

# MDHS P&C

MUKINBUDIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL P&C

## MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

22ND JULY 2024, SCHOOL LIBRARY



**Meeting Opened** At 7.01 pm

**1.0 Welcome:** Romina welcomed everyone to the meeting, outlined the P&C objectives and extended a warm welcome to Maree LeMonigan to the meeting as the School Board Chair.

**2.0 Attendance:** Romina Nicoletti, Karl Moll, Linda Vernon, Val Tilbrook, Jessica Collins, Derick Cronje, Ken Olsson, Peggy Olsson Callum McGlashin  
Online: Chanelle Squire, Melanie Walker

**Apologies:** Sally Sprigg

**3.0 Declarations of Interest:** Nil

**4.0 Previous Meeting Minutes**

**Resolution**

That the Minutes of the P&C meeting held on 27 May 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

**Moved:** Derrick Cronje **Seconded:** Ken Olsson **Carried**

**5.0 Business Arising**

- It was asked that Callum get a quote from Westarp Cunderdin and bring it back to the next meeting. Callum advised he had sorted a quote and it had come back at approx \$38,000.

**6.0 Correspondence**

INWARDS CORRESPONDENCE		OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE	
On-going	General WACSSO Correspondence		
29 May	WACSSO Affiliation		
4 Jun	Ellen White, confirming school hats have arrived.		
6 Jun	WACSSO affiliation invoice re-issued.		
18 June	Derick Cronje, water bottles delivered to the school to be stored in the D&T room.		

20 June	P&C Catering request for Caravan Park Friday before Mangowine Concert.		
29 June	Karl Moll, a notice of motions for agenda		
15 July	Caroline Robinson, assistance in promoting the survey.		

**Resolution**

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

**Moved:** Linda Vernon    **Seconded:** Callum McGlashin    **Carried**

**7.0 Treasurer's Report**

Derick tabled the financial report and provided a summary to the meeting. The financial reports can be [viewed here](#).

P&C Account - \$3,480.00

Savings Account - \$3,318.00

Student Support Fund - \$2,402.00

Term Deposit - \$30, 258.20

Canteen - \$9,225.00

Derrick asked for guidance as to how much funds need to remain in the Canteen Account once Mrs Tilly's honorarium has been paid. Romina gave direction of that only a small amount to cover operating costs would be sufficient.

**Resolution**

The Treasurers Report be received.

**Moved:** Derrick Cronje    **Seconded:** Karl Moll    **Carried**

**8.0 Canteen Report**

Numbers are still good, even had 14 when the kids were away at Cross Country. Thank you for supporting the two special menu days. The heart day was the first time the pizza boxes were used and I had to ask for help. The pizzas were sticking to the foil and the lunch bags could be a little bit bigger. I was with 26 milkshakes. Thank you to Melanie and Jake Hobbs for your help. 35 lunches were prepared. The last day of term Red Nose Day was held with 42 lunches being prepared and again 26 milkshakes. There will be an increase of 50 cents for pizzas to cover the cost of the boxes. The canteen will be open on Tuesday with a special menu for Pirates Day.

**Resolved**

The Canteen Report be accepted.

**9.0 Footy Tipping Report**

Peggy advised that there was only 5 rounds to go, all payments were up to date. Had received more queries this year about how the competition is scored. Romina

thanked Peggy for all her work in coordinating and running the Footy Tipping Competition again this year.

## **10.0 Principals Report**

Karl verbally provided the following report:

Good evening,

Thanks to everyone turning up or joining through Zoom. Mukinbudin DHS would like to show respect and acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land – the Kalamaya people of the Gubrun nation, and of Elders' past, present, and emerging.

We definitely have a busy term coming up. We have loads of sports events, Pamela Humphries Dance, National Science Week, with Callum visiting and organising a couple of fantastic activities, Pirate Day, and a Year 9-11 Career Expo visit. We are looking at two camps again with Trayning PS organising the primary camp at Rottnest and Mr Roberts organising a cadets camp for week 10. I am hoping that I can once again ask for supporting funds to be allocated to both camps – even though we have changed the primary camp to join with the other DISA schools around us.

We also have started with the secondary students attending their first Teen Mental Health First Aid, where the students have enjoyed their first session with presenter, Rosie. This component is for educating our students to recognise and provide their own support towards people demonstrating mental health problems. Staff are also booked into complete the Youth Mental Health First Aid course on the first day of next term, so that they too, will be up to date with the latest in supporting all kinds of mental health issues.

I would like to thank, on behalf of all students and staff at MDHS, the P&C for the new fence on the eastern side of the school. It has worked with the stopping of a couple of balls, but more recently hasn't been used because of all the students deciding to play Capture the Flag, which is a chasey game.

I am also looking forward to working with the staff and Board over this semester towards building our school improvement plan towards the next school review next year, starting with the results from the latest survey that has been sent out by the P&C and school. Thanks

Discussion was held around the following points:

- Callum queried the Year 5 camp and the double up/consecutive years of camp for this group. It was confirmed that this was just a once off with the move to joining in with camp with the Ninghan Cells schools going forward and camp would then return to every second year for Primary School.
- Romina asked for an update on the staffing of teachers at school. Karl advised:
  - Marc Seatter is still on extended leave and will possibly be for the remainder of the year. He was finally given permission to advertise over the current holidays, but despite repeated spreading on social media and through the Department jobs section, we were only able to attract two applicants. One has been deemed suitable and did not accept the position. This has not proved unsuccessful.
  - There are 3 very questionable applicants from Flying Squad, of which he had to be deemed unsuitable to our context and school.
  - Mel commented that teachers can just get jobs easier in Perth and they do not need to relocate.
  - Linda asked what can the P&C do to help Karl attract applicants for these positions? Can we as the P&C pay for their (for those who are on the fence) accommodation (at the hotel or appropriate) etc for them to come

out for a week to experience our school and community? Volunteer at the school, go on a school bus run, let us P&C members know and we can put on some hospitality (rock tour, animal farm visit, etc), and have a meal with them. **ACTION - Karl felt that this could be appropriate and asked how we could make this happen - it was felt that this could be actioned through the P&C Executive Messenger Chat group.**

- Linda asked if had we tried paid advertising on Linked In?
- Derick - discussed past Visa conditions by the government and requirements of people to go regional for a minimum of two years. What advocacy support can the P&C provide to raise awareness of the challenges regional and remote schools are having in attracting teachers? **ACTION - P&C to write to WACSSO.**
- Peggy raised, explained, and asked about MDHS's forming a better connection with [LUMEN - Wheatbelt Regional University Centre](#) - there is one based in Merredin. Using this as both an option to raise awareness/advertise job vacancies but also as a support network for graduate teachers.
- Romina queried about there not being a PD for a mid-term break/long weekend in Term 3 as she was concerned that it makes it a long term. Karl advised that he was happy with the PD being on the Monday and that this was a School Board decision.

### **Resolved**

The Principal's Report be received.

## **11.0 General Business**

### **a P&C Financial Support Requests for 2024**

Principal Karl Moll has provided the following Notices of Motions for the P&C to consider:

Students have approached primary staff asking for more/better Tonka Toys( or similar) to use in the sand pit area. The other toys are either broken or there isn't enough to use.

#### **MOTION**

Request for \$1000 to replace and purchase more quality toys, including Tonka Toys (or similar) for students to use in the sand playground. The cost would also include a possible storage cage in which the toys can be stored and moved as required.

**Moved:** Karl Moll

**Seconded:** Callum McGlashin

Romina asked if members wished to speak for or against the motion before it was put to a vote.

- Derick clarified the exact needs for the funds as felt that the motion was unclear in parts.
- Linda asked for consideration by members to ask that all the motions for financial support be "parked and let lie" until the Term 4 P&C meeting to wait for the Future Planning document process with 150 Square as she was concerned that since we have just spent \$10,000 on the fence and have approx. \$10,000 in annual commitments that we will have a small amount of funds left and that the P&C would not be in a position to act on or fund any of the priorities identified in the Future Planning documents. Also thought that there was to be a P&C Fundraising Plan as a part of this piece of work.
- Channelle asked that the P&C consider part funding the Tonka Toys as they would be helpful with behavior management and transition for the PP students to the larger primary play area.

- Peggy felt that sand play is an important aspect of school for younger years.
- Romina and Karl felt that the sentiment of the members present was to lay the notice of motions on the table until the school's Future Plan was completed. All agreed.
- Callum asked about the K/PP cubby house maintenance. Discussion was held and this was normally a part of the grounds committee's annual jobs.

**b 2024 School Camps**

- No additional funding was identified or asked for by Karl.
- Confirmation that the P&C contribution remains as
  - \$100/per child for Yr 5/6 camp (every second year)
  - \$150/per child for High School camp (annually)
- Reminder that there is the Student Support Fund which is available for any student/family to apply to if they need additional financial assistance to attend school camps.

**c. School Staffing Plan**

Already discussed as a part of the Principal's Report.

**d. Catering Assistance Request**

Email request from Kerry Walker, Shire of Mukinbudin: *Can you please ask P&C if they are interested in catering (the night before Mangowine Concert), at the Caravan Park. Friday 4th October. Something simple and easy, burgers, kebabs etc? Hayden has already confirmed he will be singing and it's usually a good crowd. If P&C are not keen, that's fine, as I will put it out to the wider Community. P&C were first on the list! Please CC Renee and Tania as I will be away for a few weeks.*

**ACTION** - Confirmation that the P&C will accept this catering request and will cook and sell hamburgers. Romina will coordinate and there is to be a call out for helpers to assist her.

**e. drumMuster**

**ACTION** - Date set for Tuesday 3rd September 2024. Linda to advertise. Romina to take bookings. Derick and Josh are to be inspectors.

**f. DISA Athletics**

Email request from Hayley deLacy for P&C assistance with set up and catering for DISA on Friday 30th August.

**ACTIONS**

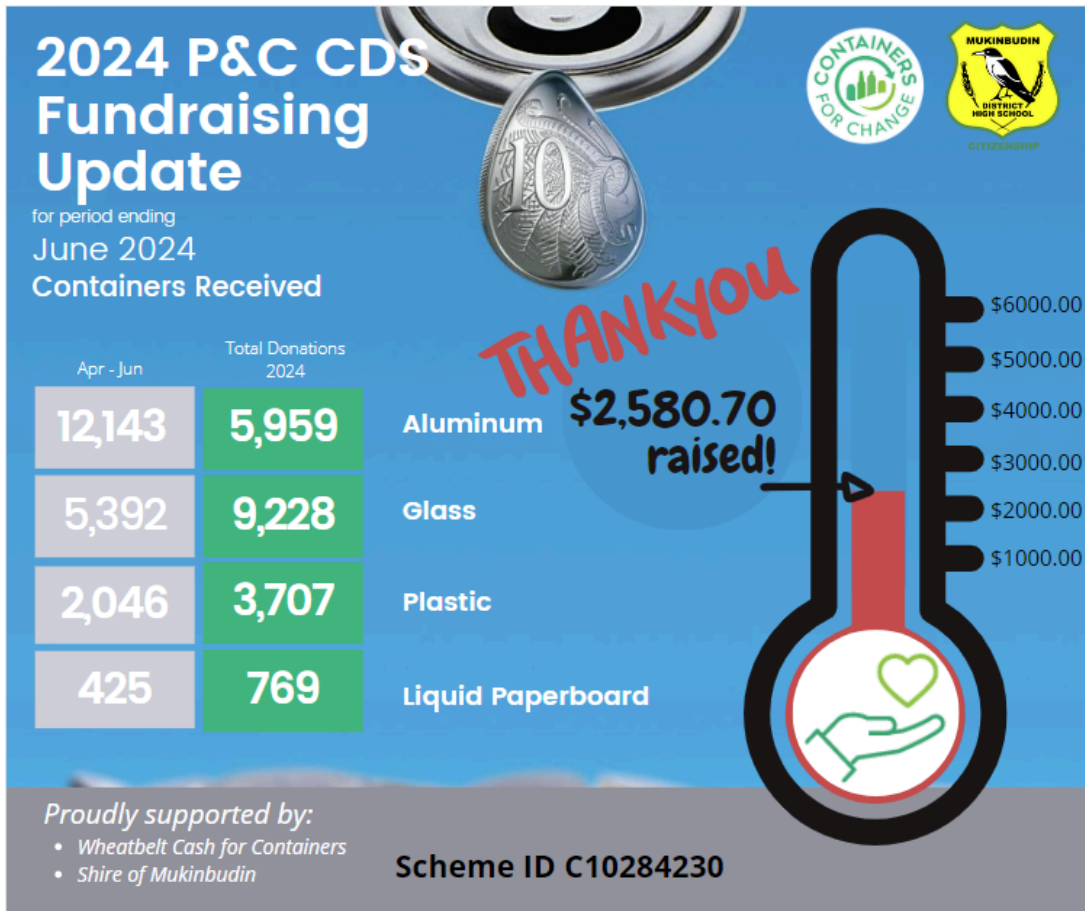
Line Marking and Set Up - Romina to ask Grounds Committee members including Christine Bowron, and Shaun Bowron, and put a call out for 2 new parents to learn the ropes.

Catering - Romina to ask Mel Hobbs if she can assist Mrs Tilly with Lunch orders. P&C to provide a morning tea for a gold coin donation - ask Mukinbudin parents to bring a cake/slice etc. Channelle offered for Secondary Home Ec students to do some baking, P&C gladly accepted and offered that if she needed any additional ingredients to purchase them from the IGA and put them on the P&C account.

g **Containers for Change**

Just past the halfway mark and have raised \$2,580.70 towards the goal of \$6,000.

Two or more additional parents/community members to join the monthly collection roster would be appreciated.



**10.0 Other Business**

*P&C Cookbooks*

Mrs Tilly said that there were still 4 boxes of cookbooks to be sold in the P&C canteen.

**ACTION** - Linda to ask if they can be sold at the Mainstreet Gallery

*Schools Future Planning*

Linda asked if the school's Future Planning can be presented back to the Term 4 P&C meeting. Karl said he would follow up with Board and Caroline Robinson.

**11.0 Next Meeting: Monday 14 October 2024, 7.00 pm**, School Library in person with online option available.

**12.0 Meeting Closed: 8.15 pm**