Quakers Hill East Public School P&C Association

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 17th June 2014

Present: Joanne Fickel, Karren Parsons, Caryn Olson, Linda Glenn, Christine Black, Colin Ross, Narelle Boatfield, Usha Vishram, Alice Bullivant, Tracy Byers.

Apologies: Jackie Moretti, Sam Marsh, Terri Rochester

Meeting commenced: 7:33pm Chairperson: Alice Bullivant

Minutes of previous meeting:
- Accepted by Karren Parsons and seconded by Caryn Olsen.

Business arising from previous meeting:
- Mathletics subscription has been ordered and will commence for twelve months from the start of term 3.
- Playground painting has been ordered and will be commenced in term 3. Playground to be prepared and high pressure washed in the holidays.
- Cabling for the uniform shop is scheduled, due to happen very soon. Usernames and passwords for the department network are approved for a few and some are still pending.
- Changes to the reports for this year were shown to the P&C. These changes are to comply with the DEC’s requirements and to accommodate the new English syllabus.
- Playground painting art quote of $1760 – to be brought up in fundraising.
- Car parking issues to be raised in general business.
- Uniform confirmations – Uniform issues raised from last meeting:
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Correspondence:
- Incoming: “My school Spellathon” and lots of Fathers Day stall information.
- Outgoing: N/A
Treasurer’s report: (As May 19, 2014).

- Balance of General Account $ 25,289.08
- Balance of Uniform Account $ 23,749.08
- Total cash available as of $ 49,038.16

- Accepted by Jo Fickel and seconded by Usha Vishram.

Uniform report:

- Flexischools: Still awaiting the internet connection and the iPad and compatible printer. Information note to go home this week with final information for families and details regarding registrations and instructions for ordering. Will get underway at the start of term 3 and Jo will print order forms at home in the interim. Colin to chase up the cabling to get this completed as soon as possible. School website needs to be updated. Jo Fickel to liaise with Colin Ross re: this.
- The $100 voucher from the voluntary fees raffle has been redeemed.

Principals report: (Colin Ross)

QUAKERS HILL EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL

P&C PRINCIPAL’S REPORT- 17 June 2014

Business arising

School report adjustments- demonstration of visual changes to this year’s reports to comply with DEC policy

Mathletics has been ordered and should be ready to go for the start of next term

Order has been placed for playground artwork. Playground concrete to be cleaned in the holidays in preparation.

Order has been placed for uniform shop cabling.

A school mobile phone application for parents will be evaluated next term.

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News/updates

Staffing News

David England’s position has been filled by Sarah Moylan. She will be commencing week 6 of next term. In the interim Mr Samuel Miranda will be teaching 3-6 RFF. Mrs Sandra Leech will be covering 6G while Mrs Gauci is on leave until the start of next term.

Staffing Update

Mrs Kirsty Mclaughlin has commenced her maternity leave early per doctor’s instructions. We wish her well and thank her for her outstanding work with 1M this year. We welcome Miss Amy Bullen who will take over the teaching responsibilities on 1M for the remainder of the year.

Grandparents Day and Art Show

It was fantastic to see so many grandparents at our Grandparents Day and Art Show. It was a very successful afternoon and greatly enjoyed by all. The quality of the students’ work at the Art Show was outstanding. Feedback from visitors was very positive.

Ridges Zone Cross Country

On Friday 23 May, an enthusiastic and talented group of students represented Quakers Hill East at the Zone Cross Country Carnival. We are very proud of all of them. Thank you to the many parents, family members and friends supported our students on the day.

Congratulations to Chloe Head, Riley Salkeld, Matthew Whalen, Oliver Duck, Juliet Tyson and Zac Farmer who qualified for the Sydney West Carnival.

Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition (MPPSC) Finalists

Congratulations to Kanishka Arora and Caitlin Grech, Stage 2 and Juliet Tyson and Elise Grech, Stage 3, who have been selected to represent our school at the zone final of the MCPPSC. The standard of the speaking in the finals was outstanding.

SRC Pyjama-rama

What a great success our pyjama-rama mufti day was. Thank you to everyone who supported this event and congratulations to the Student Representative Council for organising and promoting it. $640 was raised for World Vision.

Upcoming dates

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Fundraising:

- **Entertainment books**: Still chasing up remaining books. Letters have gone home to try and get those last few books returned.
- **Fathers Day Stall**: Usha Vishram has volunteered to organise this on behalf of the P&C.
- **Cookie Dough**: Discussions again as to whether this is a viable fundraising option and maybe put it off again to term 3.
- **Planning Meeting**: It was suggested that the P&C should conduct a planning meeting for the next 12 months and outline goals and ideas and set them out on a timeline to be negotiated with the school’s calendar to avoid high volume periods where families are being constantly asked for money. The scheduling of this meeting will be brought up in business arising at the next P&C meeting held during term 3 when the school is looking to forward plan for the year ahead also.

Other Business:

- **Parking**: A neighbour has complained to the school about the dangerous u turns being done on the two streets near the crossing on Tamarind Drive. This and many issues regarding parking and dropping off has been brought up on the P&C Facebook page. It is an ongoing problem with no easy solution. Some suggestions that were put forward for discussion only were:
  - Name and shame those involved.
  - Hand out a flyer or brochure to both students and families
  - Colin to take it to the incoming SRC next term to see what ideas they can come up with.
  - Colin to suggest to the incoming Principal to bring it up at the Police Community event held each term to try and instigate a forum for further discussion.
- **Stanhope Shops promotion**: We missed the registration for this year but are on the list for next year.
- **1/2A** received a gymnastics note and money envelope but they are completing the triskills program in term 4. Colin to send a note home to explain the mix up.
- The new little blue bins that have appeared in the playground. This was an SRC initiative as it was deemed a lot of the rubbish problems in the playground were because the younger age groups could not reach the bins. It was suggested that the SRC should be acknowledged for this.
- **Sydney West Dance festival**: It was asked why we did not compete. Apparently we auditioned but were not successful in this.
- **P&C Federation – Alice** is still investigating the insurance issue.
- It was asked if it would be possible for the staff photos be placed on the website so that if a parent or relative had to meet with a particular staff member they would have an idea of who they were looking for. This probably would not occur through teacher choice. Other options put forward included – a staff photo placed in the foyer of the front office or in one of the boxed noticeboards in the playground.
Meeting Closed: 8.24pm

Minute taker: Christine Black

Next meeting: Tuesday 15th July, 2014, at 7:30pm.