

MDHS P&C
MUKINBUDIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL P&C
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
16TH OCTOBER 2023, SCHOOL LIBRARY



- 1.0 Meeting Opened & Welcome:** At 7.04 pm, Romina opened the General Meeting of the P&C, welcomed all present, and gave an overview of the P&C objectives.

Attendance:

P&C Financial Members

Observers

Romina Nicoletti - President

Linda Vernon – Secretary

Derick Cronje’ – Treasurer

Karl Moll – Principal

Callum McGlashan

Val Tilbrook

Sally Sprigg

Zara English (online)

Amber Silinger (online)

Suzi Sprigg (online)

Apologies: Christine Bowron, Lara Ballantyne, Peggy Olsson

- 2.0 Declarations of Interest:** Nil

- 3.0 Previous Meeting Minutes**

Resolution

That the Minutes of the P&C meeting held on 7 August 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

Moved: Karl Moll **Seconded:** Callum McGlashan **Carried** 10/0

- 4.0 Business Arising**

- Callum advised that the Yr5/6 Class fridge was not repairable and a new fridge was purchased in August 2023.
- DISA carnivals - Christine Bowron has offered to assist with the marking of the oval. Romina offered to assist Mrs. Tilly with the lunch orders. Karl offered that he (and the staff) would be willing to take the equipment Mrs. Tilly needs from the canteen up to the complex for her - all was completed. It was agreed going forward if Mukinbudin DHS was hosting that all

schools be asked to bring a plate/s of morning tea to share and then the hosting school would provide Tea and Coffee.

- Play First Lunch - was currently being trialled in Term 4. Overall, appears to be going okay. Initial feedback/observations are that the High School/Older Kids are not enjoying as much, but there will be a formal feedback process later in the term to gather all views and then the Staff and School Board will review.
- Future High School Numbers/activities to engage future students - Karl advised that he will re-visit this in Term 4 with staff and then take it to the School Board to discuss. He has discussed this with Ninghan Cell Principals and would potentially like to host an event with all Ninghan Cell Schools in Term 1 2024. Derrick asked if the P&C would consider purchasing some MDHS merchandise (ie Water Bottles) that we can provide as a freebie to all students at such an event.

NOTICE OF MOTION: *That the Mukinbudin P&C purchases a quantity (100-300) of MDHS Water Bottles to provide free to students who participate in a high school engagement activity.*

ACTION - Derick to liaise with Karl about the use of school logos and branding and to present a design and costing to the February P&C meeting.

- Shire Water - Romina to raise the interest on behalf of the School in accessing some of the Shire water to the October Shire Council Meeting.
- drumMuster - Callum has completed the training. Lower number of drums delivered this year.

5.0 Correspondence

INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE		OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE	
On-going	General WACSSO Correspondence		
17 Aug	FRRR Unsuccessful Grant Application		
29 Aug	WACSA Annual Membership		
5 Sept	WACSSO Insurance Certificate of Currency		
11 Sept	New drumMuster Portal information		
11 Sept	Bethanie Moore Containers for Change Free Fundraising Toolkit		

Resolution

That the inward correspondence is accepted, and the outward correspondence is endorsed.

Moved: Linda Vernon

Seconded: Sally Sprigg

Carried 10/0

6.0 Treasurer's Report

Derick had circulated the Treasurer's report of [Profit and Loss](#) and [Balance Sheet](#) by email. Key discussion points:

- Romina has sold the donated grain for a good price.
- The Hamburger night at the caravan park saw an income of \$1675
- Footy Tipping raised \$951.00
- Approximately \$55,000 of available funds.
- Karl noted that an invoice from the School for contribution to School Bus expenses should be coming soon.
- Sally asked about the Student Support Fund and an explanation was provided on how and why that operates.
- Romina queried the Repairs and Maintenance expenses and was advised it was for the repairs to the Bainmaree in the Canteen.

Resolution

That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Moved: Derick Cronje

Seconded: Karl Moll

Carried 10/0

7.0 Canteen Report

Was provided by Mrs Tilly as follows:

At the last meeting, it was mentioned that I was invited to a breakfast to be held at UWA. A representative from Auspire started the meeting, stating what their main role was in Australia and that they also presented the Australian of the Year Award. The guest speaker was the 2023 Australian of the Year Taryn Brumfitt. Taryn is the founder of the Body Image Movement and a director of The Embrace Collective. She is an internationally sought-after speaker. Both Anne and I enjoyed listening to her talk. One point that I found interesting, once it was teenagers who worried about their image, now it is kids as young as 5 years and upwards. Surveys have shown they do not do well at school and quite often have problems when reaching adulthood. I have reviewed the menu and after contacting Romina was advised to have a markup of 15%. It should be finished within the next few days. Healthy Bones and Daffodil Days were held in 3rd Term with a Special Menu. The DISA Carnival was also held with over 100 lunches being prepared. While we were putting the lunches in baskets, Romina made a comment about the lunches which I will talk about later. Thank you to everyone who helped load and unload my car. Many thanks to Romina who helped in the kitchen and also for taking everything back to the canteen. It was very much appreciated. The new timetable for lunch in Term 4 did not present any problems and it will be interesting to see what happens later in the Term. A special menu will be available on the 27th of October for Halloween.

Discussion was then held about the DISA lunch catering with Mrs Tilly advising that Koorda is the only school to send back a Master Sheet for the Orders which is most helpful and she would like to see all the schools do this.

ACTION - Karl to liaise with Mrs Tilly about the DISA Lunches Master Sheet and implement this ready for the Term 1 2024 DISA Swimming Carnival.

8.0 Principals Report

Karl Moll verbally presented the following Principal's report:

Kaya and Wanjoo everyone here tonight.

It is great to see the turnout at our last P&C meeting this year. I want to take the time to thank all of the P&C committee for their hard efforts over the year. Romina, thanks to you as President and Linda, thanks for all your awesome efforts as secretary. Derick, thanks for taking on the reins of treasurer and keeping us updated with our funds. Mrs Tilly – thanks for all your help with the canteen. I know the students love ordering Fridays and I enjoy your passion for changing it up a bit. To everyone, else who may have held a role or two and who also helped out during the different fund raising activities (collecting cans, drum muster, donating crops, etc), I personally thank you for stepping up and supporting the P&C, even if it is to attend and support meetings. It has been great to come to meetings with a group of passionate parents/carers who have students across all years of the school and I appreciate your efforts, ideas and suggestions. I am looking forward to next year and the challenge of developing some projects with the P&C and school that benefit the students. I also hope that we can reorganise the same welcoming function at the start of the year, for all new and current staff to meet and greet everyone.

Finally, I really would like to remind everyone that I will make myself available if you ever need/wish to come and see me at the school. My office door is always open, and I don't mind saying, I do enjoy having a chat. If you can't make it in for a chat, please email or call with any questions or issues you may have.

Have an enjoyable rest of the year.

9.0 General Business

9a P&C Financial Support Requests for 2023

No requests or updates provided for this meeting.

9b Future School Planning

The School Board has identified the need to develop a "Master Planning" document for our school that looks at ideas, projects, issues and visions for our school in our community in a 3-5yr, 5-10yr and 10+ year timeframe. This document is to be a bigger visionary document than the DoE Business Plan that we are currently required to do which has a 1-3year timeframe.

The purpose of this document has come about from:

1. our high changeover of school workforce in recent years, which means many ideas are lost or continually raised/repeated as they have nowhere be formally housed and no actual planned actions are put in place to achieving them – creating frustration and disengagement from school stakeholders.
2. An identified need that many parents and community members have ideas, projects, suggestions and we have no mechanism to capture, agree and plan for these.

Propose to engage [150 Square Consulting](#) who have provided a [quote](#) to assist with the planning process in 2024 and hold a series of workshops with

1. the School Board members
2. a community meeting (P&C, parents, general community)
3. Staff

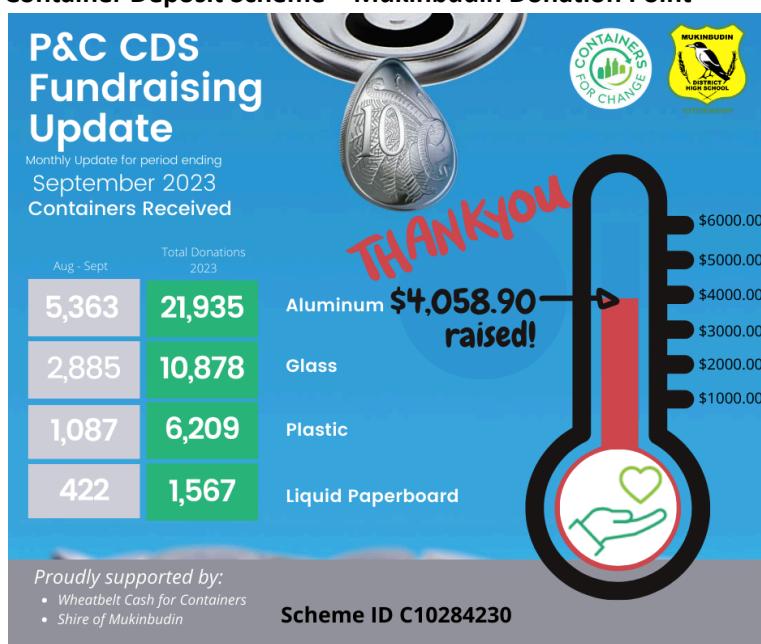
Discussion was held, Derick asked who was paying for the other 50% of the costs. Karl advised that the school would be.

Resolution

That the P&C contribute up to a maximum of \$2,500 (or 50% of the costs) towards engaging 150 Square towards the Master Planning activity.

Moved: Callum McGalshan **Seconded:** Valmai Tilbrook **Carried** 10/0

9c Container Deposit Scheme – Mukinbudin Donation Point



10.0 Other Business

2024 Meet and Greet Event

Karl asked that the P&C host this event again, all present agreed with the date set to be Friday 2nd February, 5 pm at the Mukinbudin Pool. Noted that this would be a good opportunity to provide more information on how and why to become a P&C member and our fundraising activities including Containers for Change.

ACTION - Romina to book the pool and arrange catering and refreshments.

2024 Staffing

Linda asked about staffing for 2024 at the School and did Karl have an idea of what it would be looking like? Karl advised at this stage we would definitely be having at least 1 new staff member.

Graduation

Romina asked if we had received any expenses or requests for the upcoming Yr6 and Yr12 Graduations beyond what the P&C commits in the annual funding commitments. Karl was not aware of any.

Grain Pledge

Linda asked if were we continuing this funding-raising request for this harvest. Discussion held, noted it was not the best season but it was resolved to again ask farming families to donate 1t/child to the Mukinbudin P&C.

Volunteer Morning Tea

The School is holding this on Monday 3rd November at 11 am. It was suggested that the

School consider holding this event earlier in Term 4 in the future to allow for greater attendance by avoiding the busy harvest period. Karl had advised invites had been sent out, Linda noted that she had not seen one.

School Buses

Sally Sprigg asked to speak to the meeting about the Karlonging School bus. It is currently at capacity with no more seats available. Her 3rd child who will attend Kindy next year is on a waitlist for a seat for next year but has also done projected numbers and it is likely up to 7 more children requiring seats on that bus run in the coming years. 90% of the children on the bus are residing in the Mukinbudin Shire, but Beacon Primary School is there the closest school in distance to them. The Karlonging School Bus contractor has currently not been able to seek permission from School Bus Services to purchase a bigger bus for this run. Sally asked the meeting about support and advocacy on this issue.

Discussion was held and key points included:

- Romina and Amber sought clarification on Kindy being compulsory or compulsory to attend once they are enrolled. Karl advised that at present Kindy is not compulsory yet, but it may be in the future.
- In the past meetings had been held with parents and contractors to try to resolve school bus routes and numbers to find solutions for the betterment of all.
- It is a threat to future school enrolments at MDHS if students cannot get access to or seats on a school bus.
- Concerns (safety) about the number (large) of children getting on at the Sprigg (McKenzie & Peyton) stop on Moondyne Road.
- Derrick asked Sally what the worst case scenario would be for this situation. Sally discussed that it was not viable to travel 240km a day to drive her child/ren to school, the current option being that the child would only attend Kindy on the days she worked as an EA and that consideration was being given to homeschooling her children in 2024.

Suzi Sprigg raised that they have moved residence to Rabbit Proof Fence Road in the Shire of Westonia in the school holidays and that they have applied for a new bus stop for Isabella Sprigg (High School - 5km up the road from the Priest Bus Stop) on the Bonnie Rock Bus run to School Bus Services and this has not been approved to date and the last communication from them was that they needed confirmation from the Shire for the bus stop. The slowness and lack of communication was very frustrating.

ACTION - Romina to write a letter on behalf of the P&C requesting a larger bus be provided for the Karlonging Bus Run to enable enough seats for children to attend MDHS and to follow up on the progress of the Sprigg Bus stop on the Bonnie Rock bus run.

2023 School Production DVD

Derick advised that Dale had nearly finished the editing of the 2023 School Production and that the P&C normally makes copies available for purchase. How would we like to go about this? Discussion held and it was decided that we would make it available by DVD (\$10), Thumbdrive (\$10 + cost of thumbdrive) and downloadable link (\$10) via a pre-order form.

ACTION - Linda to liaise with Derick and Dale and make an online pre-order form.

Recipe Books

Mrs Tilly has arranged for the recipe books to be sold from Muka Mail and Merchandise. The CRC did not wish to stock any.

Portable Stage Storage

Romina asked about the storage plans for the recently purchased portable stage. Karl advised that nothing had been confirmed to date but had made inquiries with the Shire

about purchasing a shipping container to be put on the school grounds. Concern was raised by members present that this was possibly not allowed under the Shire town planning scheme. Suggestions were made to enquire about suitable space within the current shire buildings/sheds or at the town hall.

ACTION - Karl to approach Dirk to discuss possible options to store the portable stage at a Shire premise and to include Romina in any email discussions.

Mrs Tilly raised that perhaps in the future we could start P&C meetings with introductions of the people in attendance.

11.0 Next Meeting: Monday 12th February, 7.00 pm, School Library in person with online option available.

12.0 Meeting Closed: 8.21 pm