

Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 7 May 2024 – Staffroom

7.00pm

1	Open & Acknowledgment of Country
2	Welcome by the President
3	<p>Attendees/Apologies & Welcome New Members</p> <p>Attendees: Sarah Mross, Amanda Ritchie, Alison Wedgwood, Caroline Dean, Sarah Bianchi, Michelle Mansson, Lauren Wilson, Tenille Warrington, Lenell Fox, Erin Mackenzie, Matthew Wright, Suzy Newell-Courtney</p> <p>Apologies: Corinne Archer, Geri Reilly, Rochelle Jones, Peter Taniane, Leanne Flowers</p> <p>*Reminder to pay \$1 into P&C Account if you want to be a financial member</p>
4	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>- Endorsed: Amanda Ritchie, Sarah Mross</p>
5	<p>Business Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>Nil</p>
6	<p>Special Guest:</p> <p>Department of Education Road Safety Education Officer: Nicole Stiassny</p> <p>Refer to attached slide presentation.</p> <p>The Road Safety Education Officer is a position to support the state TfNSW goal to zero deaths on roads. Design teaching and learning and research based activities for schools and provide support to the expertise that already exists from the teachers in the school. DoE has been working directly with LPS on creating effective connections with external stakeholder groups such as Council, TfNSW, NSW Health etc – as issues arise.</p> <p>LPS has been proactive in making a conscious effort with the program – there has been a meeting arranged with council specifically to talk about safer pathways and support stronger bike culture – looking at starting up a bike program for LPS similar to one run at Miranda North PS.</p> <p>There has also been staff professional learning opportunities – 4 dedicated LPS teachers are attending a TfNSW funded workshop which will be all about new developments for safe active travel to and from school.</p> <p>The strategy's focus is on three main areas 1. Pedestrian safety 2. Passenger safety 3. Safety on wheels. The safety wording and messaging is going to be consistent across all areas – including council, police, school, curriculum etc. Important to note that key message delivery will start in early stage 1 kindergarten – not just for older children.</p> <p>Key Takeaways to Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eventually three point turns will be illegal in school zones – process in parliament is underway. - A lot of issues are caused by parents calling their children across the road.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State government needs to progress strategies and messages around distractions – i.e. device distractions – formal support material hasn't been developed in this space yet. - Current guidelines for walking to school is up to age of 8 – holding hands with a parent, ages 8-10 close supervision by an adult, after age 10 – independent travel is possible depending on context. - Important message for parents is to communicate safe back up plans – what to do if its raining, what to do if parent is late etc. - Parents should coordinate with the school in the first instance for any school related notifications of issues/problems/concerns to council etc. <p>Useful Links for Parents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road Safety Education website parents and carer hub Department's parent and carer hub (nsw.gov.au) • Transport for NSW – Centre for Road Safety with lots of information, guidelines and rules. https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety • Safety Town – activities for children and information for families https://www.safetytown.com.au/families/ • Snap send solve App for reporting issues to council (after informing the school) https://www.snapsendsolve.com/
7	<p>Correspondence Summary:</p> <p>In: -</p> <p>In & Out: -</p>
8	<p>Reports</p> <p>President:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Would like to thank Rochelle Jones and Amanda Ritchie for their efforts on the Mothers Day stall – there are some really great gifts that have been arranged and big thanks to all volunteers helping on Friday. <p>Treasurer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financials as follows General account balance: \$1,588.96 Uniform account: \$25,476.48 Debit card account: \$2000 <p>Uniform Shop Sub-Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Still seeking a volunteer to shadow Ngaire to take on uniform shop next year. Doesn't require physical presence every week – just need a coordinator role and there are plenty of volunteers who can support with the onsite requirements. - Important to note that if a coordinator cannot be found, we are at risk of not having a uniform shop at all next year – will require parents to have to source uniforms and pick up from places like Claudine's in Caringbah. - Will confirm with Ngaire whether any volunteers have come forward – if not messaging to be sent out re risk of no uniform shop. <p>Vice President – Fundraising:</p>

- Bundraiser Hot Cross Buns – raised approx. \$350 plus several gift vouchers provided by Bakers Delight – can go towards Spring Fair raffle, thanks to Leanne, Gabrielle and Sarah for organising
- LPS Movie night – weather has not been favourable, the oval is saturated and more rain is forecast over the next week. Options are delay again for a few weeks, or delay to end of year, or cancel and hold next year. The deposit already paid allows the date to be changed for up to 2 years. Consensus by the group to cancel and hold next year. Q re refund of tickets, there was a disclaimer included that no refunds were available due to weather related cancellations and money raised for movie night was to go to spring fair and replace the request for the Fiver for the Fair donation. Raffle ticket purchases and items can be transferred to Spring Fair. Agreed to offer refunds on a voluntary basis. If parents are happy for money spent to go to Spring Fair instead but if anyone wants a full refund, then it can be provided. See how many refunds are requested to know whether we will need the Fiver for the Fair donation.
- Disco confirmed for Term 4 – disco team to coordinate with school for potential dates.
- Mothers Day Stall – online orders closing on Wednesday. Cash and card available for face to face sales on Friday
- Fathers Day stall – cancelled due to being the week before Spring Fair.
- Big thanks to Caroline Dean who has accepted the role as Spring Fair coordinator.

Spring Fair – Caroline Dean:

- Need to launch Spring Fair officially. Propose to send out comms re cancelling the movie night and finish Mothers Day stall activities before launching next week.
- Aiming for a simple repeat of previous spring fairs – cancelling entertainment unless a coordinator volunteers to oversee. Not about breaking fundraising records – just having a good community event.
- Cashless discussion – positives are no money counting, no need for atm, bank runs, security etc – however it is not simple and easy – token systems are difficult for small children, you have to streamline all products/services. Getting scouts to help on bbq has saved a spare class which can be money counting. Decision to go with cash.
- Need people to start getting donations for the raffle and chocolate wheel – there is a standard email, so will send out and get responses. Need to start now, otherwise chocolate wheel wont proceed. Can use the whole school to collect.
- Duke of Edinburgh student volunteers – option to help on the day

15 class stalls - allocation proposed:

- Art Stall (KF – Alison Wedgwood)
- Book Stall (3/4T, 1PA – Lauren Wilson)
- Toy Stall (KHT, KPB – two coordinators needed)
- Plant stall (2C – coordinator needed)
- Entry buckets (2B – coordinator needed)
- Rides and raffles (5/6S – coordinator needed)
- Cake stall (3/4Y, 1/2M – Leanne Flower)

- BBQ (3/4KW + Loftus scouts – Sarah Mross)
- Chocolate wheel (5/6J – coordinator needed)
- Glitter tattoo stall (3/4S – Michelle Wright)
- Popcorn/drinks/lollies/fairy floss (5/6C – coordinator needed)
- Money counting (5/6BF – coordinator needed)

Vice President Report – Special Projects:

- Nothing to report

Principal’s Report:

- Suzy Newell-Courtney: Great to have road safety officer here – please spread the important message of road safety on class chat pages, we have had near misses at the school recently which has sparked the next level of intervention, esp bike riding and the paths from the park right to the road – with no crossings etc.
- Sarah Mross: Please if you see kids acting unsafe – please let parents know if you can – don’t be scared to tell people. Its all about looking out for each others kids as best we can.
- Caroline Dean: There have been so many near misses on National Ave, and the school zone should extend past the end of the school, people parking in the drop off area, and made worse in the rain. If there is no space in the queue, parents should just drive past and go around the block and tell your kids that is what you will do.
- Suzy: The professional learning mentioned by Nicole is going to be run here onsite at LPS and other schools will attend.
- Money and fees – LPS is trying to lower costs where possible, looking at items like camps – we do want kids to experience but it is noted that incidental costs are increasing but we are trying to minimise where possible – like local excursions using public transport, rather than coaches/buses. A good message to get out to the community is get your child an opal card for these occasions.
- Preliminary Naplan results are out – just proficiency levels – the new categories are: additional support required, developing, strong, and exceeding, its an important message for parents that we have gone from a 5 point scale to a 4 point scale – you can be classed as “developing” but only 1 point off “strong” – so keep in mind the terminology is challenging and that Naplan is just one assessment, one snapshot in time – all other assessments held in class guide what the students need.
- Anzac ceremony was held – was a really nice day with a special guest – a grandfather who spoke to the kids
- Tenille Warrington: advised feedback she received from attendees was that the kids behaviour was exceptional during the ceremony
- Suzy: First kindy parent 2025 information session – led by school leaders who did a fabulous job and thanks to Sarah Mross for attending and presenting. Tell your neighbours and any parents you know who may need to enrol so the school can plan ahead.
- International joint class happened this week – there is a meeting tomorrow with Ms Kenny and Suzy with other schools to provide feedback. Excitement from the kids was great and different

	<p>communication experience was amazing– i.e. translations by the Korean teacher</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LPS External validation is due in two days. LPS is doing some wonderful things and the growth in teachers is exciting – cant wait to share with the rest of the school. Good opportunity to write next school plan for next year and next 4 years after that – what do we need, set meaningful direction, think we are in a good space moving forward for student learning - Fathering project was launched with the info night – planning for the father daughter hair event has started - Easter hat parade was great, cross country is upcoming, chess competition has been set up including interschool comp with Bonnet Bay PS and debating is starting – first match will be against Sutherland PS.
9	<p>General Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Member Vote: P&C Support contribution for the Fathering Project. Vote to contribute \$500 – motion passed by majority vote. - Caroline Dean: School should bring back Munchie Day – was a great opportunity to meet other parents and the kids loved it - Lauren Wilson: Discussions held with a rep from the RFS – they want to come to Spring Fair and be involved.
12	<p>Items for next meeting - (Tuesday 11 June, Week 7, Term 2 2024)</p> <p>-</p>
13	<p>Close meeting: 8.38.</p>



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Loftus Public School



Vulnerabilities of children in the traffic environment



Key Road Safety Messages

Early childhood	Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 (Kindergarten - Year 2)	Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)	Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6)
Pedestrian safety			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Always hold a grown-up's hand When a grown-up's hand is not available, hold a pram, bag or clothes Always cross the road with a grown-up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold a grown-up's hand when you cross the road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Stop! Look! Listen! Think!</i> every time you cross the road 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold a grown-up's hand when you're on the footpath Hold a grown-up's hand when you're in a car park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use a safe place to cross the road 	
Passenger safety			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Always buckle up safely Always stay buckled up - awake or asleep Always get in and out of the 'Safety Door' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Click, clack, front and back Always buckle up safely Get in and out of the car on the footpath side Wait till the bus has gone and then use a safe place to cross the road 		
Safety on wheels			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Always wear your helmet when riding your bike or wheeled toy Always ask a grown-up where it is safe for you to play 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Always wear a helmet when you ride or skate 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ride your bike away from the road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ride your bike away from busy roads 	

Parents and carers are responsible for deciding the safest way for their child to get to and from school.

All types of travel require planning, safe practices and observing road rules and guidelines.

Young children, in particular, require **active supervision by an adult** whenever they are in a traffic environment.

What's happening in your area

Loftus Public School 2018-2022

Degree of casualty ● Seriously Injured ● Moderately Injured ● Minor/Other Injured



Casualties	2022
Seriously Injured	90
Moderately Injured	118
Minor/Other Injured	71

Pick up and drop off

- Always arrange to meet your child at a safe place.
- Never call them across the road.
- Talk with your child if you are late or it is raining.



Further information

