QUAKERS HILL EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15 FEBRUARY 2011

PRESENT:      Karen Baillache, Marketa Bird, Christine Black, Cheryl Brown, Alice Bullivant, Sheridan Caple, Joanne Fickel, Gavin Glenn, Linda Glenn, Rachel Jackson, Adam Joliffe, Rebecca Kennedy, Daniel Kusnadi, Heny Lijaya, Roslyn Morrall, Belinda Narbey, Karren Parsons, Eric Penman, Joanne Squillace, Bronwyn Tyson, Janeane Vaughan, Craig Warren

APOLOGIES:    Tracy Byers, Kellie Mitton, Colin Ross, Tanya Stephan.

MEETING COMMENCED:  7.35 pm          CHAIRPERSON:  Rebecca Kennedy

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:
Accepted by Rebecca and seconded by Janeane.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

- Five new smart boards ordered.
- Election BBQ - sell the leftover fete “prizes.”
- We were to have a guest speaker from the Ethics organization, who could not make it and recommended viewing the web site. A brief overview: “Ethics” lessons will be offered for students who don’t do Scripture and are in Years 5 and 6. Twelve to 24 students are required for a class. Currently only 6 months of the syllabus is written. Scripture teachers have police/working with children checks, yearly training and lesson observations by a trained teacher.

CORRESPONDENCE INCOMING:
- P & C Journals arrived.
- Fundraising info.

PRINCIPALS REPORT:
Student enrolments total 591 therefore we had to reduce our classes from 24 to 23. A multi-age class, 1/2R has been formed with Mrs Janelle Clissold. A Year class has been formed with 62 students in an open double classroom with Mrs Lynda Talintyre and Mrs Sue Brogden.

New permanent members of staff are Mrs Tabitha Mangion and Miss Julie–Anne Vella, both on Year 5. Miss Aimee Holdsworth is teaching Kindergarten. Mrs Merryl Blacker is taking reading groups and classes as part of the Release from Face to Face teaching (RFF) and Mrs Emily Luzaic who is an additional reading Recovery Teacher.

“Tell Me a Story” books have been delivered. Extra copies are available at $20 each with proceeds to go to Stewart House.

Security screens have been installed in the new toilets and they are now in use.

The playground turf was repaired and revitalized with some new concrete paths built - the cost being $26,000.

A technology upgrade in the library was undertaken at a cost of $28,000. This figure did not include the new computers which were part of the govt. rollout.

Demountable classrooms have interwrite boards and projectors installed.
Smartboards have been ordered for the five new classrooms at a cost of $35,000.

The School Swimming Carnival was a very successful day. A parent, Peita Hughes, will conduct training sessions for students who qualify for the Ridges PSSA Swimming Carnival after school on three Tuesdays after school.

Names of families who have paid their Voluntary School Contributions by April 1 will be entered in a draw for a $100 voucher to be spent at the school uniform shop.

Request reimbursement for the purchase of stickers for teachers - $30 per full time teachers and $15 per part time teacher -cost $800.

Coming events:
- 16 Feb - Working bee to prepare Kindergarten resources
- 17 Feb - Gold coin mufti day for the Flood victims
- 18 Feb - Summer PSSA commences
- 21 Feb - Stage 3 Paralympian Talk
- 22 Feb - School Photos
  - Meet the Teacher Night
- 2 Mar - Premier’s Sporting Challenge Trial #2
- 4 Mar - Cleanup Australia Day at QHEPS
- 9 Mar - Year 6 Boys Young Australia Drumming Workshop
- 11 Mar - Ridges PSSA Swimming Carnival
- 14 Mar - Year 4-6 Cyber Busters Talk
- 15 Mar - P & C AGM

Marketa Bird, Principal

TREASURER’S REPORT:
(Rachel Jackson)
- The balance of the General account was $23,978.72. Uniform account balance was $15,154.48. Total financial situation $45,416.25.
- It is a possibility that as of the 1st July this year, uniform may be claimed back if one claimed Part A from Centrelink.

UNIFORM REPORT:
- $10,000 in current sales.
- An “Excursion bag” is being researched. Would be similar to library bag. $6.85, Sue will find out minimum order.

FUND RAISING REPORT:
(Sheridan Caple)
- Election BBQ - 26th March. There were 2600 voters at QHE last election. Outback Steakhouse will provide food, we need to staff. Discussed selling sausages ($2) at 8am (when voting opens and there is a queue) then Chicken & Beef ($5) at 10am. Also soft drinks and poppers. Need the Mobile Fridge! Also do a raffle, need prizes. Appealing Images have donated a photo shoot.
- During the Year - Mothers’ and Fathers’ Day stalls.

OTHER BUSINESS:
- There was to possibly be a new high school in the Stanhope area, but apparently plans have been scrapped due to the area deemed to be an “aging population.”

MEETING CLOSED: 9.25 pm

MINUTE TAKER: Bronwyn Tyson