

Golden Hill Steiner School Parents & Friends Agenda – Friday 6th December 2019

Meeting opened – 9.15am

Welcome Verse Shared Together

“The healthy social life is found When, in the mirror of each human soul, The whole community finds its reflection, And, when, in the community, The virtue of each one is living.”

Welcome to Country – Thank you Kristi

Attendees: Penny G, Theresa S, Kylie C (Left at 9.30am), Kristi McM, Michelle P

Apologies: Denise B, Angie D, Haikam, Steve, David S, Kat L

Minutes November 2019 Accepted with Amendments below:

Amendments –P&F to coordinate the Bush Dance – Denise has offered to support.

Kylie C withdrew as Secretary – Penny took on role Chair/Secretary. **Secretary position available.**

Correspondance out:

4myEarth – establishing a fundraising code for the pre Christmas buying time – PG

Cards that Count – setting up a fundraiser – Term 3 2020 – PG

P&F Printed Newsletter – Wednesday 27th November – PG

Denmark Bulletin – Hands in the Earth Daze Article – PG

Charlie McGee, Formidable Vegetable – Playing at Spring Fair – Checking Availability – PG

Mike Hyder – Organising Fiddlers/Bush Dance - PG

Sarah Martin & Lila Thanos – Nourishing Transitions – confirmation of meeting space & rate - PG

Correspondence in:

Sarah Martin & Lila Thanos – Nourishing Transitions – use of Peppermint Cottage Support Letter – Set rate for session.

Business Arising from Correspondence

Nourishing Transitions contacted P&F to get support for their group to meet at Peppermint Cottage on a regular weekly basis to hold a session for all stages of parenting from pregnancy & beyond. The emphasis being on the adults but the play area allows for a beautiful space for children while sessions are on. The group are newly formed and we encourage all P&F members to check out their website www.nourishingtransitions.org. More information will follow when space/day confirmed. The group requested they only be charged for the 2 hour session & not set up/clear up time which Jacqui has agreed to.

Intention Setting

We spoke of the power of words and how we, as the P&F, can set our intentions for 2020.

We chose “Our School is prosperous. We attract beautiful families to our school year after year”.

Treasurer Report

Theresa S worked with Oona to get up to date Treasurer report. Thank you to Oona for her time in organising the P&F finances while we get set up as an association.

Notes	Transaction amount	Balance
Opening Balance 1st Sept 2019		\$5048.42
Repaid loan to GHSS for Hessian	-\$217.50	\$4830.92
Star pickets – replacement purchased from Denmark Co-op	-\$263.24	\$4567.68
Donation from Kristi IGA Express Credit	+\$400.00	\$4967.68
Hands in the Earth Daze – IGA Xpress 29.11.19	-\$352.64	\$4615.04
Fruit for Ice-cream day – IGA Xpress 29.11.19	-\$54	\$4561.04

Closing balance as at 3rd December 2019		\$4561.04
<i>Expected transactions</i>		
Hands in the Earth Daze Donations	+\$200	\$4761.04
Hands in the Earth Daze Sausages – Mt Barker IGA	-\$90	\$4671.04
Anonymous Donation	+\$1000	\$5671.04
Transfer of historic funds raised for P&F (Oona to transfer) – Board approval needed.	+\$1479.46	\$7150.50
Closing balance		\$7150.50

Charity - % of fundraising to go to a project we are passionate about – immediate response was something local. ACTION: Suggestions called for to discuss at next meeting.

Hands in the Earth Daze Feedback – Kristi, Penny & Theresa

It was simply wonderful. Fantastic feedback, food and company. Kristi McM used \$400 from her donation from the voucher that Anton & Maryann, IGA Xpress had given to acknowledge Kristi for her recycling efforts. We raised \$200 with \$10 per family for food. A Huge Thank you To Kristi for her ideas & enthusiasm, the day would not have been what it was without the wisdom & energy that Kristi brought to it. People enjoyed not having to bring food. It was noted that If we charged \$20 per family we would have covered costs but the first one was a trial to see what worked. Either continue with cook up days, day before or cook food together, on the day. Discussion around the Hands in the Earth days are they are simply opportunities to be together and are not a busy bee. If any work does happen in the bush area it will naturally unfold. On this occasion more weaving was added to the shelter Kristi has already created in the bush kindy area.

ACTION: - Hands in the Earth Days to continue in 2020 to work in with the 6 seasons. Pen to work out days/calendar with Jacqui/GHSS Staff.

Becoming an Association

We have been asked by GHSS to become a separate association to the school to make it easier for admin and ourselves. As an association we are entitled to different opportunities than a simple school group and can have our own bank account & ABN. This is an excellent position to be in for applying for grants. Thank you to Oona, Jacqui & Tegan for all their work in supporting the initial P&F set up.

MOTION:

The Golden Hill Steiner School Parents & Friends Association will apply to be an incorporated association and will be named 'Golden Hill Steiner School Parents & Friends Association Inc.' The cost of \$128 to apply to be an association is also approved. All P&F Members need to be financial members and a cost of 50c per year was set. 4 P&F financial members are needed for a meeting to take place and 4 P&F financial members are needed for a decision to be made.

Nominated: Penny Goodwin

Seconded: Michelle Perisic

MOTION:

Once the Golden Hill Steiner School Parents & Friends Association Inc. has been approved a bank account will be set up in that name with NAB Bank, Denmark Branch. Signatories on Bank Account will be Penny Goodwin – Chair. Theresa Stockdale – Treasurer. Katja Lamb – P&F Member.

Nominated: Theresa Stockdale

Seconded: Michelle Perisic

MOTION:

The Golden Hill Steiner School Parents & Friends Association Inc. will apply for an Australian Business Number (ABN) when the first two motions have been completed.

Nominated: Penny Goodwin

Seconded: Kristi McMullan

Projects

School Orchard – Neal/Kat coordinating

The Orchard design has been reviewed with 3 experienced orchardists giving their advice to the school's existing orchard space. An orchard design has been decided upon. ACTION - Nets are being sewn on a weekly basis & the orchard will be completed over the school holidays (around 20th December 2019) by Neal C & Katja L with the help of Dale & Theresa S.

Outdoor Kitchen Garden - FRRR Grant to be applied for by 19th December 2019, if successful funding available March 2020.

Katja has followed up with Chris Robbins (A founder of the school) and we have a design for the classroom that would tie in with the current school buildings & woodwork classroom. Quantity survey to be complete by 13th December. ACTION: Ryan Taylor has called in a favour for the quantity survey to be done and will be complete 13th December 2019. Pen to write FRRR grant with support from Kat & Chris.

Nature Playground – GHSS Staff have applied for grant funding from WA State Government funding round. Decision will be announced in March 2020.

Family Education

Lou Harvey-Zahra, Author of Happy Child, Happy Home, Creative Discipline, Connected Family et al. ACTION – Mary Lou will get information about available parenting workshops we can take part in & advertise to school community – information will be available in 2020.

Kristi, Earth Parenting – Parenting/Family Workshops – The P&F extends their support to Kristi and would love to assist in any workshops/events she would like to run in 2020 by means of financial reward and assistance with marketing and catering. We expressed our gratitude of what Kristi brings to our school and the potential we see for more community collaboration and promotion for GHSS.

Bush Kindy Playgroup – The P&F asked Kristi if she would be interested in running a weekly session down by the Bush Kindy River Area for families with children upto Kindy 5. Kristi agreed and suggested Friday as a day that would work for her. Same cost as Steiner playgroup. Time 9.45am to 11.45am ACTION: Pen to discuss with Jacqui if this is possible.

Family Support - Food bank creation with Fridge/Freezer.

Initial ACTION - Jacqui has confirmed we have a replacement budget for a fridge freezer, we can sell our current fridge and upgrade with a fridge freezer in early 2020. However, after the Hands in the Earth Daze, we realised the worth of large fridge for events and Anton & Maryann from Little IGA have donated a large chest freezer to the school. Thank you to Jacqui for her support in finding a place for us to house our new freezer & her overall enthusiasm for the idea. The freezer will benefit our Food Bank project, make ice cream days easier, reduce food waste and Neal C will also be able to use for his cooking lessons. ACTION: Thank you to Theresa S for organising it and arranging delivery with Anton & David S on Saturday 7th December 2019.

Fundraising - Event dates

Supa IGA Sausage Sizzle & Cake Stall – 15th February 2020.

Sausages & rolls provided by IGA. Mike to coordinate Fiddlers to promo Feb Bush Dance.

ACTION: Additional goods to be sold on day – Offers needed. Volunteers needed on Day – Offers Needed – BBQ from School – Trestle Tables Needed.

Thermomix Raffle – 150 tickets at \$30 - Winner drawn on day of Sausage Sizzle

ACTION: Raffle Idea Approved - Licence Cost Approved – around \$50. Ticket printing cost approved upto \$50. Pen to Action Licence/Tickets.

Bush Dance – Autumn Term 1 – Week 5 – Saturday 7th March 2020 – Date to be Confirmed.

ACTION: P&F to organise with Mike with the support of the P&F and for any funds to go in the P&F kitty.

Soups/Salad days were suggested for the winter and summer terms by Kylie. ACTION: P&F to coordinate – Volunteers Needed

Robyn has expanded on idea with Term 1 & 4 – we have ice cream day Term 2 & 3 – we have soup day. Initial idea to research ice cream machine for us to buy but with first ice cream day done, two thermomixes worked great. Ice Cream machine not needed at this time. We are open to fruit donations from our school community & beyond.

Karen from Kwoobarup Markets leaving leftover produce from the markets on Sunday – Will contribute to family dinner food bank, school canteen. ACTION: Penny & Theresa to coordinate use of donated food – Kristi to leave ice cream tubs for food storage.

School Photos – Advertise for a local photographer (Put out to Tender for 2020) and we run as a P&F fundraiser – Keeps business in Denmark/Great Southern & cheaper for everyone, while raising funds for us. Sept 2020. ACTION: Idea approved/Jacqui pre approved idea before meeting. Penny to advertise for Photographer – Date to be confirmed with GHSS Staff.

Dates needed for the following school events – ACTION: Pen to confirm dates with Jacqui/GHSS

Autumn Festival

Kindergarten Autumn

Festival Winter Festival

Spring Festival

Golden Hill Steiner School Spring Fair - 22 November 2020_

ACTION: Coordinated by Theresa & Penny

Theme Suggested – ‘No Such Thing as Waste’ – All Agreed

Charlie, Formidable Vegetable to Play – \$1,000 fee – All Agreed

Hire the Denmark Arts/Green Skills washing up cart – ACTION - Kira to book for Spring Fair

Karen & Ilan, Kwoorabup Markets advised date of Spring Fair & Markets to still run in Hall – Note made to advise all Fair Stall Holders to seek own trestle tables.

Stall Holders to be extended to the wider community for a fee.

Stalls must stick to the waste reduction theme and inline with Steiner School principles.

First option of stalls given to Families at Golden Hill Steiner School.

Activities in Classrooms to be discussed with GHSS Staff.

School Promotions

Stalls at Markets/Ag Shows

Festival of Voice

Albany Eisteddfod

Albany Fair – Early Nov

GHSS Spring Fair

Denmark Arts Markets Dec/Jan/Feb

ACTION: P&F to work in with staff to create a 2020 calendar of events to allow for forward thinking & preparation. Pen to discuss with Jacqui.

School Shop – Kylie C has been approached by GHSS to put together a proposal for a school shop and to work in with the P&F. Kylie proposed to P&F that she runs her Nature's Nest Business, using her own company details and public liability insurance, and pays a commission to the school on every item sold for use of a building.

The P&F would be allowed to sell their school products i.e. School Shirts and keep the profit for P&F funds. P&F were also offered the opportunity to supply the tea/coffee/cake and keep all the profits for P&F. Volunteers needed both Theresa & Pen willing workers with additional people needing to be recruited if it went ahead – Kylie said she would be happy to help serve teas/coffees if not busy with shop. Opportunities for a clothes swap rack/library was suggested too. Crafty/Talented families could also sell their handmade products on consignment with commission going to the school too. Kylie just asks that she has ownership over the look & design of space. Time suggested – 8.30am to 9.30am & 2.30 to 3.30pm Mon/Wed/Fri. All Agreed to Proposal & full support shop idea. ACTION: Kylie to take proposal to GHSS Admin to discuss further.

Bumper Stickers - Golden Hill – where children shine – No great enthusiasm for Idea - to be discussed Feb 2020 meeting.

Wide Brimmed Coloured Hats with School Logo – Initial comment – rather leave hats individual to reflect personalities – source some wide brim hats i.e. Peaceful Bay Hat Company & stock in school shop – discuss with Kylie C.

School Shirts – colour represents every day of the week, helps children maintain rhythm. Kristi McM expanded upon the idea of the colours represent the planets & days of the week. Shirts not compulsory but suggestion made that we all looked to wear something that tied in with daily colour. All agreed.

Monday – Purple - Moon, Tuesday – Red - Mars, Wednesday – Yellow - Mercury, Thursday – Orange - Jupiter, Friday – Blue - Venus.

ACTION: P&F to coordinate with Robyn M the purchase of school shirt stock reflecting logo and colours for days of week.

Cards that Count – Promotion for Term 3, 2020 – Teachers allocate time for students to produce artwork for Christmas cards. Families have their own code and delivery in first week of Term 4. We get \$5 per pack – Idea approved. Initial idea from Helena River Steiner School.

ACTION: - Jacqui to approve school time allocation for artwork

Year 1 Workshops – Dates/Promotion

Crayon Roll Workshop – ACTION: Theresa S & Michelle P to coordinate support from Class 1 families in Crayon Roll creation – Discuss with Lisa P.

Lyre Making – ACTION: Pen G to Contact Chris Robins for workshop dates in 2020.

Lyre Felt Bag with Kylie – ACTION: Kylie to action workshop dates.

Clothes mending/make bags from old clothes workshop – ACTION - Theresa to coordinate

Craft Group – Highlight that it is not only an opportunity for families to catch up but also shows families why we do what we do in Steiner with handcrafts, rhythm and creating simple toys for our children to play with. The craft group also runs fundraising opportunities when craft goods are sold at market days including. The Golden Hill Spring Fair. Families with younger children encouraged to go along but everyone welcome, no initial craft skills needed just a willingness to learn. There has been low attendance at craft group & often no one at all. Michelle P losing momentum but would love some support or feels workshops may be a better way to get people to come along. ACTION: New Craft Person to run group long term, alternatively, craft workshops will be run throughout the year. Term 1 a crayon roll workshop for Class 1 families & workshop with Fran Rosenthal, on how to create Steiner Dolls. Dates to advised.

Gardening Group – A wonderful way to support Kat & keeping the school grounds maintained. Also currently assisting with Orchard Net Sewing. The current families have three young children who have really bonded and Gardening Group maybe another group to becoming involved with if playgroup not for you.

Any Other Business Arising:

Book Week – Discussions around Book Week and its place in a Steiner School. A call for an age appropriate book choice to be made for each class and everyone to make simple costumes based on a book choice. To be monitored by Class Teachers. All Agreed. ACTION: Pen to discuss with Jacqui how we can support the school.

MEETING CLOSED: 11am.

No workshop. Ideas were explored for longer with a smaller group of people.