Walgett Community College P&C General meeting  
3 May 2016 Breakfast club room Primary School

1. Meeting opened 1.05pm.

2. Present: Jo Cayzer, Annette Thomson, Charlene Cole, Karen McKinnon, Jo Flick  
Apologies: Patti Walford

3. Minutes of previous meeting read by Jo

4. Business arising  
- Questions raised about the funding and location of the K-2 playground. School has given a  
minimum budget but needs to work out costing of individual items and make sure each part meets  
Australian standards. Possible locations: behind preschool next to existing sandpit but issues of  
supervision; other side of preschool but issue of sprinkler system; grassed area behind DEC.  
Discussion around making this area a separate playground for K-2 and using already existing shade  
structures. Question about moving sandpit and shade: sandpit could be moved but moving shade  
structure would require a structural engineer. Suggestion made to talk with teachers about why old  
Infants playground is no longer used and what their thoughts are on the location of the new play  
equipment. Karen and Annette to investigate and come back to P&C with a plan.  
- Timing of meeting. Suggestion made to try 2pm so parents can come before picking kids up. Need  
to discuss with Annette K. Trial for next meeting.

5. Correspondence  
- Invitation from P&C Federation to a forum in Broken Hill  
- Email from Vanessa Hickey

6. Reports  
- Karen McKinnon -Interviews being conducted for DP position for High school. EOI put out  
for DP position at Primary Site. 6 positions advertised for SLSOs for Primary site.  
-New Intensive reading program being used in Primary school called Corrective Reading to  
catch up kids who have fallen behind their reading age. Based on small group work. Has had  
success at other schools with disadvantaged students.  
-Jo F asked about a class incentive for students wearing correct uniform.  
-Hats with motto are being ordered and prototype of new uniform being made.  
-Building at high School to be finished in October but not to be officially opened until start  
of next year with big community event. Planning needs to begin soon.

7. General Business  
- Jo C raised suggestion of parent info sessions on relevant topics such as the schools policy on  
bullying, how to build resilience in kids, learning disabilities, etc. Discussion around what time  
would work best. Charlene suggested a parent survey asking what topics they’d be interested in and  
what time would work for them. Other topics could include the new dental program, health, diet,  
drugs, and guest speakers from other organisations could be utilised. Discussion around how to  
access parents with the survey rather than send it home with students. Suggestions made including  
cross country, at school gate, at school office before 11am when parents drop off lunches. Jo to  
email Karen about taking the suggestion of the Info sessions to the SRG for their help in accessing  
speakers.  
- Charlene raised question of school involvement in the Market Day on Saturday 18th June. It was  
clarified that Mel Ozoux is organising a stall for the Bulldust to Bitumen Festival. Charlene happy  
to help organise Market Day, needs support from school. Maybe a BBQ or hospitality students
could sell cakes or Primary students sell cards. Norm looks after the school gazebo. A School banner has been ordered. Charlene to contact Greta about doing the BBQ.

- Charlene raised question of concreting the bike path around the preschool which is currently just gravel and kids can’t ride on it effectively. Concreting expensive. Make this priority 2 after Infants playground.

- Vanessa Hickey emailed requesting information about where the school motto issue was at. Brief history of the issue given: current school motto is Courage and Excellence which was changed from Courtesy and Honour. Change was made in 2007 and reviewed in 2012 but somehow many people were unaware of this change and have only found out recently. Anne Dennis has spoken to P&C about this issue and explained the community consultation that took place. Requests have been made to see the minutes of these meetings. Discussion followed about history of the school and how it became a community college. Now one school P-12, needs to be unified under one motto. Change of motto and reasons for it need to be made known. Action: question to be included in the parent survey about awareness of the school motto. Karen and Annette to take the issue to Anne Dennis for further clarification and potentially to raise with the SRG. Once issue is sorted badges and letterheads could include emblem and motto. School song may need to be amended.

Action items
- Karen and Annette to investigate location for new play ground and come back to P&C with a plan.
- Jo to discuss time of meeting with Annette Kennedy
- Jo to email Karen about taking the suggestion of the Info sessions to the SRG for their help in accessing speakers.
- Charlene to contact Greta about doing the BBQ at the next Market day
- Charlene to make a survey for parents including topics, times and school motto. Jo to help.
- Karen and Annette to take the issue to Anne Dennis for further clarification and potentially to raise with the SRG
- Jo to advertise next meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday 7th June 2pm at Breakfast club room, Primary School.
Meeting Closed 2.15 pm