MEETING DATE: Monday 11 November 2013
TIME: 7pm
Present: Cathy Duke, Holly Hart, Leanne Catanzariti, Kym Hawes, Cynthia Dolan, Janene Tanzey, Annabel Schweiger, Dagmar Davies


2. Acknowledgement of Country

3. Approval of minutes – Annabel moved that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted, Janene seconded

4. Executive Reports

Principal’s Report

Congratulations and very well done to Leanne for coordinating our first Queanbeyan Kids and Baby Market and Expo in partnership with the SaCC. There was a lovely positive, calm ‘feel’ to the event and the weather was perfect! It was a great community building experience. Thank you to the P&C for taking a risk and hosting this event.

The P&C disco was a successful event. Well done and thanks to Kym Bush for coordinating the evening. The themes decided on by the SRC were lots of fun and created good energy at each disco. There was good student engagement and Melissa was a great DJ.

Kindergarten 2014 Orientation, our Stepping Stones program, has been completed including a parent information session. Staff observed the preschool children and liaised with their parents. Staff also liaised with the pre-schools to gain further information about the new enrolments. Thanks Cathy and members of the P&C for being present and talking at the parent information session and beginning to build a connection with new parents and families.

Anticipated student numbers and classes for next year are similar to this year. The department has asked us to establish another IO/IS class for next year due to increasing numbers of students with a disability. Our special education classes are currently full and there are students needing placement for next year. We have agreed to a temporary class being formed for next year and have given up our multi-purpose classroom.

As reported in ISA news, out of the blue, the Minister for Education, Adrian Piccoli, wanted to visit QPS. The school received a phone call on Monday, week 4, to arrange a Friday morning visit. It was a very hectic week! Local Member of Parliament, John Barilaro, accompanied the Minister in his visit to the school. The purpose was to make an announcement about the Resource Allocation Model (RAM) that would bring new funding to QPS in 2014. This funding is related to equity. Firstly Aboriginal funding based on our current enrolment of 60 students. The second amount is based on our school’s socio-economic rating, a Family Occupation and Education Index (FOEI). Both will vary from year to year but are ongoing sources of funding.

We celebrated Diwali recently to continue our journey in building a positive school community. What a lovely festival celebrated each year by Hindus across the world. A festival of lights that focuses on being the best you can be each day.

The Year 4 camp was held in week 3 over two days and overnight at Warrumbui. This outdoor learning opportunity was previously held as a stage 2 camp but
was adjusted this year to reflect the changing social and emotional needs of students. Staff reported that it was very successful.

The WHS committee has moved the school back gate entrance to the double gates. It is a lot safer entering and exiting as the pathway is flat and there is only a few meters different in the location, still adjacent to the crossing.

The school was successful this year in gaining 2 local clubs community grants. One was to replace school bikes that had been stolen. Students in special education are thrilled with the 3 new bikes that they ride around the playground. The second grant was to purchase the hammock installed in the inclusive playground space.

The rollathon was finalised last week giving us our best ever effort! $17,865.60 will pay for the 3 IWBs installed in January in KL, 1MR and 3R classrooms. Students will also benefit from a set of 15 new cameras to be used in the computer lab in their ICT lessons. This is a fantastic increase in school technology resources and put together with the 2 interactive TVs in the demountable classrooms (one purchased by the P&C) we are well set up for the future. Thank you to the school community for your generosity.

Treasurer’s Report

**Summary of Financial Reports**

**Bank Balances**

We had $51,765.64 as of 31/10/13 in the Queanbeyan Public School’s Parents & Citizens Association’s bank accounts.

**Event Profits**

In October 2013 the P&C banked:

- $255 for history books sold at the P&C stand at the 175 year celebrations of Queanbeyan
- over $3000 for the baby stall expo, we will need to wait until all expenses are finalised to understand what profit we made on this event.
- banked $50 from 5 beans coffee as a donation for participating in the District Athletics Carnival.

Which means year to date for 2013 the P&C is running at a profit of over $17,000.

**Budget until end of year**

I have had to make a slight adjustment to a budget for 2013 meaning we will come in over $37,000 at the end of year. The invoice I received from the school has expenses of $684 for two terms of ecomist and a combined cost of the smart board and computer of $6,800 expenditure for the 2014. I had originally budgeted $300 and $6,000 respectively.

**2014 Budget**

Based on estimate of $10,000 coming in from the Fete and spending $20,000 on the playground update it is proposed that the P&C would end 2014 with $27,000 after an adjustment for the increased cost in ecomist which now costs $350 per term.

5. Fundraising

**Baby and Kids Market and Expo**

- raised around $2,700-$2,800
- received lots of positive feedback from the community (variety of stall, kids entertainment great
- some improvements can be made for next year: layout, marquees
- SACC keen to do it again, make it an annual events
cake stall - lots of leftovers, next year more guidance for parents, 
drinks didn't sell well 
280 sausages sold 
620 people attended 
$1100 stall fees

150 anniversary events next year

- Cynthia created a table
- photograph wall in the hall - to be hung for the entire year (Annette Davis)
- will be built throughout the year, captions with pictures
- fete
- ANZAC event
- dance festival ('Rewind')
- term 4: dinner? open day?
- Rose fundraiser: we will pick an existing rose to sell
- how can we encourage people to donate to the school? plant trees? paving stones (for playground one)
- oral history project - how do we reach the people who used to attend the school? nursing homes? library?

Other business

- Disco went well, DJ was good, themes worked, enough volunteers,
  middle one a bit flat? (we will reconsider the grouping next year
- not as much profit from the glow sticks (due to themes?)

- new school sign: where to go, first school in Qbn, acknowledge Indigenous, depict different buildings, determine design through competition to students

- would it be good to have a whole school assembly? events across stages with captains and prefects? make them more visible - wear blazers

- what questions are there for parents that we need answers to? write them down and pass on to Cynthia

- sports uniform (maroon shorts) - just for representatives at sports events, was never meant to be part of the uniform - to discuss at next meeting

- toilet roll holders - P&C to investigate options - what are other schools doing?

- graduation gift: key ring with QPS crest, cost around $3 each

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

NEXT MEETING: 9 December 2013