

SAMUEL GILBERT PUBLIC SCHOOL

Minutes - P & C General Meeting, Tuesday 9 September, 2008

Meeting opened: 7:40 pm

Membership of P&C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anyone wishing to join the P&C and in doing so have voting rights at these meetings was invited to join for a \$1 membership fee. Registration is done with the Secretary and the fee paid to the Treasurer who would issue a receipt. 	MR/ JC
Acceptance of Minutes of last meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to accept the Minutes of the P&C meeting 19/8/2008 – Moved: Wendy Speechly , Seconded: Emma Brock, Motion Carried and the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of that meeting. 	
<p>A presentation/demonstration of the interactive white boards – “smart boards” was given by Mrs Evans in her Kindy classroom. Several parents left the meeting following this presentation.</p>		
<p>REGULAR REPORTS</p>		
Presidents Report	<p>Well the great fete of 08 was a huge success both from a financial point of view with a nett profit of around \$37,000, and also from a social point of view with great comments from the wider community about the great atmosphere generated on the day. Special thanks to John Lawson and his wonderful team for the fantastic effort put in by all of you.</p> <p>A fete debrief will be held next week for all those who contributed, to ensure that the knowledge gained from this years fete will be passed on to future years organising committees.</p> <p>Welcome to our new Platinum sponsor Kellie McKenzie and Andrew McDermott of Ray White Castle Hill, (also a family at Samuel Gilbert). If any School family lists and sells their house with them they will donate 10% of the commission received to the P & C></p> <p>The Local Government elections are this Saturday 13th September, and Steve Coleman is organising the election BBQ. At the moment he is still short of helpers so if you can get along for an hour to cook or sell let Steve know on 0402333110.</p> <p>The planned working bee for 21st September has been cancelled as all of our volunteers have been giving so much of late. Please let me know if you are keen for a working bee in term 4 and we will arrange it. I know Andrew and Chris Coe have a few projects on the drawing board.</p> <p>Finally it is with a great deal of regret that I announce the resignation of John Lawson from the executive committee, his balanced views and untiring efforts are already being sorely missed.</p>	AW
Treasurers Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to reports presented at the meeting and attached hereto. <p>Motions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The P&C revise the budget <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. to increase father days stall outgoings to \$1650 b. to increase fete outgoings to \$25000 c. to increase fete takings to \$61000 <p>Moved: Jackie Coleman, Seconded: Miranda Ransome, Motion Carried.</p> <p>Motion 2: That the P&C approve the cheque for the Fete Rides of \$17344.80 for. Moved: Jackie Coleman, Seconded: Miranda Ransome, Motion Carried.</p>	JC

<p>Principals Report</p>	<p>(1) <u>P&C Fete</u> Thank you to John Lawson and the Fete Committee for an absolutely fantastic Fete. What a wonderful community atmosphere. Extremely positive feedback from staff.</p> <p>(2) <u>Hills Music Festival</u> Our school performed wonderfully in the Hills Music Festival last Monday evening. Performances by; Junior and Senior Dance, Performance Band, Vocal Ensemble and students from Year 5 as part of the Massed Choir.</p> <p>(3) <u>Open Day for New Parents</u> The Open Day for new parents was held last Thursday. We received a number of enquiries from potential families.</p> <p>(4) <u>Grandparents' Day</u> A large number of Grandparents and visitors attended our school on Friday. They were entertained by the Performance Band, Vocal Ensemble and Grade Items as well as visiting classrooms.</p> <p>(5) <u>Zone Carnivals</u> Last week we finally finished the Zone Athletics Carnivals after the Field Events were postponed due to wet weather.</p> <p>(6) <u>Coming Events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Disco (change of date due to Local Government Elections) • Year 6 Himalayan Trek • Kindergarten Teddy Bear's Picnic • Sporting Mufti Day • Deadly Australians – incursion <p>(7) <u>Term 3 Working Bee</u> After discussion with Allan White, the Term 3 Working Bee has been cancelled due to the number of other weekend commitments (Fete, Local Government Elections) this term.</p> <p>(8) <u>Year 6 Farewell Committee</u> The Year 6 Farewell Committee has met and are planning for 2008 Year 6 Farewell.</p> <p>(9) <u>Kindergarten Transition</u> The Kindergarten Transition for 2009 will start in the last week of this term and continue into Term 4.</p>	<p>AB</p>
<p>Uniform Shop Report</p>	<p>Advertisement for a replacement for the Uniform shop co-ordinator went in the last newsletter. New batch of tested L/S polos arrived. Replacements and refunds for dye run polos were given to those that requested them. Dye run affected polos are being returned to the manufacturer. St Madeline's primary school rejected an offer to buy our stock of old style trackpants. A small number short-sleeved blouses have been ordered. One of every uniform item is being loaned to Cathy Barclay for photos of the current uniform options.</p>	<p>KP</p>
<p>Band Report</p>	<p>Refer to Accounts attached. The question raised at the last meeting as to why the Band has budgeted for a loss? The Band has purchased new instruments from accumulated funds.</p>	<p>WG</p>
<p>Canteen Report</p>	<p>The Canteen has been running a Fresh for Kids program with the help of the Sydney Markets for the month of August. The Blast off and Win promotion meant that a child who purchased 4 pieces of Fruit or vegetable received a wristband and got an entry card for a major prize. This seems to have been eagerly accepted by the children especially when the fruit was cut up into pieces and sold for 10c. With the help from redeemed shopper vouchers from IGA Knightsbridge we were able to get fruit and vegetables that allowed the very low purchase price. While there are leftover Wristbands we will continue to offer the minor prize.</p> <p>A thank you certificate for IGA is being prepared at present with photos of the children eating the fresh fruit and we have tried to increase the awareness of our Shopper number so that the vouchers keep on coming.</p> <p>Today we supported Grandparents Day with the provision of a free morning tea. Thanks to the Café Store from the Fete and other families who donated cakes the morning tea went well despite the wet weather. A big Thank you to our volunteer helpers and caterers for making it such a positive time for those special visitors.</p> <p>On the 17th September we are having a Pirates Special Food Day for the School</p>	<p>WS</p>

	with a note to come out next week and we are now reviewing our Summer Menu that will commence at the beginning of Term 4.	
School Banking Report	<p>A reminder to all that school banking is done every Monday morning from 9-10am.</p> <p>We encourage all students to participate in this rewarding scheme for both the students and the school. Of late the deposits have fallen away and we would very much like to increase our figures. So please remember to send your child's banking as every little bit helps and it's teaching our children positive banking habits.</p> <p>If anyone is interested in joining the banking team, please leave your name and number with the front office. We especially require additional people for 2009.</p> <p>THE BANKING TEAM</p> <p>Motion that a certificate of appreciation be presented to Julianne Freeman for her many years of service to the school. Motion carried. AW</p>	JF
Acceptance of Reports	❖ Motion to accept all reports – Moved: Emily Koller, Seconded, Lynnea McGowan. Motion Carried	
Correspondence	IN/OUT - P&C Federation Annual Report has been received.	MR
ITEMS AND ACTIONS CARRIED FORWARD FROM THE LAST MEETING		
School play equipment funds & OH&S issue of sandpits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last year the P&C approved funds for use on play equipment as follows: “Motion raised: \$16,000 Funds from Fete to be used only on new play equipment for the students. Moved: Miranda Ransome, Seconded: Frank Walter. Results: 12 votes for the motion, 7 votes against the motion. Motion carried.” <p>Andrew Bowmer stated that the school would benefit from more smart boards. A new motion was raised that overturns the decision from last years P&C by Steve Coleman –</p> <p>Motion: that the \$16,000 funds still not spent on play equipment is used to fund the purchase of “smart boards” and that the order is placed for those boards by next term. Moved: Steve Coleman Seconded: Jackie Coleman. 12 votes for the motion, 5 votes against the motion. Motion Carried.</p> <p>The OH&S issue regarding sand pits was again discussed and Andrew Bowmer stated that the school was not in favor of sandpits because of the OH&S problems associated with them.</p>	
Band Committee Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allan White and Wendy Griffiths still to meet and discuss. 	JM
Review of P&C Rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Rules have been distributed to the P&C email list. A note was made in the schools Newsletter alerting parents to the changes. The Draft was again presented by Steve Coleman and various aspects discussed. Motion raised by Steve Coleman, Seconded: Wendy Griffiths, that the new Draft P&C Rules be adopted by the P&C and be presented at the next meeting in October for a vote. Motion carried. The agreed Draft is to be distributed to all the P&C again and posted on the schools web site - MR 	SC
Parents Directory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Still to be done 	AW
FUNDRAISING & EVENTS		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Fete Update – Fete debrief next Tuesday. The Fete was very successful and raised a surplus of \$37,000. Family Photo Day – Irene Doherty, the planned date is now Sunday 19 October. Advertising for this event will commence shortly. Fathers Days Stall – This year's Father's Day Stall was a huge success. The children really enjoyed coming in and choosing gifts to purchase for their dads /granddads etc. It looked like we were going to run out of presents early so another \$200 (approx) was spent on chocolate bars from the local shops at Knightsbridge. I suggest the 	

	<p>budget be increased to \$2000 or even more for next year. I would like to say a HUGE thank you to the following mums that gave their time to help sell gifts. Most of them spent the whole day there with me. Jenelle Lockrey, Donna White, Leesa Pemberten, Sandra Sargon, Carole Reedy, Audrey Wilkinson, Laretta Josevski, Renee Pace and Nicole Clifford There were quite a few IOU's given on the day. Most of these have been paid. There is a few that remain outstanding. (approx \$25) Just over \$3000 was taken on the day. Emma Brock.</p>	
	4. Social Club Books – Kristen Parle and Emma Brock.	
	5. Carols Night – Lynnea McGowan	
NEW BUSINESS		
LGA Election BBQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteers are desperately needed. 	SC
School Funding requests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MR reminded Andrew Bowmer and the P&C that funding requests need to be considered 2 weeks prior to the request being considered and that the October meeting will be the last opportunity for the school to make their request prior to their own budget deadlines. 	

Meeting closed 10:40 pm

Next P&C Meeting: Tuesday 15 October 2008, 7:30 pm Teachers Staff Room
All Welcome