

General Meeting Minutes

Of the General Meeting of Windaroo State School P&C Association

Date: 30 April 2014

Venue: Lone Pine Hall, Windaroo State School

Chair: Cellina Allard

Meeting opened at: 9:20

Attendance: Alina Tempte, Michelle Laird, Melannie Markey, Naomi Crawford, Amanda Cox, Monica Goethals, Cellina Allard, Michelle Lockhart, Valerie Paterson

Guests:

Apologies: Lynda Keane, Bobby Harding

Minutes:

Minutes of last meeting held 12 February 2014 were read and moved to be received.

Moved: Cellina Allard

Seconded: Amanda Cox

Business arising from the minutes: nil

Correspondence:

Inward –

- Statement for Ferrari Warner
- Commonwealth Bank Statement
- Email - P&Cs Qld is calling for expressions of interest from P&C members who would like to attend our State Conference being held at the Mercure Gold Coast Resort on Friday 12 and Saturday 13 September 2014.

Outward -

Nil

Inward correspondence be received and the outward adopted.

Moved: Cellina Allard

Seconded: Monica Goethals

Business arising from the correspondence: nil

Treasurer's Report:

April account balance is \$ 13645.22

Fund raising \$16,500.

LJ apparel has come in

Pay audit \$750.00

Mother's day stall bills to pay \$1173.20, \$605.20, with one to come in

Moved: Amanda West

Seconded: Naomi Crawford

Principals Report:

P & C Meeting – April 2014

Welcome back to Term 2 everyone. A special welcome to Mrs Leigh Oke to our teaching staff. Mrs Oke replaces Mrs Miranda Nicol who is on maternity leave.

Anzac Day Ceremony

We held a lovely Anzac Day Ceremony at school last Thursday morning with the whole school in attendance. Our special guests were Mr Geoff Frew, Mr Colin Jardine and Mr Matthew Malone. Matthew was also our guest speaker and he delivered a touching tribute to our armed forces both past and present.

Anzac Day March

My thanks to all staff, parents and students who joined us for the Anzac Day march on Friday past. We had over 40 students take part which was great considering it was on a long weekend. Our School Captains, Brendan Cook and Hayden Craven with our school Chaplain Ms Robyn Lee laid a wreath on behalf of our school.

NAPLAN

From Tuesday 13 May, as part of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN), national tests will be held in literacy and numeracy for all students in Australia at Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

The national tests will assess student achievement in literacy and numeracy in much the same way as they have been done in the past. Students will be familiar with the test formats and the type of questions they have to answer.

Students will have their skills assessed in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

National tests will provide information on how students are progressing, and support improvements in teaching and learning. These tests will make it easier to monitor student performance in literacy and numeracy across the nation. Over 1 million students from 9,000 schools across Australia will participate in the national tests.

This information will be used to evaluate what students can do and how they perform against the national benchmarks. You can help your child by talking about these tests as a means of showing what they know and can do at this point in their schooling. Ease any anxiety by explaining that everyone in Australia will be doing this test at the same time and the testing process is an integral part of their school life.

Later in the year individual students will be given reports which will indicate their level of achievement in reading, writing, spelling, punctuation, grammar and numeracy. You will be given an opportunity to discuss this report with your child's teacher.

If you would like further information about this program please contact the school or visit the website at www.naplan.edu.au. We are also offering a Parent Information Session on Tuesday 6 May at 9:15am in our School Hall.

Reading

Reading is and has been the key focus in our school over the last two years. It was therefore great to see the support for the 'rug reading' session hosted by PCL last term.

We can safely predict that those individuals who can read and write (and numerically calculate) are most likely to be long-lived, healthy individuals who will enjoy a satisfying life on this planet and contribute positively to society; so making sure that everyone has the best possible chance to learn to read well has to be a major goal for all school communities.

Parent and family involvement and contribution to the development of oral language and associated literacy learning is vitally important, as reflected in an extensive range of research around the world. One study concluded that “... **the likelihood of a child succeeding in first grade depends, most of all, on how much she or he has already learned about reading before getting there.**”

Parents of young children who encourage and support the development of their child's literacy skills from the earliest years, give them greater chances to become students who achieve their potential and go on to lead effective, satisfying and productive lives in our communities.

Similarly, studies show that parents, who present the experience of reading as a mutually enjoyable experience with an emphasis on reading as a source of pleasure and personal fulfilment, will be more effective than an emphasis on the skills acquisition and academic aspects of reading development. This is why reading is such an important component of our homework policy. Parents introduce their children to the pleasure and satisfaction of reading together and reading aloud. Elder siblings and grandparents can also productively share that role of reading mentor and guide. The ideal of parents having quiet, dedicated time with their children sharing a book has positive learning, personal, cognitive, connective and social development benefits. This later develops into a productive partnership between parents and schools working together to build a community that loves books and values literacy. This is our wish for our school and hence the main focus on reading. I have been most impressed with the way our children are progressing in their reading as I visit classes on my Principal walk throughs.

Bullying - No Way

Thanks to everyone who supported our school community in wearing orange last term to show their solidarity against bullying in our school.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

It was very pleasing to see the number of parents who made an effort to attend these interviews. Thanks for taking an interest in your child's education and to my staff for offering up their time.

Moved: Valerie Paterson
Seconded: Michelle Laird

P&C Presidents Report:

President's report April 2014

CBFU- community Benefit Fund Unit

Referring to email that came through on our PCA web address, I rang and spoke to a lady named Amanda about our Grant application that was deemed ineligible she said that the application went through to the Jupiter's Casino fund instead of the gambling fund and because P&C's are not an incorporated body the JCF deemed the application ineligible. The process of the CBFU takes months and goes through nearly to the end before errors are picked up. We had a number of errors e.g.: The application did not contain a bank statement or a letter from our financial institution and also we need to attach Chapter 7 of the education Qld Act to the application. Amanda suggested next time to ring before submitting and check that we have all paperwork to avoid this situation. The next Round closes at the end of May if we're interested.

Public Liability

The insurance has been paid and the funds have been withdrawn on 28/2/14.
Have not seen a receipt yet but will chase it up.

Moved: Cellina Allard
Seconded: Valerie Paterson

Fundraising Report:

Disco

Obstacle -athon approx \$9500

Market – 45 spaces sold for this event with 3 still to be decided. Have had some with baked foods inside. Not setting up in front of hall with lighting being moved to front of admin area.

If raining will move to undercover area near tuckshop. Will not purchase as much during rainy weather. Discussed to purchase the sausages from local business in previous events to be considered with increase of price of sausages. Check the costs of the barbeque and break down the costs to see if a change is viable.

Our parent volunteers are difficult to get to man jumping castle. Would be difficult to man at end of year when student performance is included. Suggested giving something to the volunteers who help. Need to let them know what they would be volunteering for and the length of time. Suggestion of area to watch kids while parents are working. Specifically asking one other person. Is being requested on media links. On the positive we now have some volunteers. We need to consider events for the remainder of the year.

Moved: Michelle Lockhart
Seconded: Monica Goethals

Social Media Co-ordinator Representative:

Facebook still growing with 25 requests (296 currently)
School bag app still growing with scavenger hunt starting with Lesley Solar
Moved: Michelle Lockhart
Seconded: Amanda Cox

Chaplin:

Robyn raised that family will be needing support in the school due to a sick child
Shoes are also available
Chaplin dinner next Friday
Mother daughter tea for Chic Chat and dinner coming up
Moved: Robyn Lee
Seconded: Michelle Lockhart

General Business:

-Blue card to be renewed \$76 for road supervisor
-Parents continuing to stop in middle of road and students running out to get in
Can the council be contacted to come and supervised
Does there need to be a set speed for the traffic
Can Bobby write a letter to parents regarding pick up safety
-LJ apparel no longer to make grey material for fleece zip up jumper change to all green
Michelle to contact LJ apparel to make change
-No QCPCA rep, to go facebook page again
Moved: Cellina Allard
Seconded: Amanda West

Next Meeting:

Our next general meeting will be held 23 July 2014 9:15 at Lone Pine Hall.

Meeting closed at: 10:28

Minutes endorsed as true and correct ___/___/_____

President's signature: _____