Quakers Hill East Public School P&C Association

Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 20th May 2014

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

Apologies: Paula Buckle, Jackie Moretti

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:
- Mathletics presentation to staff went well. Staff are positive about it and feel it would be of benefit at home not as a replacement of the current maths program. Cost will be $5720 per annum ($8.80 per student). Discussion around the option of subscribing for a year and then reassessing its worth after the year. It was voted to purchase the subscription with the proviso that the school community will be informed that it is an annual subscription to be reviewed.
- Playground painting art quote of $1760 – to be brought up in fundraising.

Correspondence:
- Incoming: Phone message, Commonwealth Bank, Parents and Citizens magazine. Vie email – fundraising information (passed directly to the Fete Coordinator (Alice Bullivant), Father’s Day flyers, photography companies, P&C Federation.
- Outgoing: N/A

Treasurer’s report: (As January 31, 2014).
- Balance of General Account $22,251.61
- Balance of Uniform Account $16,704.44
- Total cash available as of $38,956.14

- Accepted by Alice Bullivant and seconded by Caryn Olson.
Uniform report: (Jo Fickel)

- Busy first few weeks in the shop- very busy!!! Caused problems with some people being impatient and needed reminding that the shop is 100% volunteers.
- Approval to change prices:
  - Increase raincoats by $2 (when new stock is ordered). (Approved at meeting 20/5/14)
  - Decrease bootleg pants to $22 for all stock. Old stock cost price was $22, new stock, with profit will be at $22. This will make it easier in the shop and also help clear old stock. (Approved at meeting 20/5/14)
- Old green pants. Not selling. It was decided to offer them at the next second hand stall for free and then whatever is left donate to charity.
- School bags- are we likely to get them again for kindy students? Need to order in the next few weeks (for ‘early bird’ price). (Colin answered no that they wouldn’t be getting those bags again)
- Flexischools update:
  - all ready now except for the internet/ iPad and printer?
  - Approval for costs to spend on iPad, printer (iPad compatible) and cover ($130 approx).
    Approval to spend up to $1500 given at meeting 20/5/14.
  - Draft letter for parents when ready. Stating “cashless” as of beginning of term 3. Only exemption will be second hand stall and those approved by Principal.
- Clarification of school uniform:
  - when does winter start/ or flexible?
  - Boys short sleeve shirt with long grey pants?
  - Can they wear long white sleeve under polo?

Many questions raised regarding the winter uniform options. Colin to refer to the school staff for confirmation. A uniform review is generally completed in October.

A big thankyou to the volunteers for the second hand stall recently held.

Principals report: (Colin Ross)

QUAKERS HILL EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL
P&C PRINCIPAL’S REPORT- 20 May 2014

Business arising
Fundraising
Mathletics presentation. Staff happy to utilise program mainly as extension and part of homework but would not form central part of daily classroom activities.
Playground markings cost to refresh $1760- not sure whether P&C approved wished to fund this.

News/updates
Staffing News

Ms Michelle Hedge will be commencing as Principal at the start of Term 3.

I will be continuing in the Relieving Principal’s role in the meantime and Mrs Talintyre will continue in the relieving DP role, Mrs Partington will continue on 6T.
Quakers Hill High Taster Day
Our year 6 students had the opportunity to get a taste of high school on Monday 19 May. Our students conducted themselves in an exemplary manner and had a great day.

Peer support
K-6 groups commenced in week 1 and will continue for this term. The focus of the program this year is good friendships and positive relationships.

Stage 3 Camp
In the last week of Term 1 Stage 3 students attended an exciting 3 days at Milson Island Sport and Recreation Centre. I was lucky enough to visit the camp for a day and to participate in some of the activities with the students.

During their stay all of the students represented the school in an outstanding manner and took on the challenges presented in the activities in a very positive way. They are all to be congratulated.

I would like to thank the parent volunteers, Mrs Breese, Mrs Jarmaine and Mr Sparkl who accompanied the campers to support our students.

Finally a huge thank you to Mrs Talintyre and the Stage 3 team for providing this invaluable opportunity to our students.

ANZAC Service
On Tuesday 29 April we held our ANZAC service to pay our respect to members of Australia's defence forces both past and present. We were very privileged to have Lieutenant Brendan Van Eck from the 6th Aviation Regiment and Lieutenant Michael Cannington from the School of Engineering to address the students during the ceremony and speak to them afterwards.

K-2 Responsible Pet Ownership
Students in K-2 had a visit from The Responsible Pet Education Program on Wednesday 9 April to learn about the importance of being a responsible pet owner.

Mother’s Day Stall
The Mother’s Day stall ran very smoothly and efficiently. Thank you to all involved.

Cross Country Carnival
Our 3-6 cross country carnival was held on Wednesday 7 May. Thank you to Mrs Talintyre, Mrs Gauci, Mrs Scott, Mr Thompson and all the other teachers for organising this successful event. The students participated and performed excellently.

The final results were:

1. Pearce 390
2. Pye 379
3. Harvey 265
4. Douglas 258

This year we are again able to send 8 runners from each age group to the zone carnival which will be held at Paterson’s Reserve, Torbert Avenue, Quakers Hill on Friday, May 23, 2014.

More sporting success
On Wednesday 30 April Samantha Salkeld, Elise Grech, Riley Watson, Jack Grey, Clayton Campbell, Mitchell Tritton and Oliver Burke competed as part of the Ridges softball team. The girls played well, winning one out of the four games. The boys won three of their games and finished third overall. Congratulations to Clayton and Riley who have now been selected to play in the Sydney West Softball Team at the state carnival.
Police Principals Forum and Community Safety Precinct Committee

On 6 May I attended the QH LAC Principal’s Forum. Ken Marslew presented on his Enough is Enough programs to address violence and bullying in society and our schools. Key points of his message were responsibility going along with rights and that men had to be much more proactive in dealing with these issues.

On 19 May I attended CSPC meeting at Quakers Hill Police Station. Other representatives at the meeting expressed similar traffic concerns to QHEPS. Eyewatch and Facebook groups seem to have a positive effect in the local area.

National Assessment Program literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

Students in Years 3 and 5 completed the NAPLAN assessment tasks this week. Student reports will be distributed to parents later in the year once they are received by the school.

Student report adjustments

To cater for the new English syllabus and the DEC reporting policy we will be modifying our reporting format. English will now be reported as a grading overall with a comment. Maths will have an overall grading and gradings for each strand. Each other KLA will have an overall grading and effort rating.

Each area will also include a comment. Details will be provided in upcoming newsletters.

Upcoming dates

21 May  Art Show Grandparents Day
23 May  Walk Safely to School Day, Zone Cross Country
26 May  National Sorry Day
27 May  Stage 3 Waste Performance
4 June   ICAS Science Competition, BMF Rehearsal
11 June  K-4 Stamp Out Bullying Performance
16 June  ICAS writing comp
17 June  ICAS Spelling comp, MPPSC Public Speaking Final (Doonside), P&C

Fundraising:

- **Cookie Dough**: Enquiry came through the Facebook page. Tanya Stephan keen to organise this. After much discussion regarding the timing, it was decided to hold off and readdress next meeting.
- **Fun Day/Fete**: After much discussion, the P&C have concerns regarding the time frame for this event and are keen to suggest to the subcommittee that it be pushed out to next year. This will be taken to the next subcommittee meeting. We may have issues with the insurance required for this event due to the problems currently with the P&C Federation. If the fete goes ahead, Alice Bullivant has asked for permission to send a letter to council regarding allocation of trees for a stall to be run by Cheryl Godden.
- **Playground Equipment**: Colin Ross presented some prices. Very expensive including installation. This has been placed as a low priority on the fundraising target list.
- **Playground Painting**: It was voted to go ahead with the quote of $1760.

Other Business:

- Concern regarding a parent/guardian dropping their child off to school in their pyjamas.
- Note in newsletter to parents of children with allergies. This needs to change to all parents regarding food safety. Not specific to parents of children with allergies.
- Car parking issues. Everlasting, ongoing issues, many recurring issues. No solution.
- Blazers for the debating team have arrived and look fantastic.
- Regional sports representatives – approval given to fund up to $100 per student per year to contribute to the costs of that representation.
- Flyers that are currently placed in newsletter regarding parenting issues and topics. Colin asked if they were deemed worthwhile. It was agreed that they were and should continue. Can change to electronic subscription and copies can be put on the Facebook page.
- Photos – Generally happy with the current company (The School Photographer) P&C to enquire on Facebook if families are happy with the current company. Based on the response we will either continue with The School Photographer or explore other options.

Meeting Closed: 9.15pm
Minute taker: Christine Black

Next meeting: Tuesday 17th June, 2014, at 7:30pm.