

## **FORREST P&C Meeting**

Meeting: Term 2  
Date/Time: Thursday 27 May 2021 - 7.30pm  
Location: via Zoom

### **1. Welcome & apologies**

Chair

**Attendees** – Belinda Fitzgerald (President), Tui Davidson (Treasurer), Zoe Pleasants (Vice President), Jarrod Fitzgerald (Vice President), Josie Chamla, Perdi Mitchell (Secretary), Sky May (Public Officer), Cameron Bowles, Robyn Summer, Rebecca Kirkwood, Kirsten Ainsley, Warwick Burton, Sidsel ?, Eric ?, Marina Spurling, Angela Spence (ACT Govt)

**Apologies** – Freda Grinham, Sarah Hope

### **Board report (Cameron Bowles)**

Infrastructure and capital works (ICW) are going to draft up a proposal to do more sustainable heating. Also looking at a range of things but not clear what yet. Board has been told that ETD are encouraging P&Cs to run OOSCH. Focused on getting a priority list to the P&C.

### **Positive Behaviour for Learning**

Presentation by school – Ms Bauer, Ms Radcliffe, Ms Pilgrim & Ms O'Brien

This is a directorate initiative. So will spread across all public schools in the ACT.

Working towards for the consistent structure. Probably not fully established before end of 2021. Informed by the observation of what is happening in the playground. There is a google form to gather community views. Families questioned is there any other way to give feedback not using google docs and remain unidentified? Seek to implement into the classrooms later. Really seeking the engagement. Looking for support from the school community to help with design elements depending on what elements get decided.

School discussion about the launch of the indigenous garden on 4 June. Thank you to all the teachers that have been involved.

Principal & teachers left at 7.53pm

### **3. Discussion items**

Various

#### **a. Lease Agreement for FOOSHC**

Jarrod Fitzgerald

ACT Government has put out for tender for Out of School Hours care providers. We are preferred provider. Impact if we don't get it, then will be outsourced to third party provider. Decided by ED (education directorate) in conjunction with the school. Took 4 months to get back from first set of documentation, then followed up with further information which is still being considered. Will follow up with ED at start of June to figure out what are contingency plan if decisions not finalised. Will impact potentially 397 children who use the service every week. There are likely to be big providers who might tender and have a cookie cutter approach and take up a large share of the market.

Families can write to ACECQA/CECA and tell them about the quality of the service. Concerns about the process could be relayed to ED directly. Tenders usually are offered for 2 years with possible options.

#### **b. Community events for 2021**

- Zoe and Perdi met with Nicole Richardson
- Term 2 – working bee and BBQ, Term 3 – Movie night, Term 4 – thinking of virtual event (scavenger hunt or bingo)
- More social events for 2021 not focused on fund raising.
- Already promoting FOOSHC end of year event (Friday 3 December 3-5:30pm) so consulted with the school early so there are no clashes. Could consider inviting the full community.
- ACTION: Need to check if the opening of the indigenous garden has restricted numbers - **Josie**
- Has school ever done something around Halloween? Halloween dress up disco is a suggestion. Can have some experiences as well (hands in eyeball, apple bobbing, games on the oval, scavenger hunts, haunted house). Could do something early in the afternoon? Could run it on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October so not fully connected to Halloween. Call it something like a Monster Mash, Forrest Frightening Fun night. ACTION : Marina, Warwick, Rebecca Kirkwood to organise.
- Zoe to touch base with Nicole Richardson or whoever from the school executive is now on community engagement and report back to P&C

#### **c. FOOSHC update**

- Staffing continue to be a big problem. Staff able to get higher paid jobs working as LSAs
- Have a waiting list especially kids with additional needs but trying to organise finding additional support through inclusion support agency
- FOOSHC RAP working party has been writing their own RAP and had engagement with community and is about to be submitted through Narragunnawali .
- ED expecting that schools will run even if the COVID outbreak. It would mean that services were meant to run regardless only if had to shut for 24 hours for cleansing.
- Applied for a P&C grant – Tui and Marina both assisted. Worked with Hayley Singh on this and came up idea of guest speakers (well known) to work with school during the day and then parents at night. Also, Community Seed and Read libraries are to be built by the community and have books and seeds so families can grow things and read things. St Edmunds and Tuggeranong College in partnership with FOOSHC. FOOSHC will be building them in the afternoon with families that can come along unfortunately teachers from school are not willing to stay back after school and help from 3-4pm. Aiming to building 6 libraries at least initially.
- Floriade community partnership was applied for and won by FOOSHC. Ali is going to get 500 bulbs and 500 annuals to plant in the garden bed near junior pick up line.
- Ali about to employ one/two staff with down syndrome. Working total of 8 hours a week. Also working with an employment agency to ensure a positive employment experience. Children will be involved in interviewing the potential candidates. Think about how to support and lots of growth and inclusion for the community.
- Workshop on addressing bias. Also doing mandatory reporting and inviting other services to come along to that training for communities of practice. There are only 12 parent run FOOSCH. We are putting it on for free and provide dinner for the attendees. Telopea OSHC are attending
- Education and Care meetings with Chris Pilgrim are starting. Focused on running of the service. Other PC business is not allowed to be discussed at Education and Care meeting. ED handbook sets the guidelines for OSHC Education and Care meetings.
- Sky – can someone look into any grants that might be able to get to employ someone with background in STEM. Warwick might have capacity after 15 June to consider if can provide something unique to the kids. ACTION:Warwick

- Lots of health professional grants are being offered. Can we as a P&C think about how we can better support families?

Over last 10 years, donations from the P&C to the school have totalled \$1.3 million this includes money for rent, toilets, painting, library renovations, smart board, year 6 building, interactive whiteboard for STEM room and playgrounds. Majority of money raised from services goes directly to the school.

Would be good to invest in increasing energy efficiency around the school. Also, part two of playground renovation.

Introducing some of the new families attending the meeting – Warwick, Cameron, Robyn.

#### **d. Parent Rep Liaison role**

- Belinda to speak to school about how to reinvigorate this role.
- Marina has thought that could help with a calendar and templates for parents reps. Also do have an opt in events, closed facebook groups. Need to connect the school to the parent reps. Tricky thing is managing an email list. Belinda to touch base with Marina.
- Josie Year 4 has closed facebook group and other parents want to join.

### **3. Standing items**

#### **a. Minutes of the last meeting**

- Moved by Sky
- Seconded by Belinda

#### **b. Action list review**

Secretary

- Belinda to follow up about Deakin pre-school subcommittee.
- new carpark model from school – pre-election promise. School to follow up but had not had any communication about that as yet.
- loose parts being high risk – ETD have taken this onboard. Potentially bring up the Education and Care committee.
- repairs to cracks to retaining walls outside the junior wall – Principal has sought clarification and will retain on the list.
- promote canteen – employed Ethel 10 hours a week. Now have a later lunchtime can seek to improve the menu. Canteen committee met recently – need 50% green food. Warwick to pass along the menu from another school. Don't have a cook top in canteen.
- **ACTION:** President to follow up with school on all outstanding action items.

#### **c. Principal's/School's Leadership team report**

Chris Pilgrim

- Provided by school.

#### **d. Deakin Preschool liaison report**

- Nil.

#### **e. Parent Rep Liaison**

- Nil

#### **g. P&C Council report**

- No report

#### **4. Other business**

Chair

Nil.

#### **Thanks & Conclusion**

Chair

Meeting closed 9.15pm.