Quakers Hill East Public School P&C Association

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 18th March 2014

Present: Joanne Fickel, Janelle Clissold, Caryn Olson, Gavin Glenn, Christine Black, Linda Glenn, Karren Parsons, Colin Ross, Usha Vishram, Umayal Sivanandan, Nichole Fraser, Janice Delarue, Narelle Boatfield, Jackie Moretti, Alice Bullivant.

Apologies: Paula Buckle

Meeting commenced: 7:30pm Chairperson: Gavin Glenn

Minutes of previous meeting:

- Accepted by Jo Fickel and seconded by Linda Glenn

Business arising from previous meeting:

- Working with children identity check – still in the investigation stage. Noted that P&C’s from other local schools have had to go to the RMS to complete theirs.
- After school disco. School is keen to give this a go in term two or term three
- Mrs Talintyre has booked a movie night for this year.

Correspondence:

- Incoming: Letter from the government outlining the funds allocated to our school for our reference. A uniform catalogue. Fundraising flyer for bulbs.

Treasurer’s report: (As January 31, 2014).

- Balance of General Account $ 43,286.08
- Balance of Uniform Account $ 26,005.56
- Total cash available as of $ 69,291.64

- Accepted by Caryn Olson and seconded by Alice Bullivant

Uniform report:

- Winter stock has been ordered ahead of the anticipated rush.
- Rain jackets (parkas) cost has increased. Question whether to pass on this price increase. Current price is $35, consider increasing to $37 or $38. After discussion it was decided that as they are not a fast moving stock and they can be ordered on a needs basis, we will keep the price as is for the moment.

- Flexischools – Following the subcommittee meeting there has been some feedback regarding logistical concerns. These concerns should be dealt with through a trial and error process as we begin with a change from our current system to flexischools. Voted unanimously to start with this system. This may be dependent on the logistics of the system once further investigation has been completed regarding its implementation and the impact on the office staff. Jo has made inroads to get the system up and running and should happen over the next few weeks. Gavin to read the terms and conditions and Jo, with help from Usha to take photos of stock. Information re: the change will be advertised with support from Flexischools. Jo to meet with the front office staff and Colin to determine the impact this will have on their workload.

- Gavin publicly acknowledged the work that Jo has put in and for all her efforts regarding this.

Principals report:

QUAKERS HILL EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL

P&C PRINCIPAL’S REPORT- 18 March 2014

Business arising

A disco will be held during term 2 or 3. Probably a K-2 and 3-6 session.

Mrs Talintyre has booked the movie night (part of Year 6 fund raising) which will have a higher cost than the previous event to ensure a profit.

News/updates

New classroom update- There has been a hold up in the commissioning of the new classroom due to its proximity to the covered walkway and the safety issues this created.

Staff pass on their thanks for the P&Cs the classroom support in the form of the sticker allowance. These have been ordered.

Blazers have been ordered. I will show them at P&C once they arrive.

It was great to see so many families attend our Meet the Teacher evening. The feedback from staff and parents was very positive

Our swimming team represented the school outstandingly at the Ridges Carnival. Well done to the whole team. Good luck to Kayla Shore and Dakota Jackson who will represent Ridges Zone at the Sydney West Carnival this week.

We have many outstanding sportspeople representing at higher levels at the moment. Well done to Thomas Mlinac, William Penisini and Riley Watson who have been selected in the Ridges Zone soccer team to compete at the Sydney West Carnival.
Congratulations to William Penisini and Oliver Duck who have been selected in the Ridges Open Rugby league team and to Clayton Campbell who has been selected in the Ridges U/11 Rugby league team.

Congratulations also to Oliver Burke, Clayton Campbell, Jack Grey, Mitchell Tritton and Riley Watson for their selection in the Ridges Boys Softball team and Samantha Salkeld and Elise Grech for their selection in the Ridges Girls Softball team.

Our school canteen had a Food Premises Inspection conducted by Blacktown Council recently. You will all be very pleased the know it received a 5 star rating (the highest).

On Monday 24 students in Years 5 and 6 attended an excellent session, funded by Blacktown City Council and presented by Warner Awareness Education, with the key message ‘respect It Don’t Wreck It’. The session covered peer pressure and being able to say no when pressured to do the wrong thing.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Earn & Learn efforts last year. The resources have been distributed for use by the students.

All students K-6 and a group of parents enjoyed an excellent session presented by the NRMA. Students examined some of the scientific background to road safety. Scientific concepts covered included forces, motion, friction and momentum. Safety topics included: safety where cars move including car parks, driveways and on roads and, safety when in a car especially wearing your seat belt.

Debating camp- a talented and skilful group of students, Shreya Pathal, Vismay Bhadra, Samuel Robles and Casey Lemming attended a two day camp at Katoomba to develop their debating skills. They represented the school very well.

Our student leader group including Semester 1 SRC, school captains and prefects and house captain attended a valuable and challenging day to improve their leadership skills at Longneck Lagoon.

Our school class and individual photos are being taken on Tuesday 25 March.

**Upcoming dates**

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Fundraising:

- **Mother’s Day Stall:** Usha Vishram has organised and had the stock delivered. Was given a couple of hampers which was decided to raffle of as a mother’s day raffle. Tickets to be sold at the stall. Date confirmed to be 6th May (Tuesday week 2 term 2)

- **Entertainment Books:** Books to be handed out to youngest child in family. The launch is in early April. Families have the choice of the book or the “app” both are $65. Need a fundraising goal to help sell books. (To be discussed in general business). There are prizes available for the top sellers.

- **Fun Day/Fete:** Quite a few people keen to get on board. Alice will call a subcommittee meeting to then determine a coordinator for this event and come up with possible dates to negotiate with the school.

Other Business:

- **Fundraising goals:** Suggestions from the school – solar panels and watering systems (Colin has gained quotes for both of these and both came in at around $40,000. Suggestion was made that we complete the solar panels in stages and to maybe consider this as a long term goal.) airconditioning for the hall, cricket nets. Other suggestions were climbing equipment (Colin to look into this) and Mathletics (presentation given to P&C tonight and school staff to be consulted). The entertainment book target was set at around $2000. It was decided to nominate a target of 6 new iPads for classroom use as our target to be advertised with the entertainment book as research suggests this helps sales.

**Meeting Closed:** 8.43pm  
**Minute taker:** Christine Black

**Next meeting:** Tuesday 8th April, 2014, at 7:30pm.