Quakers Hill East Public School P&C Association

Minutes of Meeting held on 15th October 2013

Present: Joanne Fickel, Janelle Clissold, Roslyn Morrall, Alice Bullivant, Colin Ross, Caryn Olson, Gavin Glenn, Christine Black, Linda Glenn, Tracey Byers

Apologies: Sue Taylor, Haylee Spencer, Karren Parsons

Meeting commenced: 7:40pm Chairperson: Gavin Glenn

Minutes of previous meeting:

• Accepted by Roslyn Morrall and seconded by Alice Bullivant.

Business arising from previous meeting:

• Lighting for top COLA: Colin still receiving/sourcing suitable quotes (received one at the moment - still waiting on more).

• Year 6 shirts: Colin looked into the current process and after discussing it with the teachers is confident it is still the best approach so will remain the same.

• Facebook: Alice provided an update - currently 104 members and going well, though was interested in getting a Stage 3 parent to volunteer to be admin (so that all stages would be covered).

Correspondence:

• Incoming: Information on fundraising - book covers.

• Outgoing: ‘Tax invoice’ for the sand pit for CPA grant.

Treasurer’s report: (read by Alice Bullivant)

The bank account balances at 30 September 2013 are:

General account $34,623
Uniform account $27,184

Total cash available $61,807

The $19,250 Grant from the Office of Community Services was received on 25 September.

The cheque for $10,000 transfer from the Uniform account to the General account was drawn and signed in September and presented in October. (Add $10K to General and take $10K from Uniform account).

Karren will prepare the accounts for the auditor so that the audited accounts will be ready for the AGM in November.

- Accepted by Joanne Fickel and seconded by Alice Bullivant.

Uniform report: (read by Joanne Fickel)

- Volunteers needed for the uniform shop at the upcoming orientation days (first three Tuesdays in November). Sue will also put a note in the upcoming newsletter.

- Unfortunately our current uniform shop co-ordinator, Sue Taylor, has given written resignation of her position. Sue wanted to pass on her apologies and is happy to stay on till the end of the year if needed. Sue recommended advertising the position ASAP so she is able to show the new person what to do especially with the upcoming orientation.

- The P&C wanted to pass on their thanks to Sue for all her dedication and effort she has put into the uniform shop over the past few years and that she will be missed. Colin also expressed his thanks and will put a note in the newsletter for a new volunteer. He also encouraged the P&C to think about possible solutions if someone was unable to take on the role.

Principals report:

- See attached.

Fundraising:

- Entertainment books: Alice provided an update. Four outstanding books. Profit was $1000 (sold 82 books). Discussed advantages and disadvantages for 2014. Will discuss further in early 2014?

- Election BBQ: The day was an overall success.
• **Ryan’s toys:** Alice was unsure on exact numbers for the first session (tonight) and will place another note in the newsletter for the second session which is next week.

**Other Business:**

• ‘World Teachers' Day’ - next Friday (25\textsuperscript{th} October). The P&C will provide $100 to contribute to a ‘thank you morning tea’ in celebration of this special event for the teachers. All members present voted yes to approve spending up to $100.

• Orientation day: Gavin will speak on behalf of the P&C at upcoming orientation meeting for parents. Colin/ Janelle to pass on details to Gavin.

• Sunscreen: Alice raised concerns for those children that arrive at before and after school care cannot be expected to apply sunscreen before they leave in the morning (as it will not last that long). Janelle will follow up with each class to ensure there is sufficient sunscreen in each room.

• Ros officially resigned from the P&C, after many years on the P&C, as her youngest child is now in Year 6 and will not be at the school next year.

• Caryn raised concerns of children sitting and playing on the ramp in the mornings and blocking access for those parents that have to use it (ie- with prams). Colin to follow up on this.

• Alice also raised concerns in the increases in fees at the ‘before and after school care’. The families that use the service believe it is in relation to what the school is charging the centre. However Colin reassured parents that what the school charges OOSH are set by the department and are within guidelines. Colin also encouraged all parents that use the service to join the parent committee.

• Next P&C meeting will be the AGM, followed by the November meeting. The December meeting will be on Tuesday 10\textsuperscript{th} December – traditional night out (dinner). Location - still TBC, however preference was for a venue that caters for separate payments. Alice to place a notice about both on Facebook.

**Meeting Closed:** 8:30pm  
**Minute taker:** Joanne Fickel

**Next meeting:** Tuesday 19\textsuperscript{th} November, 2013, at 7:30pm (AGM, followed by November meeting).
QUAKERS HILL EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT- 15 October 2013

NEWS

- Sand pit in use - the community building partnership between the P&C and state government has again allowed us to provide the students with enhanced facilities.

- Staffing news - School admin position (SAM) will be advertised Wednesday 16 October. Miss Belinda Chan left us at the end of Term 3 to take up a class for Term 4 at another school. We thank her for all her hard work at QHEPS and wish her well in her new role. We welcome back Mrs Tracey Reid who is now teaching 5LW on Thursdays and Fridays for the rest of the year and Ms Kristy Quinn who returns two days a week for the rest of the year and will cover Miss Chan’s teaching load. Mrs Wendy Brady is currently on LSL and her duties are being undertaken by Mrs Reiden Kulmar.

- Scripture survey responses - thank you to all families who responded to our Special Religious Education (SRE) survey. 62% of the respondents indicated that their children currently attend SRE classes at school. 50% of respondents indicated that they would have their children attend SRE lessons for other religions if they were available.

  - A meeting will be held in the next few weeks to commence planning for next year’s SRE classes.

- NAPLAN - parent reports will go home on Thursday. A brief review of school results will be presented at next P&C meeting.

HIGHLIGHTS

- International Competitions and Assessments for Schools results:
• 70 students sat the Maths competition. 22 received credits and four distinctions. Credits Year 3 - Akash, Rhea, Brock, Luke; Year 4 - Tanish, Mitchell, Maria, Deena, Anika; Year 5 - Aryan, Pratham, Shaunik, Luke, Rijoy, Casey, Aditaya, Garima; Year 6 - Mel, Liam, Guven, Jorge, Niveshlin. Distinctions Year 4 - Rachel; Year 5 - Tehan, Jenna, Shaveen.

• 48 students sat the English competition. Eight received credits and one distinction. Credits Year 3 - Kanishka; Year 4 - Devanshi, Rachel, Maria; Year 5 - Aryan, Luke, Rijoy; Year 6 - Aryman; Distinction Year 4 - Anika.

• On Monday 26 August, author Ursula Dubosarsky and illustrator Andrew Joiner visited our school to share their wonderful knowledge and experience of storytelling. A number of Andrew’s artworks which he drew on the day will shortly be on display in our school library.

• On Thursday 22 August, we held our school finals of the Premier’s Spelling Bee. The standard of spelling and word knowledge of our students is tremendous.

  • Stage 2 Finalists
    • Oliver, Carl, Grace, Devanshi, Anika, Juliet, Alexander, Mitchell, Sonali, Akash, Rhea, Tayzia

  • Stage 3 Finalists
    • Vianne, Arshpreet, Shreya, Drashti, Casey, Lauren, Jack, Aryaman, Deepak, Prathik, Shubhseerat

  • The Stage 2 final was won by Anika with Devanshi in second place.

  • The Stage 3 final was won by Vianne with Aryaman in second place.
Our school athletics team represented us extremely well at the Ridges Zone Carnival on Friday 30 August, achieving a commendable fourth place overall. Seven individual first places were achieved and one individual second place. Brendan also broke the Ridges junior discus record.

- Brendan (1st Jnr discus), Clayton (1st Jnr shot put), Jake (1st 11yrs boys high jump), William (1st 11yrs boys shot put), Mitchell (1st Snr boys high and long jump), Ryan (1st Snr boys shot put) and Logan (2nd Snr boys shot put) who, as a result of their excellent performances, will be representing Ridges Zone at the Sydney West Carnival.

- Our Year 2 soccer final was held Friday 30 August with Germany playing against England. Congratulations to Germany who are this year’s champions. Thanks to Mr David England for his organisation of the event.

- The Kindergarten farm excursion was a great success on Friday 30 August.

- On Wednesday 4 September our K-2 students enthusiastically participated in the annual athletics carnival. A great day was had by all. Thank you to all the families and friends who also helped make the day a success. Thank you to all the teachers for their work in bringing this enjoyable event together and particular thanks must go to Mr David England for his coordination of the carnival and Mr Ian Thompson for his work setting up for the day.

- Stage 3 had a very enjoyable experience attending the Quakers Hill High School Musical Preview on Tuesday 10 September. The students and staff were impressed with the performance.

- Thursday night 12 September I had the privilege of watching our fantastic singers and dancers perform at the Blacktown Music Festival. All of the girls performed outstandingly and made the entire school community very proud. A huge thank you to Mrs Julie-Anne Gauci, Mrs Joanne Dickerson and Miss Joylene LeCouteur for preparing the girls for the festival and to all the families and friends for supporting our students.
• Stage 3 held a gold day on Thursday 19 September with activities including gold panning, cooking, clay work, art, dancing and problem solving. Students and staff had a great day. Thanks to the Stage 3 teachers.

• Group photos were taken on Thursday 10 October, ordering procedures will be in the newsletter.

Other items - upcoming dates

• 15-17 October Life Education K-1
• 25 October World Teachers’ Day
• 5 November Kinder Orientation
• 12 November Kinder Orientation
• 13 November planetarium visit
• 18 November swim school commences (Year 2)
• 19 November Kinder orientation, P&C AGM and meeting

Colin Ross