for 2015 had been submitted before the due date.		Stuart Dale	
3. CORRESPONDENCE: <u>In Correspondence</u> Westpac Bank Statements Peter Collier Response Letter	<u>Out Correspondence</u>	Anne-Marie Horn	
4. REPORTS: 4.1 Presidents Report Fun run books were sent home last Monday. It will be held on Friday 22 May. The online donation has been set up; instructions are in the booklet. Stuart will put up on Facebook that it is up and running. Stuart will liaise with staff about the structure of the day; will most probably happen at 9am. Children		Stuart Dale	

<p>will receive an icy pole afterwards. Stuart has told most teachers that the money raised from the fun run meets the teacher's requests for 2015. The fan is in; we have funds to pay for half of it, we need to work on funds for the remainder.</p>		
<p>4.2 Treasurer's Report Main Account \$ 28,020.09 Library Account \$ 137.93 Canteen Account \$ 9,888.81</p>	Stuart Dale / Anne-Marie Horn	
<p>4.3 Uniform Shop Report No news.</p>	Maxine Trainer	
<p>4.4 Canteen Report All is going well. Children are enjoying the new menu. Ice-cream in a cone big seller at lunch time; averaging 50 a day. Also jelly cups at recess big sellers; 30 a day.</p>	Anne-Marie Horn	
<p>4.5 Principal's Report Thank you to Francis and Lauren for their presentation tonight. It will be great to see children interacting. Welcome to another busy term at Tambrey Primary School. There have been a number of staff changes. We farewelled Ms Carly-Jo Stewart, Miss Brittany Norton and Mrs Tanya Pratt at the end of last term due to a range of unavoidable personal reasons. They will be missed, but on behalf of our school community, I wish them all the best. As a result of these unfortunate departures and some exciting initiatives, we welcome a number of staff. Mrs Amanda Wilkins is an experienced early childhood educator who will teach in ECC3 for the remainder of the year. Miss Larissa Herring is a recent graduate from Notre Dame University with early childhood training who will teach in ECC1 and ECC5 as well as Health in our junior primary classes. Mrs Flavia Greenland also brings her wealth of experience to ECC4 in tandem with Mrs Hinchcliffe. Mrs Rebekah Murphy is happily returning to education to teach health to our middle and upper classes. Mrs Amy Bailey and Mrs Kerryn Ingrey are joining the team as special needs education assistants. I am very excited to launch a number of initiatives designed to better meet the needs of our students. Following a review of our one line budget and student achievement, Mrs Megan Graham has been appointed to lead the efforts to target our students who are achieving below expectations in Years 3 to 6. This program will focus on literacy and numeracy. She will be joined by an education assistant following a merit selection process. We are drawing on the experience of Mrs Ngaire Satre who will run a Talented and Gifted program on Thursdays for our high achieving middle and upper students. Parents of students identified to be involved in these programs will be informed individually and invited to share in the program and celebrate their children's progress.</p>	Troy Withers	

Other initiatives launched this term recognise and enhance the leadership and professional practice of our teachers that will ultimately have a positive effect on students.

ANZAC

We commemorated ANZAC day on Friday 24 April with a service in front of our flag poles that was run by our student leaders. They did a wonderful job. Warrant Officer Class Two Troy Hutchinson was our special guest and gave a very moving address and followed up by engaging with the student leaders to share his leadership journey and provide some very good advice. Special thanks go to Mrs Linda Willoughby and Mrs Kylie Miller for their organisation of the event.

Canteen reopened

I am very happy that we have a canteen service reinstated and appreciate the support of the P&C and in particular Mrs Anne-Marie Horn. I encourage everyone to volunteer to help keep our canteen open.

Transition to NAPLAN on Line trial

Along with 35 other diverse schools across the State, we have been invited to take part in the Transition to NAPLAN Online trial. This is an opportunity for Tambrey Primary School to both shape the way NAPLAN is conducted in the future and review and enhance with way we integrate Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) into teaching and learning. We will be ahead of the game as the trial provides device and infrastructure support that is not likely to be repeated for all schools. Broadly speaking, once implemented, NAPLAN on line will allow better assessments, precise results, faster turnaround through enhanced item types, broader range of skills, enhanced accessibility, better differentiation and automated scoring. First trialling of assessments will begin in 2016.

Solving the Mystery of the Whale Shark

I am pleased to announce that our expression of interest in securing a whale shark to track as part of a research project to solve the mystery of their world-wide journey. This is an exciting opportunity to be involved in and presents many wonderful scientific learning possibilities. Mrs Helen Osborne is attending the launch next week and working with the researchers and writers to make the most of the experience for our students. The technology involved is quite expensive so I am grateful to the Masons of Karratha for their donation and invite everyone to enter the competition to name our whale shark for a gold coin donation.

Building and Infrastructure Rejuvenation

Following last week's assembly, our fan was installed in the under covered area. Thank you to the P&C for their financial support. Attention has also been paid recently to rectify the uneven paving around the school and painting to 3 of our Early Childhood classes and the under covered area will soon take place. We have also sought a \$20 000 funding grant to improve our playground shade.

NAPLAN

Our Year Three and Five students will join their peers across the country next week to engage in literacy and numeracy assessments. While NAPLAN is an important tool to provide parents, schools and systems with valuable information about student achievement and progress, I urge everyone to treat it as just another learning activity for students to demonstrate their knowledge, skills and understandings to the best of their ability.

Reporting to Parents

Reports to parents on student achievement and progress will be available on 2 July; last day of school. One of the key points to remember is that grades are allocated against expectations of achievement for the child's current year level. For example; a C grade indicates your child is achieving at the expected level, a B or A grade indicates your child is achieving beyond expectation for their year level not necessarily achieving at a higher year level.

National Simultaneous Storytime

Members of the P&C are invited to share in this event, Wednesday 27 May by offering to read a story to a group of students.

Request for muscle

Following confirmation of dates, a request will be made to assist with moving of furniture in the library, front office and ECC transportables.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

Outdoor/Indoor Activity Ideas

Lauren Colby (Year 2/3) and Francis Bosman (ECC) are the NQS (National Quality Standards) representatives for Tambrey PS. They are focusing on quality area No.3 Physical Environment; covering both indoor and outdoor environments. They would like to upgrade/implement new activities for the students, both indoor and outdoor. Lauren talked about the lack of activities for students to do during recess and lunchtime. Playground is lacking resources, sports equipment is low, and playgrounds are too hot; as no shading. Lauren focused on the main school and Francis on the ECC area. Lauren would like to see the introduction of giant jenga's, giant dominoes, balancing beams, target games and tyre caterpillars to the school grounds; pictures are attached below. These items could be made out of old materials parents have at home; off cuts of wood, pipes and tyres. Lauren also discussed the idea of placing big chalk board up on the basketball court wall and maybe introduce a boat/dinghy up on the hill. Ideas to keep the kids active and interested.

Francis noted that we could ring Karratha Earthworks and have a free truck of sand delivered for the lower school playground; as the sand level is pretty low.

Francis noted that many years ago, the classes all had activity boxes that they would take outside at recess and lunchtime. The boxes consisted of items the children could play with. Once recess and lunch time was over the items had to be replaced back into the boxes and the box would then return

Lauren Colby / Francis Bosman

<p>back to the classroom. There is no funds available to restock/provide these boxes again. Francis wondered if parents could donate items such as balls, sand buckets and spades to provide these boxes again.</p> <p>Francis attended a nature play seminar. The 'plastic fantastic' phase is being pushed out of playgrounds and nature play is being implemented (pictures are attached). For the ECC area she would like see the introduction of plant trellis structures; so children can lay under or run through. Create a stage/performing area. Francis would like to create an outdoor classroom area. The introduction of a whiteboard with stumps for tables and chairs for the children; they are noticing that outdoor teaching sessions are making the children more relaxed and focused. An outdoor kitchen in the sandpit area. A supply of pots and pans for children to play with. Francis would like to place a concrete tunnel in the Kindy grounds; allow the lawn to grow over and the children can play in. Lauren would like to see the donation of paver paint to be used on the pavers. Create the alphabet, numbers and sight words on pavers.</p> <p>Francis and Lauren would like a busy bee to happen. They suggested that information sent home to parents to see who can help supply any of the items and then work towards a date to install.</p> <p>Stuart said that he would like to choose some items that are realistic to complete this term, and send information home to parents for help. There is many parents who are available on their days off who would like to help out.</p> <p>Members on the P&C queried about items that would be left outside; without a fence, items would be damaged from trespassers. There is also the lack storage space in the school. Lauren hoped that some of the classes would be able to just store the items in the classroom during non-school time. Some items will need to be discussed with Smurf the gardeners, as the reticulation and the mowing of lawns to be considered.</p> <p><u>Library</u></p> <p>Stuart has been talking to Ashlen Taylor (Librarian), she is needing a parent to help with the Scholastic book club; Tanya Pratt has now left. Will be required to collate orders and distribute when they return. The library will also be having its book fair, week 6 Tuesday 27 May. She will need some assistance on the night. Ashlen asked if the P&C would like to put on a sausage sizzle for the night. Stuart and other members agreed that there isn't a great profit made on the night. It had been done previously 2 years ago, and there wasn't that much interest. Ashlen will put the need for help up on the Facebook site.</p> <p>Meeting closed at: 8.37pm</p>	<p>Stuart Dale</p>	
<p>6. NEXT MEETING: 2nd June 2015 at 7.30pm</p>		

Lauren Colby Outdoor Ideas



Giant Jenga



Giant Dominoes



Balancing Beams



Target Games



Tyre Caterpillar

Francis Bosman Outdoor Ideas



Plant Boxes with Trellis



Concrete Pipe



Rock/Sand Playpit



Outdoor Classroom



Stage/Performing Area



Outdoor Kitchen



Pots and Pans



Balancing Logs