

Secretary's Report - June 2021

Welcome to the 2021 APS P&C Annual General Meeting.

Despite the lack of big events, since July 2020 we've had a very good 12 months for the school and the P&C. Restrictions on and off have caused a lot of disruption to the normal P&C routines, however there has been the amazing luck of a couple of grant wins, the fabulous Apron fundraiser and the steady income from the uniform shop. To the wonderful, creative team that comes together when the P&C needs assistance month to month, I say thank you for supporting the students and the school.

For the second year in a row the school has been blessed with a rock steady staff effort, backed by our wonderful principal Lisa. It has made a huge difference to have this stable team in place and allowed us to work together to get some good outcomes for the students. Thank you to all of the staff at APS for their continued efforts with our kids.

Last year we totalled just about 20 members, as we changed our policy on automatic membership for all parents. This made running meetings significantly easier, as the quorum requirements for decisions were reduced.

Meetings have had a core of about 10 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 22 motions that have directed funds to important projects and assisted the school and the school community in many ways. This grant applications, spending the fruits of those wins and other work around the classrooms and grounds. This year the P&C funded \$45k worth of projects around the school:

- * Playground upgrades
- * Kitchen / garden program
- * Showcase video
- * Awards day prizes
- * Bursaries for the music program
- * Classroom readers

There is also the upcoming \$50k grant for the works in the upper playground, supported by additional money from the school, aftercare and the P&C. These planned works, paired with the second phase of works in the lower playground, will bring a lot more flexibility to the teaching environment and safety / accessibility for the students.

After supporting the school and the P&C since 2013, it's finally time for me to hand over to new people with a lot to offer the school community. I am extremely pleased by what we've all been able to achieve over the years, through good and tough times, and I'm confident that the school is now a better, brighter and safer place.



I want to thank all of the other members of the executive and all of the members who regularly attend monthly meetings. It's been a great pleasure working with all of you, watching the wonderful contributions that people are willing to make and learning from people with great ideas.

Regards,

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