



Umina Beach Public School Council Minutes Wednesday, 17 May, 2017.

Members present: Evan Spiros, Jodi Reith, Vicki Dickson, Rebecca Collins, Sharlene Percival, Lischké Coleman and Amanda Allan.

Apologies: Yvette Whelan, Lyn Davis.

Minute taker: Lischké Coleman.

Meeting started at 3.40pm.

- Temporary changes to council members- Lyn Davis is on leave and Sharlene Percival is relieving as Principal for the school and school council. Andrew Kinniburgh is on leave and Amanda Allan has replaced him as a staff representative.
- Previous Minutes- Yvette has the copy of the last meetings minutes. Rebecca will email Yvette for the minutes and get them sent out to all council members. Minutes will be checked and approved at the next meeting.
- Financial Update- Sharlene produced school financial report. All on track.
- Annual Report- Still to be completed however in the final stages. Will review at next meeting.
- Welfare Policy- Executive team had a look at the policy as well as school council. Minor changes were made, mainly of wording. Council members were happy with the policy and believe it was well structured for discipline before suspension. The policy supports students who are considered "at risk".

Moved by Rebecca. Seconded by all members.

- Friendship chairs- Sharlene to follow up. What will it cost? What will they look like? What is the timeline going to be? These matters will be discussed with the Student Engagement team at their next meeting. Looking at three chairs in the playground. One for Early Stage One, Stage One and Stage Two.
- Melbourne Ave update - State and Federal Government
 1. The new lines are difficult for bigger cars and still a problem. Rebecca spoke to parents of the school. Parents of the school have formed a committee group to assist with obtaining council support.
 2. Rebecca contacted Liesl Tesch MP, yet to hear a response.
 3. David Mitchell, former Schools Access Auditor for Gosford City Council has stated that 5-6 years ago there was an audit done, with estimates made, for funding to cover the development of Melbourne Avenue in 2018-2019 through the Capital Works Department.
 4. Lucy Wilks MP is visiting Melbourne Avenue on Friday the 19th of May at 8.45am, to meet with the parent group for "Walk Safely to School Day" and see/hear the concerns of the parent group. Sharlene is to attend and represent the school. The problem is worsened in the afternoon traffic however, due to other commitments Lucy Wilks MP can only observe in the morning. Rebecca has taken photos of the issues from previous afternoons to show to Lucy Wilks MP.
 5. Harold Scrubby- CEO of Pedestrian Council NSW and head of "Walk Safely to School Day" has advised our school to keep contacting the council for the funding to go ahead.
 6. Letters requesting action and support for Melbourne Ave written by council will be sent to; Lucy Wilks MP, Ian Reynolds Central Coast Council Administrator, Melinda Pavey NSW Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight and the Editors page. This covers all Parliaments.

Moved by Rebecca. Seconded by all members.

 7. Club Umina patrons are not concern about Melbourne Avenue however, they do avoid arriving and leaving during school peak hours.
 8. An unknown person from Gosford City Council was seen observing traffic and parking in Sydney Avenue before the Easter Break. Lyn did approach this person and spoke about changes needed in Sydney Avenue in regards to "Kiss and Drop" areas. Rebecca also spoke with the person about Melbourne Ave.
 9. Signs need to be added to Melbourne Ave and included in the letters sent out.
 10. Police presence has been noticed in Sydney Ave, where students have been known to run without looking.
 11. It was agreed that the media will not be contacted by the Parent group as they are known for bias.

- Cubby House update- Applications for accreditation are in but still pending. Problems arose when the centre tried to change the age groups of the children in care. Animal statues were taken from the property and later found by police. Currently the centre is busing children from Umina Beach Public School to Woy Woy Peninsula Centre in the afternoons for care. Some parents are concerned about the older kids being with the younger ones. Other parents have lost placements in other centres from waiting for the Cubby House to open. Council members believe that when it is open enrolments will not be an issue. Concerns about the Cubby House leaving their gates open which allows unauthorised access to the school. Sharlene to follow up and make sure they are closing them.
- Central Coast Zone Tryouts- Vicki spoke with Gary Jones, Teacher UBPS, about the notification given to students and parents in regards to Zone tryouts. Sharlene mentioned that the schools practice is that only a limited number of kids can attend and that it should not be up to parents to decide if they go or not. The participants chosen always have to be in the A or B grade, train on weekends and/or be a state representative. Mr Murphy always checks their credentials before selection. Vicki would like a notice to also go out in the newsletter so children who are away or who did not hear the announcement, also have an opportunity to participate. This can be done but is tricky as Gary would need to speak with the PSSA and ensure correct wording and guidelines are being met, it also needs to be the same procedures for all PSSA sports. NSW PSSA is known to give very short notice of tryouts and events, which also makes information difficult to provide to parents. This is where students also need to have accountability.
- Sports and Community- Vicki would like the council to consider applying for Government funding to run Sports in Schools. All the local schools seem to be running it in their schools. The issue of charging students was raised. Vicki would like to ask for assistance from the P&C? Sharlene to look into and to discuss with Stage One Executive and relieving Deputy. Who will write the grant? What is the application process? How much extra will it cost?
- Children in the wrong playgrounds- An incident occurred in the Infants playground involving a senior student striking an infant student. Parents are concerned that the senior children are being allowed to play in the wrong playground which is putting infant students at risk of harm. Sharlene assured council that the separation of playgrounds is not a common practice amongst schools and that the incident was a once off, where the parent was notified and a consequence was put in place. Council was reminded that it is a transition process where students are able to come and go when comfortable in their new surroundings.

Meeting closed at 4.25pm.