Manly Vale Public School
Council Meeting Minutes
24th February, 2014 – 7.30pm

Attendees:  
Stephen Hancock (President), Tina Lee, Mel Ward,
Michelle Povah, Pat Dylan, Steve McLean, Yorick Sweetnam,
Shay Gillings (Secretary)

Apologies:  
Anthony Povah & Damian Pincus

Absent:  
Nathan Galang

1. Acceptance of Previous Minutes (2 December 2013) – Pat Dylan & Michelle Povah

2. Constitution, Roles, Regulations, Responsibilities of the Council
Shay to resend out the Constitution to all Council members. Pat/Tina to organise to have it loaded
into the appropriate section of the MVPS website.

It was also agreed that a copy of the meeting minutes should be loaded onto the MVPS website.

It was discussed and agreed to that both the P&C and Council should load agenda items into Bush Telegraph to highlight the issues/projects under consideration by both groups and that there are
two groups. Shay to work with Kylie to make this happen.

3. Capital Works Development of Manly Vale Site
Update as at 24/2/14

- Business case is currently being prepared for Treasury on the redevelopment of Manly Vale
  as part of a 5 school plan to address the accommodation issues in the Northern Beaches
  area.
- The plan will include up to 30 classrooms, library, new canteen, administration block,
  toilets, large after-school care centre and extension to oval and playing facilities.
- 2 DET architects scoped the site last Wednesday 19 February to discuss design of a new
  school. Liked the idea of building on the current footprint and keeping nature area as part
  of the design. Concerned about the bushfire clearance and traffic problems.
- A traffic report will be conducted over the next few weeks to find solutions to the traffic
  congestion at the front of the school. A proposal for a road at the northern end of the
  school next to the admin block may be a solution if Warringah Council agrees.
- Architects will discuss varying solutions with Warringah Council. Wanted a contact- I
  suggested Anthony Powe would be a great contact.
- Thursday 20 February- Boundary conversation with manly west, Manly Village and Manly
  Vale. Concerns that the boundaries must push people up to the new school to take
  pressure off Manly Village. The solution and money spent must address the needs of the
  community not just one school. Bus/ transport concerns need to be addressed by State
gov’t through Mike Baird.
- Friday 28 February- invitation to School Council and P&C to meet with Susie Clark Nash and
  DET reps on the proposal for Manly vale in library at 9.30am. Attending will by Hank and
  Hank will invite Stewart Davies as well.
- The Manly Vale redevelopment is the preferred option according to the Value management
  meeting held with consultants on Thursday 6 February.
If we don’t support the plan the DET will remain to put demountables on the site without facilities and extension of current resources. Manly Vale can accommodate growth whereas the other schools can’t. The second phase of the proposal will be to build accommodation at Balgowlah Heights PS. These plans are to accommodate growth up to and beyond 2018. If Manly Vale doesn’t receive the funding it will grow to 550 children which is another 5 classrooms.

Bushfire prevention and protection is another major concern for the DET and another reason that manly vale plan is attractive.

Community use of facilities will be encouraged including ground rentals and classroom use after hours.

The school will grow to 1000 by 2018.

This is the last chance to put a proposal in to Government and may be the last chance that the Northern Beaches sees funding if there is a change of State gov’t next election. It is important to support the proposal and be positive as to get this amount of funding and a new school we must have community on side.

Shade shelter- Rang today. It’s ordered and on its way.

Energy Audit- completed and feedback given. We will be implementing some of the strategies ASAP including switching fridges off in holidays. Putting in new air conditioning remote controls. Timers for hot water system. Replacing lights with LED fittings (maybe depending on cost).

A lengthy discussion then took place. The following points were noted:

- Is 1100 kids still a “community” school?
- Public Schools
- Yes – we get control. Rebuilding facilities future.
- This was the school plan 7 years ago. But we didn’t envisage the growth.
- Economics. Pressure on government
- A lot of change in 7-8 years. But the school hasn’t suffered because of the growth.
- Traffic is still an issue. Public transport needs to be addressed.
- Pat. We have land to accommodate demountables. Love this school. Can we use land without expansion? Playground and issue. Need space.
- Need consultation the whole way.
- There are solutions to expansion other than development.
- Fear of the unknown. People make the school. For the greater good of the whole community.
- Macquarie Hospital analogy – new facilities that people will travel for. The good of the community for future children’s education. Support the new school.
- Underground car park. Address traffic issues. Bite the bullet. A big spend. Example of one way onsite underground parking is Miramar Event Centre, Terrey Hills.
- Special design. Not another BER design in keeping with the bush environment.
- Maintain character of school.

It was unanimously agreed by all present at the meeting to support the overall DET plan and submission to Treasury.

The following four points are minuted to support the unanimous decision.

1. That any development includes matching facilities to support the enrolment numbers.
2. The traffic issues are address including those needed to build a new school.
3. Retain as much bush character of the school wherever possible.
4. Ensure a real building plan is in place for the kids/school during transition.
Demountables for 2014 – Tina advised that the school is just one enrolment off receiving an extra demountable. There is a very real possibility of yet another demountable arriving within the year. Another demountable will be needed for 2015 regardless.

4. **Enrolments**
   Final numbers for 2014: 399

5. **Northern Sydney Council of P&C Associations**
   reiterated the success of Mowbray Road Public School re-build and the involvement of the group. Also receiving multi requests from newspapers for quotes etc., on the situation this area faces. Tina reconfirmed that she was unable to comment to any press on this matter.

6. **New School Entrance / COLA**
   New school entrance has been completed (as in gates, pillars, pathway etc.,). The COLA cover still has a few weeks to go. The minutes note that this project has taken an exceedingly long time to complete.

7. **Traffic Issues**
   this issue continues to grow. It is imperative that and new capital improvements and developments to the school include traffic management issues.

8. **P&C Liaison**
   Nothing new to report on.

9. **IT Update**
   the wireless project for the school will be completed within the next 2 to 3 weeks. This has been a major project for the school and we note our thanks to Pat Dylan for overseeing its success. The 20 iPads are also now in use by classrooms and working well. The school has interactive whiteboards in all bar one classroom now, which will be purchased by the P&C committee shortly.

10. **New General Business**
    Second Hand Uniforms. It was raised that old uniform styles are being sold at the Uniform Shop. Shay offered to contact the P&C President with this issue as it fell under their jurisdiction.

11. **Next Meeting – Monday 24th March, 2014.** Note: if there is no progress re the capital development project by this date, the meeting will be moved to 5th May, 2014.

Meeting Closed 9:15pm