LCPSP&C TERM 1 GM 2025
Minutes of Meeting

Date: Tuesday 18.2.25
Time: 8:00am School Hall

Attendees	
1. Caleb Taylor, President. 2. Liz Bennett, VP School Community 3. Hajar Torkaman, Treasurer 4. Terry McKinnon, Principal. 5. Chloe Blanch 6. Ben Bradley, Secretary 7. Angela Lee 8. Silvia Di Feliciantonio 9. Emma Sorensen 10. Danielle Grant 11. Sarah Snelgrove 12. Fiona Aldridge	13. Renee Maxwell 14. Leticia Baker 15. Tamsin McGarry 16. Lara Wehby 17. Flaria Yanase 18. Keshini Rajan 19. Lia Azar 20. Annie Tran 21. Anna Eden 22. Mary Ann Borbon 23. Sara Khodayari

No.	Agenda Item/Topic	Discussion and Next Steps
1.	**Acknowledgement of Country / Welcome**	Caleb Taylor • Acknowledgement of Country. • Welcome.

2.	**Adoption of previous minutes**	GM 29.10.24
		• Acceptance of minutes of previous General Meeting
		  ○ Proposed: Caleb Taylor
		  ○ Second: Ben Bradley
		• Minutes accepted without amendment.

3.	**President's Report**	Caleb Taylor • President's Report circulated. Caleb spoke to the success of recent events. • **Welcome BBQ**: This was a success. Caleb thanked Sarah and Liz Bennett for promoting the BBQ. Caleb thanked the Stewart family for donating the sausages. • **Upcoming Community Events**: Caleb noted upcoming events included the Vivid Cruise and Gala. Caleb encouraged people to get involved. • **New WhatsApp Channel**: Discussion re new WhatsApp Channel. Renee Maxwell addressed how to get notifications (press bell on top right-hand side). Renee plans link to channel from Facebook and Instagram. • **Encouraged volunteers:** Caleb spoke generally to benefit of getting involved. • Caleb introduced the P&C Executive, Fiona Aldridge (uniform liaison), Tamsin McGarry (music liaison).

4.	**Principals' Report**	Terry McKinnon • Terry welcomed all and noted it was good to see new faces. • **New Meeting Time:** Terry spoke to the changing the time of the meetings to allow more people to attend. • **Thank you to P&C**: Terry noted that some members have now been on executive for a long time. Terry noted that the LCPS will be looking for new people to step up and get involved as the executive comes to the end of their term. It is important work as the LCPS relies heavily on fundraising secured by P&C. • **Principals report**: o **Welcome BBQ:** success and good turnout. o **New classes**: the reports are that the new classes for 2025 are doing well. o **Funding:** Terry noted that the main point of his report was the need for extra funding from the LCPS P&C to help with staffing. o Terry noted that the way LCPS gets funding for staffing is dependent on the number of children enrolled each year. He noted that Kindergarten teachers are worth the most in funding on a sliding scale up to year 3. Thereafter, there is a flat funding structure. o Terry noted that the LCPS planned for 28 classes, made up of 706 students with 102 kindergarten students. Unfortunately, a few kindergarten students didn't come. In addition, LCPS has had other students in other years who didn't return who were expected to return. There were also some new students in other years (big intake in years 4 and 5). In the end, the LCPS enrolment numbers finished at 697 students. We are now funded for 27 classes only. In essence, that means, we have really big classes containing 30-32 students on current funding. o The reality is if we lost 15 children, we would still be funded for 27 classes but student numbers would be spread out more with smaller classes. o Terry noted that over the past few years, LCPS gets an allocation for learning support. We have always funded in addition to our allocation. This year, LCPS was hoping to maintain the same level of learning support. Once the LCPS realised they were going down to 27 classes, it was decided that the best option would be to pull back surplus learning support, and to maintain an extra

		class to take pressure off across class sizes across board. o However, there remains within the school increasing numbers of children with social and emotional health needs. In general, those numbers continue to increase each year. o Terry noted that there were one or two children per class who required learning support. Terry noted that if we are meeting the needs of those children, this helps the whole class. It is a really good investment. • **Lara Wheby** spoke at this point to note that she assumed that this was the issue that caused delays in class allocations and it would have been useful at the time to have known in that was the reason. **Terry** took on board. He commented that some schools just go into wait pattern for 3 to 4 days, but LCPS might need to look at that going forward. • **Ben Bradley** noted that there would be a formal notice of motion on the next occasion but the LCPS wanted this to be raised now so that members can consider the issue. **Ben** spoke to the fact that the LCPS had addressed the P&C Executive and Bec Myers spoke eloquently re her experience in having smaller class sizes and the massive difference that made to learning. By funding learning support, the LCPS P&C will help keep class sizes lower which benefits all students. However, **Ben** noted that this sort of funding was not sustainable long term and there was a need to proactively plan for lower than expected student numbers next year proactively during the course of 2024. • **Terry** noted there was also a drop off of voluntary contributions. **Lara** wanted the LCPS P&C to publish that of the voluntary contribution, 60% went to school.
5.	**Treasurers' Report**	<u>Hajar Torkaman</u> • **Cash at bank**: the LCPSP&C has $200K in cash, $220K in term deposit (earning 4.7% interest). • **Liabilities**: Hajar noted we have spent $150K on new shade cloth; $45K on parent contributions were returned to school. She noted we have $35K in music bond money, which has been sitting there for a long time. Hajar noted there was $20K long service

		leave set aside for Karen. Altogether, net assets **$596K**. • **Profit & Loss:** Hajar spoke to canteen which had done a good job. Year to date (30/9/24 to date) there was a modest loss of $1.5K. • **Sarah Snelgrove** noted LCPS P&C hasn't raised prices despite cost of goods increasing. The Canteen needs to break even and this may need to occur. • **Uniform shop done well:** Hajar noted the shop had sold $48K of new uniforms, $2.3K of second hand uniforms. The LCPS P&C had made $9,300 from the uniform shop. • **Sponsorship**: Hajar spoke to sponsorship income, $5,200.
6.	**Multicultural liaison**	<u>Hajar Torkaman</u> • **21 March 2025:** World Food Fair and Harmony Day as well. • **Hajar** noted we do 20 groups at the moment from different backgrounds. • **Hajar** explained the World Food Fair. She explained that different groups make something, being bite size (nut free) items. These are then given free of charge to the school community. Each group decorates their table and wears traditional clothes. On the day, there will also be some dances and performances. She noted that Jose from the music co-op plays the guitar and there is fund raising raffle. • **Hajar** noted that Chloe is doing a passport this year- go to each station, every country gets a stamp. • **Details** will be in the Loop tomorrow, share ideas. Get involved.

7.	**VP School Community**	<u>Liz Bennett</u>
		
		• **Welcome BBQ**: this went well and actually made $1,500. It was a donation. Nice afternoon.
		• Liz spoke to future events:
		  ○ 21.3.2 World Food Fair.
		  ○ 8.5.25 Mothers Day stall
		  ○ 9.5.25 Mothers Day breakfast.
		  ○ 17.5.25 Trivia night (the Alcott)
		  ○ 3.6.25 Vivid Cruise night.
		• Other activities throughout year. Encouraged volunteers.

8.	**VP Fundraising**	• Secured first run of **vivid cruise**. Given interest, probably will do a second run. o This is a private captain cook cruise for LCPSP&C to see Vivid. Pick up at Northwood. Bring picnic, family and friends. Drive home. Best way of seeing vivid. • **Gala**: will use the hall for Gala this year. This is an event for adults only. There was a discussion about alcohol (it was noted that LC West have drinks on site) • **Silent disco:** this idea is being advanced: kids get head phones with two dualling DJs. Nacho Pop to be one of the DJs. • **Movie night**: we will sell popcorn and bring a picnic. Nice to have wet weather plan with the hall. • Do need volunteers.
9.	**Fun Run**	• Caleb noted that Liz Wright was an apology. • Not formally announcing date until council confirms. Proposed is the second Sunday in September (14.9.25). • Callout will be made from Liz soon asking for volunteers.
10.	**Uniform Shop**	<u>Fiona Aldridge</u> • Uniform shop had a good start to year. • Fiona noted lots of second hand available. • Really is of good quality.
11.	**Music**	<u>Tamsin</u> • This is a busy time, with students resizing. There have been 56 hires so far this year, with $15K generated. • On the spending, we have bought a new viola. • We are also repairing some instruments, mainly bows for the strings. During the rest of this year, we will do the same for band instruments. • Volunteers-Tamsin noted we have a few volunteers but there are Jobs that can be done if want to help out.

12.	**Grounds**	• Caleb noted that Darren Simpson was also an apology.
		• **Working Bees:** Need a working B date in Term 2.
		  o Clear out overgrown garden.
		  o Possible chickens.
		  o Start garden club again.

	Any other business	

		• There was then a discussion re class WhatsApp groups. • Sarah: What we are doing is one communication channel. We get people to sign up and then direct information. We used to use class parents to share information. Explanation in the Loop.
	Closed	Closed: 9.15am.