

**Mount Stromlo High School  
Parents and Citizens Association meeting  
18 OCTOBER 2021, 7.15 pm, online**

**Meeting opened:** 7:15 pm  
President, Tina Tilley opened the meeting

**Attendance:**

Tina Tilley	Julie Williams	Nikki Daley	Sue Cooper
Peter Radford	Tim Bryson	Marina Spurgin	Patrice Higgins
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**Apologies:** Joanne Forster

**Acceptance of previous minutes:**

Tina moved that the minutes of General Meeting, September 6, 2021 be accepted, seconded by Julie, minutes accepted.

**Business arising**

**School Uniforms 2nds**

Tina reported there are many bags of donated uniforms in the storeroom to sort through. She'll organise a time to do this - anybody who's interested in helping please email the president. Anita volunteered.

Tina has spoken with Peter about running a second-hand sale at the beginning of next year, and confirmed that parents can continue to donate second-hand uniforms to the front office while following Covid safe procedures ie stay home if unwell, wear a mask and use the school checkin.

**P&C information MSHS website**

Tina brought together the proposed changes in a draft of the new web page and clarified the P&C school board member changes. The second draft will be finalised and sent to Peter.

**Mango Drive - Sue Cooper**

Sixty boxes ordered so far, with 64 required to be viable. Two weeks to go and a promo was in the newsletter today - thank you, Peter. More orders are expected with the last-minute rush. Maximum of approx. 320 boxes. A few spares will be available to sell on the day. When the mango drive began, it was good to get 100 boxes ordered and now they're up to 320.

Delivery is in December to the school carpark. We'll receive notice a few days prior to delivery and that day is usually busy so volunteers are needed. Everyone is notified to collect their mangoes. Please email the President, if you're available to help handing them out.

**President's report**

**World Teacher's Day**

To acknowledge the work of teachers at MSHS Tina purchased 'cake in the cup' gifts on behalf of the P&C and attached 'Thank you' messages for each MSHS Teacher and delivered them to the school. Tina thanked the Principal for assisting with distribution.

## **Fundraising 2022**

Please email the President with any ideas for fundraising next year.

## **Treasurers report**

No bank statements.

## **Board report**

The Board meeting was prior to the P&C meeting. While Bronwyn was away the Board are currently working on the budget. Next Board meeting will be in week eight of term four.

## **Principals report**

### **Futsal Court**

Work has started with the irrigation systems and will move quickly once it warms up.

### **Kitchens**

The Principal met with Building and Capital Works regarding the kitchen upgrade, unfortunately lockdown interrupted the meeting therefore plans were delayed and will restart again soon.

### **Review of the mobile phone policy**

The mobile phone policy is up for review. Peter will send out the draft survey questions to the P&C for feedback. Changing the policy can be contentious so it's important to get community feedback.

### **World Teachers Day Gifts**

Peter thanked the P&C, a little appreciation goes a long way, Teacher's really appreciate it.

### **Esafety sessions for students**

Year seven and eight Esafety sessions were attended by 190 year 7s and 170 year 8s and students behaved very well. We're now working to embed that into what we teach noting that we receive regular questions about Esafety.

### **School Improvement**

Several strategies around literacy and school culture were put on hold due to lockdown so that teachers can focus on their subjects in online learning. The implementation of PBL and education of the social emotional identity strategies. The pressure of transitioning back to school, with all the new restrictions in place, will be difficult enough and student wellbeing is the number one priority.

### **School satisfaction survey**

The survey was sent out by email and results will be compared to previous years. Lockdown will probably impact results this year.

### **The transition back to school**

A lot of work has been done to prepare. As it's all about minimizing risk and putting Covid measures into place. A letter was emailed about all the things we've had to do. The cohorting is challenging for high school, we can't have just seven teachers teaching in the same classrooms, it can't work. We've got teachers across all four year levels, woodwork, for example. There are also the buses and distancing, the different times that students are coming into their class, and they're using separate stairwells. They'll still be in the same classrooms but at different times. We're keeping them as separate as we possibly can. It's far from perfect and there's a lot of information for everyone to take in so we expect some mistakes but will keep reminding everyone until it becomes habit. ACT Health provide the directions and things will probably change, hopefully for the better.

### **Ventilation**

By the end of this week, every school will have an indoor air quality plan. This will include a list of actions already undertaken by the Directorate and actions for schools to undertake each day, including opening windows for natural ventilation and turning on existing exhaust fans. We've adjusted the upper level windows as some of them were screwed closed. We'll do a checklist and send it to the Directorate, then share that with everyone.

### **Masks**

It's not sustainable for schools to supply masks to every student so they need to bring their own. We'll remind them halfway through the day to change them. Like PBL, if students are doing the wrong thing we remind them and explain why. We have to take a hard line on mask wearing and non-compliance, unless they have an exemption, then they'll receive wristbands. The Directorate made that clear. The expectation is for parents to send students with two masks per day - if they're not a 24 hour mask.

### **Year 10 graduation and formal**

Still no indication whether they can go ahead one way or the other. They may allow external venues, we should know soon.

### **Last P&C meeting 2021**

Anita thanked Sue for her service to the P&C, and for running the mango drives, attending every barbecue and second-hand uniform sale. Sue promised to keep in touch and thanked Anita for her efforts as President. Tina also thanked the committee members who were finishing up this year.

### **Next Meeting**

The next general meeting term 1, February 14, 2022

Tina thanked everyone for coming and wound up the meeting.

**Meeting closed: 8:58pm**