QUAKERS HILL EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16 AUGUST 2011

PRESENT: Cheryl Brown, Sheridan Caple, Joanne Fickel, Rebecca Kennedy, Roslyn Morrall, Colin Ross, Alice Bullivant, Terri Rochester, Tanya Stephan, Linda Glenn, Gavin Glenn.

APOLOGIES: Marketa Bird, Christine Black, Mairwyn Curtis, Rachel Jackson, Murali, Jo Squillace, Bronwyn Tyson, Janeane Vaughan, Karren Parsons, Tracy Byers.

MEETING COMMENCED: 7.30 pm

CHAIRPERSON: Rebecca Kennedy

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:
Accepted by Joanne Fickel and seconded by Alice Bullivant.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:
- Rebecca Kennedy spoke with Michelle Rowland (Federal MP) about the traffic on Tamarind Drive. Michelle Rowland responded very quickly and will bring it up at the next council meeting on our behalf.
- Discussion was made that the signage about the definition of “kiss ‘n’ drop” would be available in the newsletter.
- Our main focus will be on the crossing as it’s not clear enough and that a zebra crossing was needed as it is more visible.

CORRESPONDENCE INCOMING:
- Most of the incoming correspondence related to fundraising and the Fathers’ Day Stall
- P&C Journals.
- A letter informing us that we have a free website available. This was discussed and determined that if community members would want to know anything they would go to the school website first. The website would be a considerable job for an administrator. Motion was passed that for the time being we would continue to use the “school community” section of the school website for now.

TREASURER’S REPORT:
- Balance for the General account at 31 July 2011 was $25,397 and the Uniform account was $26,556.
- Total funds available $51,954.
- Treasurer’s report accepted by Rebecca Kennedy and seconded by Gavin Glenn.

UNIFORM REPORT:
- As always in Term 3 sales have slowed down.
- Proposal for a “house” colour shirt be made available on a pre-order basis. When notes are sent home about either the swimming carnival or athletics carnival have an option available. Sun safe option was voted and 9 votes for was accepted. Colin to present idea to the teachers before a final decision can be made, however this will be an option for next year as all carnivals have been completed for the year.
FUNDRAISING:

- 14 tables for Trivia night have been confirmed. A quick run through of the night was discussed with Steve Comey, Rebecca Kennedy & Sheridan Caple prior to the P&C meeting.
- One game needed a prize; a $50 voucher to the uniform shop was agreed upon.
- Spring Car Boot Sale – Expressions of Interest notes have been received back with 21 responses, a Risk Assessment and discussion with other schools who have run similar events will be investigated. The Car Boot sale will be an event for this year upon receiving positive responses. Gavin to contact Rouse Hill and P&C Association and Alice to contact Kellyville Ridge.
- Reminder that the Fathers’ Day stall is on Wednesday 31st August. No re-packing is needed, just need to split gifts into years.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

- **Staffing**
  - Lynda Talintyre will be on long service leave for the last 4 weeks of term; Alison Wong will take over her teaching load. Assistant Principal position has not been filled at this time.
- **Student/school achievements**
  - Athletics Carnival was held and seven records were broken. The behaviour and efforts of the students were outstanding. The carnival was very well organised by Scott Staveley and Lynda Talintyre.
  - Pulse Concert on Monday 1st August performed at the Sydney Opera house. Special mention needs to go to Margriet Farrugia who prepared the girls for the event and gave up a lot of her own time to provide this opportunity.
  - BUSHWAHZEE/Open night was a very successful night with many students and their families enjoying themselves. Thank you for all the parents and teachers involved with making it such a success.
  - Debate team won their final debate in the local competition.
  - Spelling competition – Certificates received and will be presented at this week’s assembly. We received 15 Distinctions and 25 credits out of 75 entrants.
  - Science Competition – Certificates have been received. We received 3 Distinctions and 15 credits out of 56 entrants.
  - Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition - Annika Jolliffe won the Regional final. A huge achievement.
  - Community Liaison Officer Quakers Hill Police presentation - Snr Constable John Pollard has done two presentations, one for Kindergarten about police in the community and one for stage three on cyber safety. Both sessions were excellent. Positive feedback was received from staff and students.
- **BER opening**
  - Michelle Rowland, Federal Member for Greenway opened our Building the Education Revolution projects on 4 August. Also in attendance were Councillor Alan Pendleton - Mayor of Blacktown City Council, Sharon Ford - School Education Director Nirimba, Rebecca Kennedy - President QHEPS Parents and Citizens Association and John Aquilina our School Patron.

Coming events -

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GENERAL BUSINESS:
- Tanya Stephan reported that we have collected 5475 Woolworths Earn and Learn points to date.
- Rebecca Kennedy is acting Correspondence Secretary whilst Janeane Vaughan is away.

MEETING CLOSED: 8.14pm

MINUTE TAKER: Sheridan Caple

NEXT MEETING: 7.30pm Tuesday, 20 September