
Mount Stromlo High School - Parents and Citizens Association

General Meeting 12 September, 2022, 7.15 pm

School meeting room and online

Please [email the secretary](#) to comment

Meeting opened 7:15 pm

P&C Treasurer, Jaron Bailey opened the meeting and welcomed participants.

Acknowledgement of Country

1. Apologies

John Wellard, President

2. Attendance:

Jaron Bailey, Treasurer

Peter Radford, Principal

Nicholas Potter

Marina Spurgin, Secretary

Julie Williams, Public Officer

Tammy Sattler

Nigel Webster

3. Acceptance of previous minutes 1/8/2022 MS & JW

4. Business arising from the previous minutes

None

5. Presentation:

Jordan Windley, executive teacher, English, gave an overview of English at Stromlo High. He discussed the school's approach to English teaching, and the connection with the ACT English Teachers Association and curriculum.

6. Reports

Treasurer, Jaron Bailey. We are moving the bank accounts to St George and I have followed up with them. The Society Cheque Account with the Business Banking Online facility will allow us to set up an equivalent to the two to sign arrangements. I went into the bank to get the forms but we complete the application in the the local bank with the other signatories needed.

Docs required: copy of the Constitution, minutes from the annual general meeting this year where it says these are the executive, and a certificate of incorporation or registration, and the form that the public officer fills in. to go to Access Canberra. plus any signatories required for the account.

Treasurer to organize with John to go in to the bank and get that organized.

Cash in the bank, around \$15 185 which includes the \$595 for the school, and the \$940 for council affiliation fees. Plus John has a receipt for the square machine.

Delegate

Marina: from last Council meeting

Council's parent survey about concerns in light of Covid -feedback received was around student learning, wellbeing, lack of certainty around school arrangements, and pretty much everyone had experienced some kind of covid related disruptions.

There was some concern about reporting on split classes for teacher shortages. Dave Matthews and Mark Huxley from the directorate, spoke about covid response teams.

Some issues have been raised around voluntary contributions and the way they're framed, an ongoing issue since they were introduced. Council are seeking feedback.

Mobile phones in schools – new concern about recent media reports on the addictive nature of mobile phones and research showing a similar addictive response as with gambling.

Board No news since last meeting.

Principal

student intake 2023 year 7s will be around 190, smaller than the current 214 because the new school 'Evelyn Scott' will open in Denman Prospect.

budget - The starting budget is in the black, tracking for about 190k in the black – it would be nice if the school could keep it, but we can't. We're trying to spend it, but there's no staff available to spend it on.

There's a separate bucket of money for staffing to everything else to run the school. So, if I don't use it, I lose it, whereas everything else I get to keep. If we could spend it on staff, that's what we'd do.

staffing - continues to be challenging and the school is in a slightly worse position in term 4. Classes are still covered even though a lot of high schools in Canberra can't cover their classes. That's why we took away team in the morning to get that 15 minutes per teacher.

We might have to come up with something else as well, to get through. the important thing is we don't close and go to remote learning. Suggestions for a nine day fortnight is not good for students or for the community. That decision is not up to the Principal, it's the directorate.

Nineteen hours face to face is what teachers must teach. Ours are mostly about 18, so when someone's away, we plug that with an inbuilt relief.

The only person only person in the school not limited in their teaching hours is the Principal.

Team - Losing the morning team session was supposed to be for term 3 only but continues in term 4.

Minutes P&C GM 12/9/2022

While students and teachers like team and the everyday connection, students have been getting to their first lesson on time without team and not so many are lining up at student service anymore. They're in class.

Jaron mentioned some concern about team on year 7 students who may have no other constant touch point. Team is when they do announcements, mark the role, and get to know kids doing the announcements.

Excursions are back, this is very important for students.

Meeting closed 9.05pm Next meeting October 24, T4-W3.

Action list 12/9/2022

Items 6/6	Person	Action	By	✓ ?
	Marina	book another sausage sizzle. Tuggeranong Bunnings, Cnr Anketell & Oakden Streets, Greenway ACT 2900. Ph 02 6234 2000	20/6 + 10/8	✓ letter sent ✓
	Jaron	Insurance		
	Marina	Questionnaire for parents and carers	2/9	✓ draft
Items 1/8				
	Marina	Bunnings BBQ draw October	14/9	✓ contacted via phone
		parent expectations survey P&C planning		In progress
		SRC at P&C meetings orientation invitation		draft In progress
		Uniform sale at Parent Teacher night		
Items 12/9	Jaron	signatories Bank account finalise changes		
	Julie	Uniform sale at Parent Teacher night		