MINUTES

MEETING DATE: Monday 16th March 2015

TIME: 7pm

VENUE: QPS Staffroom


2. Approval of Minutes – Leanne Catanzariti approved, Kym Bush 2nd.

3. Executive Reports

Treasurer’s Report
- Auditor’s report tabled. The report was delayed due to a difference in understanding of funds moving between debits and credits. The bottom line was all correct. See attached copy of a detailed report.
- Isabel seeking approval (& reimbursement) for purchase of laptop and MYOB (no payroll option) for the QPS P&C Treasurer to use – all agreed.

Principal's Report

Principal's Report 2 for P&C meeting 16 March 2015
Meeting parents has been the focus for teachers this term. Expectations have been shared and ways of communicating established. Kindergarten students were assessed in the first week of term. The data was entered into BEST START and reports produced to share with parents at their Getting To Know Your Child (GTKYC) meetings.

There has been three parent gatherings this term: a Special Education BBQ at the Town Park for families of students who require supported learning programs. This annual event was very well attended giving parents, staff and students a chance to eat, talk, play and share experiences that continue to build engaging partnerships.
The second gathering was an inaugural Aboriginal students' parent information evening. It was held in the school hall following a BBQ in playground 1. Again, this was an informal opportunity for parents and staff to build relationships. Parents were asked for their ideas on Aboriginal Education. To explore Ngunnawal language was the suggestion from one parent.
The third gathering was a TEN (targeting early numeracy) evening to share games and strategies to use at home to help students in their early numeracy development. It was held in the library and was hosted by stage 1 teachers, in particular Jill Hadobas who is the TEN trainer in the school. Feedback from one parent, Michelle Res (Leah Menz '1R) says it all: 'I just wanted to say a big thank you to all the teachers involved in last night's presentation of TEN for our young ones attending QPS. What a motivated and dynamic group of teachers! I have already printed off the games from the school website and really look forward to beginning this process with my daughter Leah at home. I really welcome the opportunity to gain insight into our children's learning and the ways that as parents, we can assist them and be involved in their education. Thanks again and keep up the good work K-2 teachers'.
The Primary Schools Sports Association (PSSA) School, District and Regional swimming carnivals have been held. We achieved two district champions at the carnival held at the AIS:
Junior boy and Senior boy. One student, Koby Gibbs in year 4, gained selection in the regional team to compete in the state carnival to be held later this month. Other PSSA events realised three more regional selections: Claudea Andrews and Jasmyn Boutzos for girls basketball and Kallie Gumm for girls cricket.
The new sports program being implemented across the school this year by Ms Bryant is working well. Students are responding positively to the different learning opportunities. The Baby and Kids Expo in its second year was a successful community event with over 600 people attending. A big thank you to 4 parents who helped 'run' the expo: Trish Chivers coordinated the event in partnership with Brooke (SaCC), Michael Barr the Bike Mart, Janene Tanzey the memorabilia stall and Claire Steel the second hand uniform stall. Both Janene and Claire together with Graham Hawes also cooked the BBQ.
Our connection and contributions to the Queanbeyan Multicultural Festival over the past 2 years led to the school visit by a group of dancers from Botswana. They performed traditional dances and reciprocated in singing their national anthem. It was a special learning opportunity for the whole school in building our intercultural understanding.
Parent, Sally Green, organised guest speaker, Antony Penrose, who delivered some very special words to year 2 students about his life with Picasso. Antony shared images of paintings and drawings that inspired staff and students to appreciate Picasso’s work more deeply.
Enviro Mentors workshops were organised by Queanbeyan City Council and delivered by Anita from Keep Australia Beautiful. All year 4 students together with their buddies from supported learning classes and 2P engaged in learning about sustainability practices for a better future.
Let’s celebrate the wonderful playground that has been created together in the school’s piazza. Students are enjoying the different playing surfaces. It is very popular and lots of fun.

Kym Hawes

4. Fundraising

- Disco – There was a good turnout of kids across all 3 discos, but volunteer numbers were down. Feedback from surveys (see attached) and talking to parents is that the disco’s aren’t long enough, they’re lame, they’re not fun because there is no party food. Possible improvements for next disco- a clear plan of the night (entrance & exits), signage on doors, snack packs/combined entry fee, change to 2 discos with each one being longer.

- Baby Market – There was a pretty good turnout (about 500 people), a variety of stalls and good community atmosphere again. Kym Hawes is keen to keep the school being involved in this event. We just need to check dates next year, so as not to clash with a long weekend or other community events.

- BBQ Election day – Kym unavailable on the day. Leanne can do setup 8-12, anyone available to do pack up?? If not, we may have to cancel.

- Bulbs- Kym to help out Isabel, to get note out. Orders needed back by Thur 2nd April.

- 2015 Fundraising plan – agreed that we need to make one & clearly inform parents of our plan. To be discussed & actioned at next meeting.

- Art show – was our big ticket item this year, but no volunteers so it has been cancelled. Kym Bush & Annette Davis are brainstorming ideas to possibly hold a small scale art show that’s more child focused, possibly at the end of term 3? Ideas – featured artist does workshops.

- Picture plates – Leanne has investigated & put forward an option to do ‘design your own’ plates, cups, etc as a fundraiser. There is concerns that its too expensive @ plates being $25 each.

- Mothers Day – Leanne seeking approval to spend up to $2500 for purchase of gifts – all agreed.

5. Other Business
• Survey – see attached, Any ideas on feedback & how to improve.

• QCC – Councillor Judith Burfoot contacted Kym today about traffic on Rutledge Street, do we have any concerns? All agreed that a crossing between the laneway and library is necessary. Councillor Burfoot was surprised to know that Mark Cutting (previous QCC contact) has resigned and our issues have not been followed up, she will now follow up & be in touch.

• Student Welfare Policy – see attached report, read over, any ideas/feedback, let Cynthia know.

Meeting close 8:55pm

NEXT MEETING: Mon 20\textsuperscript{th} April 2015 at 6:30pm

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