Quakers Hill East Public School P&C Association

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 15th July 2014

Present: Joanne Fickel, Karren Parsons, Caryn Olson, Linda Glenn, Christine Black, Narelle Boatfield, Alice Bullivant, Michele Hedge

Apologies: Jackie Moretti

Meeting commenced: 7:33pm Chairperson: Gavin Glenn

Minutes of previous meeting:

- Accepted by Linda Glenn and seconded by Alice Bullivant.

Business arising from previous meeting:

- Mathletics: Staff have been trained and information will be rolled out to parents soon.
- Playground painting will be commenced shortly. Playground has been prepared and high pressure washed in the holidays.
- Cabling for the uniform shop is scheduled, due to happen very soon. Still has not been done. In the interim, uniform shop coordinator will have access to a computer in the administration building to print orders.
- Car parking issues to be raised in general business.

Correspondence:

- **Incoming:** Music company similar to “Music Bus” (to be kept on file and lots of Fathers Day stall information.
- **Outgoing:** N/A
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Treasurer’s report: (As June 19, 2014).

- Balance of General Account $ 24,942.74
- Balance of Uniform Account $ 21,679.99
- Total cash available as of $ 46,622.73

- Accepted by Alice Bullivant and seconded by Linda Glenn.
Uniform report:

- Flexischools: Has gone live and some orders are coming through. Issues with ordering polo shirts have been rectified by flexischools. Still some negative feedback coming in but it is still seen as the best option from a time saving perspective and with signatures no longer acceptable for credit at the end of this month.
- Still awaiting the internet connection and the iPad and compatible printer. This should be ordered soon.
- The potential of flexischools program to assist with stocktake will be explored in the coming months.

Principals report: (Michele Hedge)

QUAKERS HILL EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL
P&C PRINCIPAL’S REPORT- 15 July 2014

Business arising

- Cabling to uniform shop is unfortunately still not complete. Until then Jo will be able to utilize one of the school computers in the admin building to print out orders.
- Staff have been trained in the administration of Mathletics and the program will be rolled out to students over the coming weeks. Parents will be provided information through a note home. Thanks to the P&C for funding this.

Staffing Update

- I have commenced in the Principal’s role. Mr Ross will continue in his role as Deputy Principal and Mrs Talintyre will continue her role as Assistant Principal and classroom teacher for 6T.
- I would like to thank Mr Ross, Mrs Talintyre, Mrs Clissold and Mrs O’Neill for doing outstanding jobs relieving in higher positions.
- Thank you also to Mrs Partington and Mrs Leech who conclude extended casual engagements with us at the end of last term. Mrs Cole will continue her work at Quakers Hill PS for the rest of the year and return here part time next year. We thank them all for their hard work and dedication to the students at QHEPS.
- Mr Miranda will conduct 3-6 RFF teaching for the first 5 week of this term. Sarah Moylan will be the permanent teacher in this role.
- Mrs Smith (ESL) will be taking LSL and during this leave her role will covered by Mrs Allen.
- Mrs Taylor (KJ) will also be taking a period of LSL and her role will covered by Miss So.

Staff Development Day

- Staff attended a workshop named “Teach Like a Champion”. This workshop described 49 techniques in a concrete, specific and actionable way to allow teachers to begin using a range of strategies to get from good teaching to great teaching. This is a strengths based approach to maximising student learning.

Reports Semester 1

- Semester 1 student reports were sent home at the end of last term. We will be asking for some feedback on the format and reports in general towards the end of this term.
Sport
- **Knockout Softball Team** - Our Senior Boys Knockout Softball team defeated Metella Road Public School 17-8 in an outstanding performance. Their opponents will be from Sydney South West. Well done boys.
- **Sydney West Rugby Union** - William Penisini was selected last week to represent Sydney West at the State Rugby Union Championships. Congratulations William.
- **NSW RUGBY League** - William Penisini, Year 6, has been selected to represent NSW in Rugby League at the interstate championships in Wollongong in August. This is an outstanding achievement and demonstrates William’s great talents and skills. We are incredibly proud of his achievements. Guessing competition tickets are available from the front office for $2 each to assist with the expense of participating in a National Competition.
- **Baseball** – Riley Watson and Jack Grey off to Japan for Baseball and Clayton Campbell has been selected to play in the New Zealand U12 national baseball team in the USA

Debating
- Our debaters continued their unbeaten run with their most recent success against Bert Oldfield PS. Well done debaters.

Multi Cultural Perspectives Public Speaking Finals
- Congratulations to Kanishka Arora and Caitlin Grech, Stage 2 and Juliet Tyson and Elise Grech, Stage 3, who represented our school brilliantly at the zone finals. Juliet received a highly commended award. Well done.

SRC Representatives
- Our Semester 2 SRC representatives will commence their responsibilities next term. Badges will be presented to those students at the Week 2 assemblies. I would like to again congratulate our Semester 1 representatives for their efforts.

Education week
- Open day will be on Monday from 11:30 with classes open until 12:00 then outside for a book character parade.
- Our dance groups (Stage 1 and Primary) are performing at Westpoint Blacktown from 11:30 on Tuesday 29 July.

Upcoming dates
- 16 July Aboriginal performer K-6
- 22 July Stage 1 Soccer workshops
- 23 July OC placement tests
- 28 July Education Week Open Day and Book character parade.
- 29 July Westpoint performances for dance groups 11:30am, ICAS English competition
- 30 July Longneck Leadership Day
- 31 July K-2 Author visit
- 4 Aug 3-6 Athletics carnival
- 7 Aug Interrelate (Parents) 6:00pm and 7:00pm
- 12 Aug ICAS Maths Competition
- 14 Aug 3-6 Author visit
- 19 Aug P&C meeting
**Fundraising:**

- **Entertainment books:** Still chasing up a small number of books.
- **Father’s Day Stall:** Usha Vishram is organising this on behalf of the P&C. Date set at the Thursday before Father’s Day. Discussion was had to maybe introduce a pre ordering system. Will be looked at prior to next year’s Mother’s Day stall.
- **Planning Meeting:** P&C representatives and school staff will meet in the middle of this term to coordinate and plan fundraising goals with the school calendar. This to be confirmed at next month’s meeting.
- **P&C Federation Insurance re: fete:** As the fete is not going to happen this year, this has been put on hold.

**Other Business:**

- **Parking:** Continued discussions. P&C has decided against a name and shame program and think that other than sending continuous information home, we cannot do more than this. Other suggestions are always welcome. The school can look at resources to deliver to the students to get safety messages out there. The school can organise parking inspectors to do random patrols. Incoming SRC to be informed to gauge their thoughts and ideas. Gavin Glenn to post a message on Facebook regarding our current stance.
- **Election notice for the Federation of Parents and Citizens Association.** Anyone interested please contact Gavin Glenn.
- **P&C have been asked if they could draft a letter to the council regarding an uneven area of footpath on Chase Drive near Bottlebrush Place as there have been some incidents resulting in injury.** It will be addressed at a later date.
- **Government grant application.** We will miss the deadline for this one. Could these grants be taken into account at the fundraising planning meeting scheduled this term?
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**Meeting Closed:** 8.33pm  
**Minute taker:** Christine Black

**Next meeting:** Tuesday 19th August, 2014, at 7:30pm.