



Gold Creek School Parents and Citizens Association

Minutes of General Meeting

Wednesday 15 August 2018

6:00pm, Junior Staff Room

Opening remarks

Present

David Pollard	President, Gold Creek School P&C
Briony Taylor	Co-Vice President, Gold Creek School P&C
Erin Lambert	Co-Vice President, Gold Creek School P&C
Mackenzie Tibbetts	Treasurer, Gold Creek School P&C
Heather Lane	Secretary, Gold Creek School P&C
Jacqui Chapman	Associate Principle, Gold Creek School
Sam Beatie	Associate Principle, Gold Creek School
Angelique Matthews	
Cheree Collen	
Lee Pederick	Regional operations manager, Junior Adventure Group
Kim Dyson	Partnership manage, Junior Adventure Group

Apologies

Angela Spence	Principal, Gold Creek School
Tina Lu	Committee member, Gold Creek School P&C
Andrea Gillies	Committee member, Gold Creek School P&C
Naomi Bradley	Committee member, Gold Creek School P&C

Acceptance of previous minutes

The minutes of the 2018 Term 2, week 8 meeting were accepted.



Committee reports

President's report

The president did not have any news to report

Treasurer's report

The cash reserve for the end of the reporting period was \$25,150.22.

The following money was raised though fundraising activities:

- Trivia night - \$550
- grant for technology grant (used to purchase audio visual equipment for the P and C Live videos) – \$1341
- End of term sausage sizzle – \$1394 (only 70-80% ordered online as the order form was provided instead of the preference option to have a link to the form online to print at home instead.)

Because of bank access – David has multiple reimbursements that need to be processed.

Principal's report

Sam and Jacqui talked to the meeting about the social and emotional learning and support in the playground which was live streamed on Facebook. The full video can be viewed at <https://goldcreekschoolpandc.org.au/about-the-pc/meetings-and-minutes/>

Following the live stream, there was continued discussion on the topic. The following questions were asked.

Is the quiet room at the office available for all students?

While the space is for all students, it is used strategically and is not available for general play. Its purpose is to provide a quiet place for students who need to be in a specific environment to be able to reduce anxiety. They can then return to the playground/class when they are ready. If used indiscriminately, it would reduce its effectiveness.

Are there any communications on what clubs are available?

At this stage, clubs are not communicated to parents, but the school will consider providing communications on what clubs are available each term.





The clubs available change each term depending on teacher availability.

There are caps on some clubs due to popularity, e.g. the technology club is very popular.

The clubs are a great way to help kids who are having difficulties on the play ground to gain social development and skill sets. Navigating complex relationships can be a difficult task in schools.

The clubs aim to provide students with tools to develop resilience and treat everyone with respect whether they like them or not. They provide positive alternative spaces for learning to complement other non-class room learning like playgrounds.

General Business

Junior Adventure Group (OSHClub)

Lee Pederick and Kim Dyson spoke about the OSHClub.

Recently, parents completed a survey. A detailed summary of the results was not available at the meeting, but would be provided by email.

The results were generally positive. The results will be used in the continuous improvement program.

OSHClub had arranged for the speaker, Jonny Shannon to visit and speak to the year 5/6 and senior site children. Jonny spoke to the students about using technology safely and responsible use of social media, including managing expectations. The sessions were well received by the students.

The P and C thanked OSHClub for providing prizes for the school trivia night. The vouchers were well received by the recipients.

Lee and Kim encouraged the P and C to continue communicating with them. Requests for fundraising assistance, organisation of speakers and other community engagement activities are welcome.

Lee and Kim provided an opportunity for the P and C to ask questions about the OSHClub. The following matters were raised.

Are there set regulations or rules for food provided at OSHClub?

Some parents had experienced situations where sweets had been provided to students late in the program. It was also noted that siblings had reported to their parents that they had



received different food during the program – e.g. one child had baked brownies for the late snack and the other child had rice crackers or similar for their late snack.

There are guidelines for food provided in the programs, which are reviewed regularly. These guidelines are developed using the 'eat smart play smart' policy/guide that apply to day care services. While the traffic light system is not officially used, they do note them when developing the menus. Generally, the menus involve fruit and vegetable platters on arrival followed by other healthy snacks through the program. The menu is displayed at the sign-in area. Development of menus with healthy substitutes are being developed, for example, foods like jam are being phased out to be replaced with low sugar substitutes, such as low-joule jams.

In regards to the issues raised, it was noted that the survey result showed parents are looking for more consistency in the food supplied. Consistency between the age groups in regards to special cooking activities will be addressed. It was noted that the Nicholls program was unusual in that the age groups are separated due to the number of students attending, which posed a challenge. Solutions to the issues regarding consistency will be reviewed.

What is the relationship between the school and OSHClub?

The OSHClub have strong relationship with the school. They liaise with the school regarding students that need extra help to transition between school and OSHClub and have regular contact with the principles of Gold Creek and Holy Spirit Schools.

Why is there a fee imposed for not notifying of absenteeism?

Lee and Kim outlined the procedure for when students do not show up for OSHClub. If a parent/carer has not notified them of an absence, OSHClub must contact the parents within 30 minutes. If the parents cannot be contacted within 30 minutes they must call the police.

At present, the Nicholls program is getting up to 20-30 no-shows per day. This poses a large burden for staff attempting to contact parents within the 30 minutes window. The fee for no-show is meant to be a disincentive so the number of no-show reduces.

Parents can notify an absence up to the start of the program by phone or in person. At this stage, notification on-line is not available.

Are children escorted to the program after kindergarten?

Not unless there are special circumstances.





Feedback was noted that it could be communicated more clearly that students in year 1 and above are not escorted to the program. While this information is provided in an information sheet for parents, there is a large volume of information included and this detail may not be prominent enough.

Events and Fundraising

Colour Run

Scheduled for last day of term 3.

Received the colour and other materials – need to freeze the juice this year.

If the bottles from last year's colour run cannot be found, the purchase extra bottles to refill the extra powder should be investigated.

Volunteers are needed to coordinate, including a contact person from the school staff.

The official launch should be 4-5 weeks ahead of the event, when the books should be distributed. As book week is the week of 20 August, the launch should be the following week. Announcements at assemblies should begin the following week and continue every week until the event.

Fundraising focus

David proposed design contest for a mascot design, with staff judging and making a short-list for students to vote on.

The fundraising money would then be used to have a mascot made professionally. The mascot could also be used for school teams' uniforms (e.g. soccer and debating teams) and other equipment like marques and an archway. This could then be built on in future fundraising activities to build school branding. The mascot could also be used to create plush toys to give to graduating students.

The role of mascot could be a great way for students to get involved even if they are not on teams.

The introduction of a school mascot will have an effect on other school initiatives, such as the house points system. This would need to be integrated to enhance their effectiveness.

The marketing of the idea should be termed Gold creek branding, rather than just a mascot, to enhance school identity.





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Trivia Night

Lower attendance than last year. Next time fliers should be sent home in addition to the posters displayed around the school/

It would be beneficial to incorporate paying for aspects as well as buying answers.

Raffle tickets.

Flyers – a lot of effort but good for communicating.

Father's Day breakfast

Year 10 students will be cooking again, so only a few volunteers will be needed to supervise.

Access to keys needs to be more organised this time to make sure volunteers are not waiting in the cold.

Term 3 BBQ

Year 10 students will be helping again. The funds from the term 3 and 4 BBQs will be donated to the year 10 formal.

Other business

School Photos

There will be a new supplier for 2019 – Creative School Portraits.

- The new provider has more flexible ordering, once you have paid for the digital copy.
- All the photos taken will be available to viewed and the parents can choose the best shot to order.
- Delivery of photo prints can be directly shipped to home for extra charge (\$3). Otherwise, the prints will be delivered to the school as normal.
- Sibling photos will also be available.

Photos are scheduled for Term 1, Week 3, except for preschool, which are organised independently.

Store room



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Now cleaned and needs some shelves.

The key needs to be found or have the door relocked.

Close of meeting

The meeting closed at 7:30 pm.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 12 September 2018** in the Senior site office.



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