

Campbell HS P&C Meeting

Date: 13 May 2026

Meeting Start Time: 5.30pm

Meeting Conclusion Time: 6.45pm

Attendees: John Manders, Stephen Dixon-Jane (SDJ), Nicola Gibson (NG), Dave Foster (DF), Alessandra Whiting, Sue Barry

Apologies: Kris McCreath, Sally Mills, Fiona Guy, Dalila Vellotti, Rachael Harris

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Ngunnawal Traditional Owners, Elders past and emerging, along with First Nations people attending the meeting this evening.

Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion raised Dave Foster and seconded by Stephen D-J to approve previous meeting minutes.

Principals Report:

- Busy term including a whole school Cross Country and Athletics Carnival, Camps.
- Reinvigorate the House competitions and culture. Build House teams. Running a range of competitions including Spelling Bee's. This initiative has been a nice addition and has been well received
- Still proceeding with Positive Behaviour Stamps.
- Total of 450 kids attending Campbell HS – 350 attended Sports Carnival. 85% attendance at the carnival. Hats off to students who participated and attended
- Cross country is a specialist sport
- Pupil Free Day – spent with Andrew Fuller at Ainslie Primary school. Scientific and clinical psychologist. Andrew has been working with Ainslie PS on neuroplasticity. How does the brain work? What messages can we provide kids around wellness and mindfulness? Positively received, Andrew will come back in Term 4 to work with Ainslie PS.
- Coaching clinics at the school. Two weeks ago we had a Welcome night, Term 2 is the enrolment night. Accepted "out of area" of enrolments, stricter guidelines, speak to John Manders around out of area enrolment
- Prior drop in student numbers from 750 to 450, current student numbers has an impact on Teaching numbers. Student numbers are gaining again. New Staff – Alison Cairns joining Campbell. Scott Clegg joining the school for Woodwork

- Industrial action starting tomorrow. Impact on Campbell HS – there are 4 conditions Friday wear Red, Adjustment to email signature blocks, will not write reports which will effect this
- Semester reports. Next Friday 22nd May there will be a 2 hour stop work action. Classes are likely not to go ahead as normal, there will be engaged supervision and school will be open. Expected further confirmation tomorrow.
- Excursion scheduled on Friday still planning on going ahead
- After this round of stoppages there may be additional action
- Stephen Dixon-Jain noted current stresses on the Public School sector particularly teachers, securing relief staff is difficult. Issue around teachers being requested to oversee split classes.

Dave Foster noted contact by the Front Office regarding payment for an upcoming Excursion. John Manders responded noting Permission notes are obviously critical requirement, but sufficient funding exists to cover the costs of Excursions and expects follow up for outstanding payments can be addressed after the event. High percentage of payments for excursions are received (87%). Some camps can be subsidised in ways such as additional staff & buses, funding sourced from general operational funds.

Voluntary Deductions to the Library fund are tax-deductible.

Dave Foster noted positive feedback from Outdoor Education camping particularly the surfing component.

Treasurers Report – Not received

Discussed applying additional authorisations on the Bank A/C.

Currently Stephen Dixon-Jane (SDJ) and Rachael Harris are signatories

- *Agreed:* SDJ and David Foster to meet to discuss offline

Parents ACT Report

Nicola provided a summary of a recent ACT Parents General meeting. Confirmed Meeting minutes circulated to Campbell P&C account. Meeting included representatives from the Directorate to discuss funding and resourcing.

Representatives from other P&C were able to raise key issues confronting their P&C including Support Levels, infrastructure, traffic and staffing.

Other Business

Dave Foster confirmed submission to “Fix my Street”. Temporary path setup with bunting. Front end loader operating at 3.05pm whilst school community was exiting from the school, questioned whether this was safe for students. Arrange for DOMA or ACT Gov to separate the path

Report made to the Police – ‘Tradie’ drove through students exiting the school, apparently came back in the vehicle to yell at students who were exiting the school.

John Manders noted the street had been widened. Negotiations with the Government.
Please report any incidents via John Manders.

Should be walking pace through the area, but it has been signposted as a 40km per hour zone.

Needs a physical presence, everyone seems to be trying to stop and park in the one area.

- *Agreed:* Dave Foster confirmed that he will distribute the letter.

Dust blowing through the school and across the oval during excavation work.

Noise generated is something. Watch tradies and deliveries

Voluntary Donations: Stephen Dixon-Jane mentioned that we have previously called for Voluntary Donations. Typical timing to call for Voluntary Donations has been around the end of FY.

- *Agreed:* SDJ & DF to meet following the meeting. Support for a callout for Voluntary donations.

Donations towards the Library – John Manders has confirmed that new furniture for the library. Will implement a suggestion box for books for the Library.

P&C to confirm amount of donation towards the Library and let John know.

Updated Constitution allows for decisions to be approved outside of a P&C General Meeting including Financial Donations of up to \$500. Can be agreed via email.

John Manders wants to focus on and support Community Engagement. Students could lobby the P&C for a startup fund for the school fete.

The P&C sponsors the annual Community Service Award for a Year 10 recipient. The gift voucher is presented at the Year 10 Graduation Assembly.

- *Agreed* NG to update Access Canberra and Parents ACT with Committee Member details
- *Agreed* NG to oversee and co-ordinate Mango Fundraiser

Next Planned Meeting – Week 4 Term 3. Wednesday 12th August