

QHEPS P&C Meeting Minutes 20.02.17

Wednesday, 15 February 2017

7:39 PM

Quakers Hill East Public School P&C Association

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 20th February 2017

Present:

Apologies: Tracey Duffy, Gavin Glenn

Meeting commenced: 19:04 Chairperson: Tanya Stephan

- General welcome.
- General introductions
- Special presentation Eugene from RagTagd
Lost property tags, sold in uniforms, activated by SMS. In 30 schools around Sydney. 90% of property returned within 24 hours. \$3 for hats only and \$3.50 for jumpers as they are reactivatable. Sensor for system is free. Can buy tags from uniform shop in packets. Ironbark Ridge, Matthew Pearce and Beaumont Hills use it. Developed by Fujitsu, warranted for 3 years. 90, 120 or 150cm wide, 150cm high. Needs to be near a power point.
- School and P&C will talk to surrounding schools about feasibility and usefulness and bring to next meeting

Minutes of previous meeting:

- Accepted by Karren Parsons and seconded by Chris Black

Business arising from previous meeting:

- None

Correspondence:

Incoming:

- Uniform brochures and fundraising brochures

Outgoing:

- Nil

Treasurer's report: (As at 4/2/17).

- Balance of General Account \$9,948.44
- Balance of Uniform Account \$19,086.92
- Total cash available month end \$29,035.36
- Accepted by Chris Black and seconded by Usha Vishram

Uniform report:

- Finally slowing down after busy few weeks.
- Sample hats and bags shown. Cost of microfibre bucket hat \$7.80, legionnaire \$7.75 and surf hat is \$9.90 surf hat, logo cost \$2 per hat
- Bags - Kindy \$29.95, Mini \$31.95, Tough \$36.95 (has divider), free logo
- Girls who don't/can't wear dresses. Suggestion for girls to wear shorts, needs a

subcommittee or approach the community for objections. Suggest white short-sleeve shirt and culottes.

- Haylee to research pricing on above options
- Update pricing on tights to \$10 to stop losing money
- Price increase for uniforms to be discussed at a future meeting
- Haylee to present total cost and retail price for hats and bags at next meeting
- Accepted by Taruna Yadav and seconded by Karren Parsons

Principals report:

- Question about P&C funding canopy for more shade. School to get quotes
 - 'Do not use' note on online payment page to be removed
- QUAKERS HILL EAST PUBLIC SCHOOL

P&C PRINCIPAL'S REPORT- 20 February 2017

- **Staff Update** - Mrs Clissold is currently acting in the role of Deputy Principal and Mrs Partington is teaching 2C during this time. We are currently in the process of filling the vacant Deputy Principal position through the Merit Selection process.
Mrs Brady is on leave and Mrs Leech will be teaching 3/4B until Mrs Brady returns on 7 March. Mrs Cullen will be on leave from 6 March until 30 June and Mrs Canderle, a new teacher to our school, will be teaching in the support role during this time. Mrs Jones will be on maternity leave from 10 March as she awaits the birth of her second child. She will be on leave until the end of the school year and we wish her all the best for this exciting time.
- **School Swimming Carnival** - What a great day we had at the swimming carnival! It was an impressive day of competition with everyone giving it their best effort and with one record being broken by Alice Edenborough. The Zone carnival which will be held on 3 March. Thank you to the many parents who helped out and Mrs Talintyre and her team for coordinating such this event.
- **Parent Helper information session** - Mrs Smith and Mrs Bennetts coordinated this session last week. They will be holding another session on Wednesday 22 February at 2pm
- **Kindergarten Working Bee** - The Kindergarten working bee was held last Tuesday with many parents helping to make the sight word and letter sound rings that Kindergarten will be using during 2017. Mrs Taylor and all of the Kindergarten teachers would like to thank those parents who participated, for their time and enthusiasm. Thanks to Mrs Taylor and Mrs Vishram for ensuring a smooth production line.
- **Bookpacks and Voluntary School Contributions** - The bookpack note outlining the cost of each grade's bookpack has been sent home. The voluntary school contribution has been set at \$37 per student and \$57 per family. These funds will be used to purchase resources to support the learning in all curriculum areas.
- **Parent Information Evening** – There were many parents here tonight. We appreciate the enthusiasm and interest this demonstrates
- **Scripture** – Will commence this week. Mrs Clissold is coordinating this.
- **Quakers Hill HS Information Evening** – Tuesday 29 February
- **STEAM Project** – Students in 3/4C and 5/6W will be participating in this program aimed at building teacher and student capacity around coding, robotics and the Digital Technologies syllabus. We have purchased two kits totaling \$1400
- **Prosperitas Program** – Commencing this Thursday for an introduction to the program
- **Say No to Bullying Day and Harmony Day** – Each class will have lessons to support these days and be given wrist band on Say No to Bullying Day.
- **School Photos** – MSP Photographers have been booked for this. The family photos will be taken before school this year commencing at 8am. Any families who miss out will be photographed later in the day. Notes to be sent home 2 March
- **Grandparents Day and Art Show** – This will be held in Term 2 this year on 30 May

- **Upgrade of iPads** – Looking to purchase newer models to have more iPads per class. The fleet of iPads need to be upgraded as the technology changes. Cost is around \$30 000
- **Parent Online Payments (POP)** – Available to all parents now
- **Canberra Excursion** – Expressions of interest taken and deposits have been paid. Payment schedules will be sent home shortly.
- **Extra canopy/shade shelter needed for swimming carnival** - to be used at school functions

Upcoming dates

- 22 February Parent Helper session
 STEAM Robotics Training
- 23 February Prosperitas program parent meeting
- 3 March Zone Swimming Carnival
 Clean Up Australia Day
- 9 March Selective HS
- 17 March Say No to Bullying Day
- 21 March Harmony Day
- 23 March School Photos

Fundraising:

- Mother's Day, not getting a lot of suggestions on Facebook. Tea light candles are a risk. Tea towels also considered. Usha will coordinate Mother's Day only. \$10 gift at max \$7 dollar cost
- Will we do the frame again with grandparents day? To be discussed next meeting
- Please present ideas if you have them.

General Business:

- Is it possible to have band? Or a small musical instrument? Will be considered within the scope of music. Requires teachers with this expertise. Music bus is already offered at the school as an extracurricular activity
- Air conditioner in hall would be \$50,000 cost, and is not able to be used if doors are open, which is required at assemblies.
- Facebook page notice: The P&C decided tonight that there will be no more negative posts, negative comments or any posts or commentary about parking issues at all. All avenues regarding options to resolve parking and traffic safety issues have been thoroughly explored. As all the parking and traffic issues we face are created by our parents, it is beyond the scope of the school, the P&C or the students to control this. It's up to each of us as individuals and adults to obey road rules and drive safely. All future posts regarding parking and/or negative posts will not be approved, and all negative comments or comments about parking will be deleted at the discretion of admin without notice.
- School and P&C to create awareness of Facebook page and app
- Playground equipment - one teacher required for supervision of this only, and funding is required. Other priorities come ahead of this at the moment.
- Post office has community grant, Jo Fickel to provide information to Mrs Hedge
- Demountable classroom required should arrive in next month, comes with aircon
- Air conditioners are needing to be replaced over time, as they are starting to fail. P&C funded the original ones.

Meeting Closed: 20:30

Minute taker: Alice Bullivant

Next meeting: Monday 20th March, 2017, at 19:00.