

Amaroo School P&C Association

Minutes Summary

Monday, 27 July 2020

Amaroo School, Katherine Street, Amaroo

Open: 7.00pm **Closed:** 8:20pm



Meeting Summary – For more information email amaroopc.secretary2914@gmail.com

1. Reports by Exception Only

President

- Job Keeper is progressing until September when the P&C will reassess the need to continue.
- Call to school community for support in updating the bathrooms with feature walls. Members of the P&C will determine bathroom dimensions in order to estimate the volume of paint required.
- School hoodies (extra-small to extra-large) have been purchased by the School for students in need – remainder will also be sold through the canteen for \$30. The school's website will be modified to ensure students and families are aware that it is suitable for uniforms in the school colours to be worn
- Primary red hats are selling very well through the canteen and the P&C may need to purchase more soon.

Canteen Subcommittee report

- Lunch orders through flexischools is going well
- B1 orders are not all being collected by classes in K-6 on a Friday. Discussions were held on ways to advise parents to specifically note either B1 or B2 when ordering - Facebook posts may be a good option to use for a reminder.

Preschool Subcommittee report

- The P&C would like to thank member of the School for building a small-sized kitchen that the children are loving.
- Fundraising picture plates and tea-towels will be ordered in weeks 6 and 7.
- Lunch orders will be processed in weeks 9 and 10.

Executive Principal report

Amaroo school has submitted an application for the Multicultural Awards. The P&C wish the School all the best, and are appreciative of all the initiatives and programs that the School is involved in, including:

- Annual Multicultural Day
- Working with Global School Partners for students to give back and support students in Kenya. Prior sponsorship of Tabaka Academy, our original Kenyan partner school and in 2020 with a new partner school, Obwororo Academy
- English as an Additional Language/Dialogue (EAL/D)
- Language programs of Japanese and French; excelling in the Education Perfect Language Championships

Fundraising report

Amaroo School Parent and Citizens Association Incorp.

ABN: 74 778 047 477

Katherine Avenue, Amaroo ACT 2914

- Father's Day stall goods have arrived. The Stall will be held across three days (1st – 3rd Sept). The P&C will also run a small raffle, drawn on the Friday, 4th Sept.
- A school disco will be tentatively locked in for Week 4 of Term 4. There are no cancellation fees.

2. 2020 Supporting Parent Engagement Grant Program

The ACT Government has opened this year's Supporting Parent Engagement Grant Program. Individual grants of up to \$20,000 are being offered for initiatives that:

- assist P&Cs, through training or other opportunities, to increase our capability to operate, administer and govern school-based businesses such as canteens and uniform shops
- strengthen family-school partnerships and embed effective parent engagement strategies
- develop tools and resources to strengthen parent engagement to maximise the impact on children's learning and wellbeing outcomes
- support involvement of all parts of the school community, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.

Applications for the first round of Grants close on 7 August. Further information can be found at: <https://sites.google.com/ed.act.edu.au/parentengagementgrants/home>

Several options were discussed and voted on, deciding that *communication and engagement improvement be our prime focus. Under this banner we could develop welcome to Amaroo school videos, PBL and what is expected of students, static IT and communication training such as how to use seesaw / google classroom / flexischool*) and can also include the P&C website and even guest speakers coming in to the school.

3. Other Business

It was decided to hold out-of-session approval of P&C minutes to enable a Summary to be published early online on the P&C homepage of the School's website; and to enable parent representatives to access and use the minutes to inform School Board meetings.

Toilets are checked several times per day to ensure there is soap. Primary students have a supervised hand washing regime several times per day. Children have been advised to notify the office ASAP if they notice any problems with the soap dispenser.

To engage more parents, the P&C discussed either running the meeting online or during school hours. If restrictions are eased back to level 3 by the Friday of Week 5, the next P&C meeting will be held at the school on Thursday, 27 August, at 9am.

4. Meeting Close – Closed at 8:20pm

Next meeting – Week 6, Term 3 – Thursday, 27 August 2020 at 9am (depending upon COVID restrictions).