

**Telopea Park School / Lycée Franco-Australien de Canberra
Parents & Citizens Association**

**Agenda
Wednesday 17 June 2015, 7:00 pm**

Secondary Staff Room, NSW Crescent, Barton

1. Apologies/Attendance	5 min
2. Approval of P&C Meeting Minutes of 6 May, 2015 – attachment	5 min
3. Report from Principal – attachment	5 min
• Information on Master Plan for the school (Landscape Architects)	15 min
4. Business Arising:	
• Status update on ACT land deal for the tennis courts (Paul H)	20 min
5. Report from fundraising committee	15 min
• Fête de la Musique	
• Disco	
• Grande Fête & Raffle	
6. Report from P&C President (Paul H) – verbal	5 min
7. Report from Proviseur – verbal	5 min
8. Report from Treasurer – written report to be advised	5 min
9. Report from BASC Sub-Committee – attached notice	5 min
• Written notice of BASC contribution to P&C accounts.	
10. Report from P&C Delegate	5 min
• Update on advice from P&C Council re. corporate sponsorship	
11. Report from P&C Communications Officer – verbal	10 min
12. Report from P&C Traffic Subcommittee – verbal	5 min
13. Discussion on vacancy of Vice President position	10 min
14. A.O.B.	5 min
Estimated closing time	9:00 pm

Principal's Report for the P&C Meeting 17 June 2015

The term has progressed well with many events and excursions adding to the rich education the students are receiving at the school. Across the school assessment is in full-swing.

The Brevet starts next week so many students are in "examination mode". This is the first formal examination for these students in Year 9 EFS. The Baccalauréat continues this week.

Parent/Teacher meetings are occurring in the primary school this week and next week. Our apologies for the problems we have been experiencing with PTO (Parent/Teacher Online). I hope by Wednesday evening these problems have been sorted.

Master Plan – a ten-year outdoor plan for the school

A Design Working Party has been formed to plan for, and create, the 10 year Master Plan for the school grounds. The group is chaired by Jacinda Still, in her capacity as School Board Chair. Representatives from the ETD, from RedGum Consulting, the Landscape Architects engaged to draw the plans, school senior executive and students have met in this group to plan for the development of the school grounds.

Request for Contributions from French Stream Families

As described to the P&C earlier this year, the funding model from the French Government is in the process of changing as the school is negotiating to have full recognition as an AEFÉ school. It is imperative that we request financial contributions towards the delivery of the French program from all parents whose children are learning in French (all primary students and the English/French Stream in secondary) in order to maintain the rigour of the program. All contributions to a government school are voluntary (Education Act 2004).

These contributions will be used for: employment of some of the French staff; compulsory professional learning workshops and conferences (often off-shore) for teachers and the Proviseur; accreditation of the program at Telopea Park School; and inspection of the French teachers (again an essential part of the delivery of the French National Curriculum).

A letter will be sent to all Primary and Secondary French Stream families this week.

Report from the International Baccalaureate (IB) Evaluation Visit in Term 1

In early March the school welcomed two reviewers, Barbara Wrightson (from South Korea) and Roger Marshman (from Adelaide) into the school to assess the implementation of the IB Middle Years Programme. The report was received from the IB team last week. It gives commendations to the school as well as recommendations for future development. There are several matters to be addressed before the end of 2015.

The **Secondary Flexible Learning Space** has now been completed in "the Arches". The school is very grateful for the generous financial support of the P&C and to this end a plaque will be placed on the wall informing the school community of this. I invite the P&C to visit this space.

"Bring your own device" (BYOD) Committee

The school is moving forward towards implementing BYOD in Semester 2 this year. Thank you to the parents who have given up their time to be on this committee, led by Tom Spollard (Head of The Arts and Technology in secondary). The ground work and research has now been completed so now we are ready to:

- Prepare the Guidelines for Telopea Park School in line with the ETD Policy
- Decide on the device to recommend to parents that will be adequate for use as the pedagogical tool in the school as well as being affordable for parents

- Negotiate a purchase package for parents.

Information will be sent out to parents next term when these questions have been answered.

An Australian Association of French/English Bilingual Schools is in the process of being formed by Telopea Park School to collaborate with, and support all other French/English bilingual schools in Australia. We are role-modelling our expertise in this form of education as Australia's premier bilingual school. To this end also, Emmanuel and I visited Tingalpa School in Brisbane last week and I will visit Adelaide this week.

Thank you again for your considerable efforts in supporting the school.

Warm regards
Kerrie Blain
Principal
12 June 2015