

Secretary's Report - July 2020

Welcome to the 2020 APS P&C Annual General Meeting. It has been an incredibly challenging year for the school and community this year. We've been very lucky to have a very stable and creative principal who has had a careful reign over the school and encouraged participation and good results from the staff, kids and community. So, I'd like to say thank you to Lisa Lupton and all of the staff at APS for working so hard for the kids and helping to ride out the difficult year.

Last year we totalled over 400 members, as per the previous year. Meetings have had a core of about 15 members making our progress on projects for the kids and the school possible. Thank you to everyone who puts in their regular time to help discuss, review and vote on fundraising and spending.

As a group, the P&C passed 14 motions that have directed funds to important projects and assisted the school and the school community in many ways. This included major planning and organising motions around the grant applications and other work for the playground upgrade. There are also a number of on-going commitments to important programs around the school. This year the P&C funded:

- * Playground upgrades
- * Improvements and repairs to the kitchen / garden program
- * Support for the school and teachers as a result of the COVID situation
- * Showcase video
- * Awards day prizes
- * Bursaries for the music program
- * Classroom readers

It is significant that there were fewer events on the school grounds due to the COVID lockdown and distancing requirements. Despite this, the P&C managed some major improvements to the school over the year.

I want to thank all of the other members of the executive and all of the members who regularly come to the monthly meetings and have been able to switch to online meetings. We've also said goodbye to some very important volunteers who have supported the school for many years, and welcomed some new ones bringing in enthusiasm and different ideas and skills. Here's hoping for a successful and less stressful 2021.

Regards,

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