Walgett Community College P&C General meeting  
7 June 2016 Breakfast club room Primary School

1. Meeting opened 2.05pm.

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

3. Minutes of previous meeting read by Jo

4. Business arising  
   - Karen to meet with staff to decide on location for Infants playground  
   - Charlene raised suggestion that P&C meeting were too formal and off-putting to some parents.  
     Suggested visiting communities instead, asking people what they saw as the schools strengths,  
     challenges and something to see the school do. Discussed also asking parents as they come to  
     school events or at cake stall. P&C members could also do informal conversations and report back.  
   - Charlene asked if parents could be notified if their children getting an award at assembly.

5. Correspondence  
   - Letter of resignation from Annette Kennedy, President. Expression of thanks to be made to  
     Annette for her time as President. Jo to contact Alex about putting an EOI in school newsletter for  
     new President.

6. Reports – Karen McKinnon  
   Community Meeting help recently. 5 action points to follow up on.  
   New uniform at Highschool designed by students to be shown to the community before  
   manufacture. Hats and windcheaters to follow. In time for opening of new school.  
   School Motto- spoke to Anne Dennis. School motto was changed in consultation with the  
   AECG in 2004. Minutes on record. Change was for whole school. Courage and Excellence is not a  
   bad motto, need to put this issue to bed and move forward with the current motto. Motto should be  
   included on badge and shirts.  
   Patti asked about parents who were still unaware the change had been made and were likely  
   to be upset when they find out.  
   Karen said any feedback from the surveys or elsewhere will be taken on board but at end of  
   day decision needs to be made in best interest of kids and school can’t get involved in treading  
   water over this issue. Community visits will be a time people can talk about their concerns  
   including the motto.  
   Minister Piccoli to visit school tomorrow, both sites.

7. General Business  
   - Charlene asked about money to do up the Primary Site, especially the ground coverings and  
     concrete. Karen explained school used own budget to do small repairs but also looking in to funding  
     related to better accessibility for students with disabilities.  
   - Question about why children need to line up after recess and lunch, source of behaviour problems.  
     Look into having them line up outside classrooms, discuss with teachers. Also discuss idea of  
     letting kids play first and eat later.  
   - Market Day 18th June, Mel, Janet and Winston running BBQ and looking for volunteers. Charlene  
     discussed surveying parents also.  
   - Patti raised issue of kids running out between buses to get to parents waiting on other side of road.  
     Could parents be made to park near preschool. Karen suggested school lobbies for a lollipop person
to take kids across the road. Also suggestion of sending note home advising of safe pick-up practice and that police will patrol school zone.

- Charlene asked whether staff on duty could have whistles to raise attention if need help with a situation. Karen said whole duty roster situation needs to be looked into.

- Karen raised suggestion of Responsible Thinking Room with a teacher there for students to go to to think about their choices and given option of going back to class instead of suspensions. Patti said school has previously had a Reflection Room but this didn’t seem to work well for long.

Action items
- Karen to meet with staff to decide on location for Infants playground
- Jo to contact Alex about putting an EOI in school newsletter for new President.
- Karen to advise on dates for community visits
- Jo to advertise next meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday 2nd August 2pm at Breakfast club room, Primary School.
Meeting Closed 2.55 pm