MINUTES

MEETING DATE: Monday 14 Sep 2015

TIME: 6:30pm

VENUE: QPS Staffroom

Present: Kym Hawes, Janene Tanzey, Al Bevan, Kym Bush, Chris Hewett, Anne-Marie Whitby, Tim McIntosh, Michael Barr, Amy Lowe, Shyamala Durvasan.

Apologies: Cynthia Dolan, Leanne Catanzariti, Cathy Duke,

1. Acknowledgement of Country

2. Approval of Minutes –
   August Minutes – Amy Lowe approved, Janene Tanzey 2nd

3. Executive Reports

President’s Report
- Correspondence
  - General Public Liability Insurance -QPS P&C’ Certificate of Insurance
  - Federation of P&C – Request to disseminate Gonski related material
  - A school community member – did not receive bulbs as ordered from the Bulb fundraising – P&C have apologised & will refund the money.
  - Australian Tax Office – Activity Statement not received since 2012

- Fathers’ Day. 1178 items were sold, representing less than previous years. Thank you to all who assisted on the day. A special mention to Anne-Marie Whitby and her husband for their awesome effort setting up and also to Al Bevan who helped run the Year 4 stall on Wednesday and helped on the Friday as well.
- Mangoes Fundraiser. On-track.
- Kids Art Expo (16 October). Al and Kym will coordinate. The P&C decided that entry will be free, with a donation box prominently displayed. Amy recommended a Suggestion Box also be displayed.
- Social Media Policy. The President raised the value of the P&C using Facebook to advertise P&C activities. A draft policy was tabled for comment. The President intends to vet every posting, and to limit posting authorities to P&C Executive members only. The draft policy will be discussed at the next P&C.

Treasurer’s Report
- Expenditure. The P&C outlaid $2292.25 in August:
  - $923 for General Liability insurance
  - Two separate outlays of $666.25 and $703 each for the Fathers Day stall
- Income. The P&C deposited $3784 during August.
Principal’s Report
The Principal reported on the achievements of the school community over the previous month. See attached report. The Principal emphasised the Girls Basketball team achieving State Champions at the PSSA State finals in Bathurst.

In addition; the Principal remarked on two activities that QPS students participated in, being
- The Meeting of the Minds at ANU, and
- The Goulburn Eisteddfod

Finally, the Principal drew attention to the requirement for Ethics Classes teachers. A recent call for volunteers in Isa News had not elicited any responses. Interested members should contact Kym Hawes.

The P&C noted the success of the Year 4 camp and the completion of the Library shelving project.

See attached for the full report.

4. Other Business

Amy Lowe commented on the state of rubbish on school grounds. She reported that rubbish blows into neighbouring properties and pollutes the river. The Principal noted this and agreed that rubbish was an issue that required a systemic approach, including encouraging the use of reusable lunch containers.

Janene Tanzey asked whether the cancellation of the disco should be announced in a way that communicates the problem of lack of volunteers for the P&C. The President said that in her opinion the P&C should not be seen to be complaining and should present a positive message. No action taken.

Meeting close 7:45pm

NEXT MEETING: Monday 12th October 2015
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State Champions! A first time achievement by the Girls’ Basketball team at the PSSA state finals held in Bathurst last Monday. The girls went to the final as regional champions to compete with seven other regional teams. A quarter final win, a semi final win then a final win all by convincing margins. This was the third trip to the state finals in three years – 8th, 5th, 1st – a fine achievement! Nick Boutzos (parent) was the coach and Kristina Theining the team manager. The girls won four round games prior to the final and only one in Queanbeyan when we used the school bus. Thank you to parents for providing transport and for your support.

Both the girls and boys soccer teams travelled to Bega for their second round PSSA matches. The school hired a small bus and called on parent, Simon Warner to be the driver. There were also parents who provided transport. It was an early start and a long day without a win. Both teams competed strongly in representing the school. Frank Cervo (parent) provided expert coaching for the boys while Bronte Copland and Rose Whitehead managed the teams.

The girls’ Touch Football team managed by Alanna Raymond entered the PSSA competition for the first time. They were very successful and on a fast learning curve making it into the third round. Their final game was very close and played in wet conditions. Parents provided transport to all matches. Thank you for your support.

In follow up to Kristy Wilburs relinquishing the canteen manager position, Renata Hush now continues as the sole canteen manager and Janelle Foster-Britton has commenced her work in the canteen. Janelle is a long time parent in our school community who has previously volunteered her time in classrooms. She has Mia in year 2, Elijah in year 6 and Ash now at KHS. Janelle brings a range of lovely skills and experiences to working in the school canteen.

U/12 years Champion Choir at the National Eisteddfod was achieved by the Senior Choir. This continued a tradition for the school and one we were very pleased to win. Our new conductor, Veronica Milroy took over from Cornelia’s great choral work. Oiga Hamnet continued with her accompanist work providing the continuity to achieve success. Most students in this choir started their choral work in year 1 with Chris Gascoyne. Conny Peisley manages this choir.

The Stage 2 swimming program was a success and included Mrs Imrie working closely with two groups during the morning session. EALD students and one student with a disability were included in the groups that Mrs Imrie supported as part of her AUSWIM accreditation.

Book Week was lots of fun! Many different interactions took place across the week. Students were keen to showoff their book character and talk about their costumes. The library was a wonderland of lights shining on student posters and models of their favourite book.

Let’s stay with the library as its much-needed facelift has begun. Thanks to parents Al Bevan and Chris Hewitt who gave many hours to the project over the week. Extended school family, Lyn and Alex, also volunteered many hours to the library upgrade last week. Fran and Duncan worked all week on the library changes. Fran’s dad also played his part. It was a huge effort.

Tim hosted a Kindergarten Dads, Lads and Kids evening on the Wednesday before Father’s day. Tim welcomed the dads and lads to the school. They then set off to their child’s classroom to play TEN games, read books and go on a learning journey. Ross led Bluearth games in the hall and in playground 1. The dads, lads and kids enjoyed a sausage sizzle cooked (and served) by parents, Al Bevan and Michael Barr. It was a lovely success due to the large number of dads in attendance indicating a commitment to their child’s learning. We look forward to more school events that encourage dads.

The annual Walk ‘n’ Rollathon had a high level of participation by the school community with students, parents and staff joining in the fun. The weather was mild helping to build the positive energy. Some students had set personal goals to achieve. Sponsorship money is coming in.

Thank you to the P&C for hosting another successful Father’s Day Stail. It creates an opportunity to enable students to think deeply about and be grateful for their dads.

Year 4 Camp went swimmingly thank goodness! It is always a great responsibility taking students out of the school environment and staying overnight. Parent, Tess MacDonald-Smith attended the camp to manage her daughter’s diabetes. Her words of thanks and positive feedback were well received by staff.

‘I just want to take the opportunity to acknowledge the wonderful work of the teachers and support staff who looked after the year four children at the Warrambui camp. At all times the staff were lovely and respectful to the children. The children responded in kind of course and were a really fantastic bunch of people representing QPS. The camp itself was terrific.

Kym Hawes