MEETING DATE: Monday 8 September 2014

TIME: 6.30pm

Present: Kym Hawes, Janene Tanzey, Chris Newman, Kym Bush, Cathy Duke, Cynthia Dolan, Leanne Catanzariti, Dagmar Davies, Mark Cutting (Acting Road Safety Officer, Queanbeyan City Council)

1. Apologies: Annabel Schweiger, Isabel Thornton, Anthony Stevenson

2. Acknowledgement of Country

3. Approval of minutes - Kym Bush requested 3 changes to the minutes which Dagmar noted. Leanne moved that the minutes be accepted, Kym B. seconded.

4. Drop off zone on Hirst Avenue

Mark Cutting, Acting Road Safety Officer, Queanbeyan Council, Queanbeyan City Council is currently investigating the parking arrangements around the School.

Isabella Street:
Four angle car parks on Isabella Street are currently signposted as ’No-Parking between 8:00am to 9:30am’. It was suggested to have the No-Parking apply for the school pick-up period as well, between 2:30pm and 4:00pm, and to mark the car parks more clearly as a pick-up and drop-off zone. Mr Cuttings agreed this could be done through new signage and/or painting the kerbside blue. This can be realised before the end of the year.

Hirst Avenue
Mr Cutting suggests to introduce a pick-up and drop-off zone on Hirst Avenue and would like to hear the P&C’s opinion. The idea is to alleviate the traffic on Thorpe Avenue, where double parking has been problematic. The zone would hold about 10 cars and school staff would be supervising pick up and drop off. Rangers would help with the enforcement of the new arrangement.

P&C members are concerned that Hirst Avenue is too narrow to allow for this and that cars usually park on both sides of the street. Other concerns include that children might have problems finding their parents due to visibility on the steep hill and that this new arrangement would merely shift the problem from Thorpe Avenue to Hirst Avenue. Despite the concerns we agree that it is worth trialling this option. The pedestrian crossing on Hirst
Avenue would need to be supervised due to increased traffic on that side of the School. Mr Cutting suggests to invite parents to comment on this option at the beginning of term 4 and start a trial in 2015. We agree to this proposal. One option could be to trial the new drop-off and pick-up zones with Stage 3 students only. Kym H. will investigate how many Stage 3 children are being dropped off and picked up.

It is also suggested to line mark parking spots on both sides of Thorpe Avenue. Mr Cutting agrees that this is a good idea and will action this in the coming months.

As part of this review, Mr Cutting will now do a detailed survey on how many children get dropped off and picked up. The usage of disabled car parks, particular on Thorpe Avenue, will also be reviewed.

5. Executive Reports

President’s Report
Kym has been confirmed as a Delegate for the Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW.

Treasurer’s Report
The 2013 Books have been audited and have been forwarded to the NSW P&C Association. There were no changes from the original financial statement as presented at the time of our AGM.

The auditor has recommended we update our financial system and he is happy to audit the 2014 books as long as we update and provide the financial statements electronically.

Summary of Financial Reports

Bank Balances
We had $61,009.06 as of 31/08/14 in the Queanbeyan Public School’s Parents & Citizens Association’s bank accounts.

Which means year to date the P&C had made a profit just under $16 thousand.

Income
Bank Interest
We earned $97.38 in interest this month.

Family Portraits
We earned $320 from the family portrait day, thank you Cathy Duke for coordinating.

Expenses
P&C Expenses
We paid 0.25 in bank fees this month, and we paid $1,360 in printing expenses for the “Digger” Book as approved last meeting.

Fete
We paid $150 of outstanding fete expenses from a not valid bank transfer earlier in the year.
Father’s Day Stall Expenses
We bought $2,679.51 supplies for the Father’s Day Stall.

2014 Budget
We are still proposing that the P&C will still end 2014 with over $30,000 in our accounts.

Principal’s Report

Today the QPS Girls’ Basketball team competed in the NSW PSSA state finals (8 teams) in Bathurst. Kristina Nikoloska managed the team and worked with parents to help students achieve their successes. Two successful local games (Queanbeyan West and Goulburn West) were followed by two trips to Wollongong (Illaroo Rd and Keiraville). This is the second year this team of girls has enjoyed such success. Congratulations!

The 2014 ACT Tournament of Minds competition was held at ANU on Saturday.
Five teams competed bringing to a close their 6 weeks of preparation time at school, after school and at weekends. It has been a very big commitment by students, parents and Anke Jennaway who facilitated the students’ learning. All 5 teams were fantastic. One team was selected by judges to continue onto the Territory Final, being held in two weeks.
P&C Father’s Day stall was held last Friday. It was a very exciting morning in the school hall with lots of goodies for sale as well as a student raffle. Thank you to Erica for coordinating the event and to parents who volunteered their time on the day. It was a great success! Students look forward to it each year.

Last Wednesday the National Indigenous Literacy Great Book Swap was held. The theme this year was Reading Opens Doors. Felicity Pinner-Gare, our Yr6 ILF ambassador, attended the launch at the Sydney Opera House with authors, Andy Griffiths, Alison Lester, Anna Fienberg and Anita Heiss. The following day Felicity was interviewed live by ABC radio. On Friday, Mrs Handley hosted our school Great Book Swap in the library. The amount raised has not been finalised as there are a few more book swaps to happen this week. It was our ‘Close the Gap’ day and the first time of joining the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

Book Week was moved back a week, to week 7, due to stage 2 swim school. This year we encouraged students to dress up as a book character on the Friday so moving Book Week was commonsense. Staff started the week by wearing Where’s Wally? outfits. It was good fun with lots of book talk and the library was a buzz all week. Friday was more hectic than anticipated. Grandparents Day! Who would have thought that over 200 people would visit classrooms that morning. It was a lovely idea as great memories are always created when older people are interacting with younger people. Thank you to parents for supporting students in dressing up as a character from a book. Buddy classes met for lunch to encourage opportunities for showing off and sharing of stories.
The SRC Talent Show has been held over the past few weeks at lunchtimes. Mrs Sawyer and Ms Dunne have supported students to be hosts, judges, audiences, acts and participants. It has been a lot of fun!
The annual Special Education reviews have been held over the past few weeks. Carolyn Watt, Assistant Principal, has coordinated parents, teachers, counsellors, student services staff and inter-agencies to meet together to discuss student progress and plan the next steps at home and at school. We do have several students with high needs moving onto high school next year. This is a critical transition for them and it needs a lot of thought and care to ensure they experience success. These review conversations are vital to bring the student’s home environment and school closer together.
The Intermediate Choir travelled to Goulburn for the whole day cluster rehearsal with conductor, Ian Jefferson. Students are refining their skills in preparation for the Primary Prom at the Sydney Town Hall in the last few days of term. We also have an individual item, the Girls Vocal Ensemble (10 students).

Our 2014 Premier’s Spelling Bee, hosted by Mrs Sawyer (St2) and Miss Hill (St3), was held over the past weeks. Students prepared for the challenge by studying lists of words ready to spell out aloud. Students were selected for both competitions. They will travel to Sunshine Bay PS for the regional finals.

Blueearth workshops have recommenced for semester 2. The teachers and classes involved are Rosemaree Whitehead 4R, Michelle Hill 5/6H, Jill Hadobas 1H, Virginia Rosser 1R, Jane Reeve K-4R and Carolyn Watt 3-6W. Teachers participate beside their students in a professional learning opportunity to learn the methodology first-hand.

Mrs Jones has continued with improvements to the raised garden area at the side of the school. St3 students have worked with Mrs Jones to move cement, soil and mulch ready for plantings. Bunnings has committed to installing a new raised garden in this area in the next few weeks.

Our bike project has commenced for 2014. This is a mentoring program conducted at lunchtime by Emma Boughton and Scott Russell. The small group of boys meets once a week to rebuild bikes to be new again. While they are working together and learning new manual skills, they are also learning more about themselves and building meaningful relationships. At the end of the project (later in the year) the bikes will be donated to Barnardos so they can give them to families in need.

This week we are celebrating NAIDOC (moved from earlier in the term) through a study of Peoples, Cultures and Communities. Each day, activities are planned to deepen our appreciation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures.

6. Fundraising

Father’s Day
Lots of volunteers helped out at the Father’s Day Stall. The event was successful despite gift vouchers disappearing.

Term 4 Disco
DJ Mel is available on Friday 31 October. Dagmar and Cathy will run the event.

7. Follow-ups

Playground allocation
P&C members ask whether playground 2 could be utilised for the whole school per rotation and suggest the introduction of mixed playgrounds. School staff is open to the idea of mixed playgrounds. They explain how many factors are being taken into account in the allocation of classrooms and playgrounds, such as class sizes, needs of individual students and staff members.

Playground 1 upgrade
The budget for the project is $100,000 ($50,000 from government, $20,000 from the School, $30,000 from the P&C).
Kym H. obtained quotes – it would cost $100,000 to cover the area in coloured asphalt.
We discussed ideas around creating different zones on the playground that offer activities to the children, noting the space is used as a thoroughfare and poses challenges such as the tree roots and drainage. We agree on the importance of coming up with a good design for the space and possibly engaging a specialist designer for the project. Discussion to be continued at the next meeting.

**Queanbeyan Multicultural Festival**
We decide that no P&C involvement is required for this event.

**8. Other business**

**Open Day**
Planning has begun for the School’s birthday celebrations on 15/16 November. To be discussed at the next meeting.

**Rollathon**
We decide to keep helmets as being compulsory for the Rollathon, but knee pads and elbow pads are suggested only.

**P&C ‘open afternoon’**
This event is meant to give parents the opportunity to engage with the P&C, to be held at 2.30pm on Wednesday 15 October 2014. We agree to set up outside, weather permitting. To be advertised in the Isa News.

**House Colours Day**
We agreed to not collect money for individual students who achieved high goals in sports this year, but to celebrate and promote their achievements. Money collected to go to a charity.

**NEXT MEETING: 13 October 2014 at 6.30pm**

**ACTION ITEMS**

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