P&C Meeting
Candelo Public School held 29th April 2010

Present: Henry Grose, Cathy Robertson, Mark Stoddard, Sonia White, Amanda Fowler, Anna Burke, Dennis Lea and Helen Gill
(Jenny Sheedy and David Galon attended the Timor Leste Advocates presentation)

Apologies: Wendy Luxford, Susan Gray, Suezanne Bourke

Opening: Meeting declared open at 8.05 pm following a presentation by David Galon from the Timor Leste Advocates group on the progress of their projects in Timor.

Previous Minutes: Previous minutes from meeting held 31st March 2010 were read by the Secretary and passed as correct.
Moved by: H. Gill 2nd by: H. Grose

Correspondence:
As per correspondence report attached to minutes.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer provided a Treasurer’s report to the meeting. Copy of Treasurer’s report attached to Minutes. All cheques as per report were passed for payment.
Moved: S. White 2nd: H. Gill

Business Arising from the Previous Minutes
All items were held over to general business

General Business

Item 1 – Refurbishment Committee Report: Henry Grose advised that the planned refurbishment committee meeting planned for the 27 Apr 10 was not held due to committee members not being available to meet on that date. Another day and time for a meeting will be organised by H. Grose and all interested parents will be invited to be involved.
Action: H. Grose

Item 2 – Timor Leste Scholarship program – David Galon from the Timor Leste Advocates presented information about the work they have been undertaking in Timor Leste, the presentation was held prior to the commencement of the meeting. H. Grose thanked David Galon for taking the time to visit the School and provide an update to the parent body. It was decided that a letter of thanks be sent to the Timor Leste Advocates group and advise them that the P&C is considering what future organisations and activities should be supported. Further discussion regarding the P&C’s position on continuing support for the projects run by this group and other organisations was held over until later in the meeting.
Action: H. Grose to write letter of thanks

Item 3 – Sandpit: H. Grose advised that he had discussed the site for the sandpit with school staff and he submitted a draft plan for a sandpit and textural play area. It
was agreed that the site which is in front of the storage shed area at the end of the COLA was suitable. It was moved that a costing be sought to enable financial approval to be gained at the next P&C meeting to enable the works to proceed. Discussion around alternatives to assist in reducing the overall costs for the project were discussed and volunteers from the local community and parents will be called for when full details of the project are available. Moved: H. Grose 2nd: H. Gill

**Item 4 – Redevelopment School Grounds:** Plants to cover the difficult sloping area behind the ramp area have been purchased and approval to cover the $75.00 costs was moved. Cathy Robertson will collect the plants and organise for them to be planted. Moved: C. Robertson 2nd: A. Burke.

Henry Grose and Dave Robertson will organise to finish the trellis area behind the new storage shed.

**Item 5 – Seatbelts on School Buses:** Responses to the letters written to local School Bus Operators and the Minister for Transport’s office indicated that they felt School buses are a safe mode of transport. The P&C is unhappy with the level of commitment by these parties to pursue seatbelts on school buses and it was moved that continuing action be taken to lobby for legislative changes regarding this issue. It was moved that the following action be taken by the P&C:

- Further letters written to the bus companies reinforcing our position on this issue
- Advise Andrew Constance of our concerns
- Contact other local P&C committees to encourage them to support our stance on this issue. (A. Fowler will organise a list of contacts at the other local schools)

**Action:** Henry Grose will action this item. Cathy Robertson will supply Henry with copies of correspondence held.

**Item 6 – P&C Support of Charitable Organisations:** As a result of the Timor Leste scholarship funding arrangement coming to a conclusion, the issue of further support of this program or other charitable programs was discussed. It was generally agreed that support of these types of programs should be continued, however it was felt that there should be strong links between the chosen program, the Candelo school students and their learning if the P&C was to provide financial or any other type of support. The means by which programs are selected needs to be worked through with school staff and it was suggested that the school parliament could play a part in helping select a suitable program. Given the expectation that the P&C may have to provide a higher that normal level of funding to the School to support items associated with the School refurbishment it was suggested that the P&C should not be locked into an ongoing program and a decision be made on an annual basis as to the type of program and level of funding that would be allocated to support this activity. Further discussion will be held with the School Principal and at future P&C meeting to determine the approach for the future.

**Item 7 – Book Fair – 20 May 10:** H. Grose advised that Susan Gray had approached him with the idea that if the P&C was to provide lunch at the Book Fair that the menu be adapted to provide healthier options. Susan offered to organise the food. Dennis Lea was not able to provide details for this activity; however the P&C agreed that a lunch could be provided. H. Grose will liaise with School staff and Susan Gray to
provide lunch for the children on this day, most likely lunch will be available for a gold coin donation, to cover the cost of the purchases for the lunch. Action: H. Grose to liaise with School and Susan Gray to organise, details to be advertised in the newsletter.

**Item 8 – Market BBQ Stall – Safety Equipment:** The fire blanket and fire extinguisher have been purchased and will be kept in the BBQ trailer for the market stall.

**Principals Report:** Report was presented by D. Lea. Copy attached to minutes.

**Closure:** Meeting closed at 10.10pm. Next meeting is to be held on 27th May 2010.

H. Grose
President

C. Robertson
Secretary