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Parents and Citizens Association

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MINUTES

MEETING DATE: Monday 15th June 2015
TIME: 6:30pm
VENUE: QPS Staffroom

   Apologies: Cynthia Dolan

2. Approval of Minutes – Kym Bush approved, Anne-Marie Whitby 2nd.

3. Acknowledgement of Country

4. Executive Reports

President’s Report
   • Nil to report, will be discussed in other business.

Treasurer’s Report

May 2015 Treasurers Report

Bank Balance

As of the 31 May 2015 there was $37,940.70 in the Queanbeyan Public School Parents & Citizens Association’s bank accounts.

This means that after our committed expenses and projected income, we should end 2015 with approximately $35,000.

Income

We received income as interest of $28.07, $30 from book sales and $2 from our new memberships.

Expenses

During May, the P&C paid out $6.50 in bank fees; $401.50 as a reimbursement to Kym Bush for the new P&C Notice Board; $753 for School Ambulance Cover; and Ecomist dispenser services for Term 1 of $456.

Events

• We banked $4,310 from the Mother’s Day stall and paid out expenses of $1056.02 during May. After a combined cost of $2955.62, the Mother’s Day stall ended with $1,354.38 profit.

Al Bevan nominated himself for the vacant Treasurer position – all agreed.

Principal’s Report
Term 2 started with a staff development day. Some teachers worked in teams at school while others attended a combined schools day at EPIC in Canberra. School photographs for this year were taken in the first week. The number of family photographs taken increased this year.

Anzac day was commemorated with a school assembly for students Yr2 to Yr6. The Anzac centenary was remembered with the planting of trees in Isabella St to recreate the memorial avenue of trees. The guest speakers Mr Matthew Helm and Mr Tim Overall spoke about the service given during WW1 by many of the young men of Queanbeyan. The singing of both the New Zealand and Australian anthems was a highlight of the ceremony. Eighty students, three parents and Mrs Dolan represented the school at the Queanbeyan City March on Anzac Day.

The District and Regional Cross Country carnivals were held this term. Several QPS students excelled at the district carnival held at Gundaroo. They continued onto the regional carnival held at Nowra. Congratulations to the students and thank you to parents for your support.

Our PSSA Rugby League team traveled to Cooma to play their first round of competition. It was a very close match with QPS being narrowly defeated 22-16. Thank you to parents for providing transport and to Mr Tim McIntosh for his fine management. This team has since competed successfully in the Sullivan Shield Day 1. The team won all three games contested. Well done!

Six rugby league (NRL) coaching sessions were conducted over 3 weeks at the start of term 2. Students in St2 and St3 sport groups benefited from the expert coaching.

Greater Western Sydney AFL team has been present in the school each Friday this term coaching students throughout the day. They start with a St2 sport group and at lunchtime the boys and girls representative players. The rest of the day is taken up with half hour coaching sessions for class groups Kindergarten to Year 6. Mrs Wendy Joliffe has organised the Giants.

The school’s boys and girls basketball teams started their season by competing successfully in the first round of their PSSA competitions. Both played teams from QWestPS. They were both home games hosted at Karabar Basketball Stadium. Mrs Kristine Thelning manages the teams. To add to the occasion our school Cheerleaders added their positive energy ‘Go QPS!’

The school is sustaining a Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) project this year, led by Dionne Bryant who is teaching this key learning area across the school. To support this initiative the school has purchased sporting equipment ($5000) to meet the diverse physical and developmental needs of students.

NAPLAN testing was conducted in week 4 for Yr3 and Yr5 students. Distance Education held a gathering over the three days to coincide with NAPLAN so that DE students had the opportunity to complete the tests in a school setting. Over the three mornings Yr6 students were engaged in Leadership opportunities. They worked in groups to examine their own leadership qualities; they listened to leadership stories provided by ex-students now in Yr12 at KHS; they heard Megan Marcks (Still) tell her story of winning Olympic Gold and they trained as Peer Mediators.

National Sorry Day was the start of Reconciliation Week for QPS students. A school assembly K-Yr6 was held to reflect on the past and to celebrate our diversity as a school and as a nation.

Our Senior Choir performed at the Queanbeyan Choral Festival held at Llewellyn Hall. Their performance was polished and students were beautifully presented. The high quality of Mrs Olga Hamnet’s piano accompaniment and Miss Veronica Milroy’s conducting ensured the previously established high standards were again achieved.

The SRC led by Mrs Frances Sharp organised a fundraising out-of-uniform World Environment Day. Buddy classes discussed the natural disasters in Nepal and Vanuata. $800 was raised for the ‘Friends of Nepal’ and ‘Friends of Vanuata’ charities. Congratulations and thank you.

Kym Hawes

5. Fundraising

- Art Show (Kids) – This event will go ahead this year on Friday 16th October during the afternoon/evening at about 3-6pm. This year it will be a children focused event and a much smaller scale event only run on one evening. The children will do a group art project in class to
show, plus there will be an ‘open’ section to show an extra item of their choice and medium. We will hopefully be holding a raffle as well.

- Disco – There was a long and varied discussion on whether we should hold a disco in Term 4 this year. The main issue with being able to hold it is not enough volunteers on the night but also to organise and run the event. There were suggestions to not hold it in order to make it obvious to parents that we are desperate for help, but it was further discussed to put out one last notice about coordination and volunteers and see if we get a response and make final decision next meeting.

- Mangoes – Kym Bush moved a motion that we go ahead with a mango tray fundraiser, Amy Lowe seconded. It will be held & run early December.

- Father’s Day - briefly discussed, with further discussion and decisions to be made next meeting.

6. Other Business

- P&C projects – We have still had no suggestions or input from any outside source at all. (Library projects (see below) are a good idea and benefit all the students and parents). It was discussed and decided we need to ‘advertise’ what the P&C use their funding for.

- P&C use of school stationery – Kym Hawes gave permission for P&C to use all stationery and have access to photocopying as needed. It was decided that the best solution for access to a computer for word/excel and printing access was to be logged on by a her or office staff as needed.

- Library resource funding for ‘parent corner’ books to be purchased, Leanne Catanzariti moved a motion for full amount $297.22 to be paid, Amy Lowe seconded.

- School requested that P&C dual fund the Library refurbishing project to the amount of $7500. All voted and approved.

- Parent letter of concern – Kym Hawes sourced advice from DET Legal because the letter was anonymous. She was advised not to reply as we didn’t actually know where it had come from (could’ve come from a newspaper). Never before has the school received an anonymous parent letter. Kym decided to reply anyway to address the concerns raised.

Meeting close 8:30pm

NEXT MEETING: Mon 20th July at 6:30pm

ACTION ITEMS

Kym Bush – add Al Bevan as treasurer.

Kym Hawes – co-ordinate and organise details of funding for Library.