General Meeting Minutes

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

Date: 11 November 2015
Venue: Lone Pine Hall, Windaroo State School

Chair: Melannie Markey
Meeting opened at: 9:18

Attendance: Monica Goethals, Bobby Harding, Melannie Markey, Michelle Harrison (Lockhart), Kim Hollier, Robyn Lee, Amanda Cox, Amanda West

Guests: Ken Houliston, Laurie Koranski,

Apologies: -

Minutes:
Minutes of last meeting held 9 September 2015 were read and moved to be received.
Moved: Melannie Markey
Seconded: Bobby Harding

Guests: Laurie Koranski, division 4 a large area, currently lives in Buchan and runs a dental practise, advocate for local issues including power lines, needs to be part of the change, also on other panels, her children are now at high school
Ken Houliston, lives in west of Logan, business owner and clergyman, 3 children and is a passionate dad, see everyone has the potential to excel, works alongside families to build strong families, a strong community and City, we all need help and to grow, will build teams of people,

Business arising from the minutes:

Correspondence:
Inward –
Second Daniel Morcome
Uniforms
Commonwealth bank statements,
QCPCA newsletter
Email for parent on feedback on markets,

Outward -
Letter to LJ apparel and contact renewal with increase

Inward correspondence be received and the outward adopted.
Moved: Melannie Markey
Seconded: Monica Goethals
Business arising from the correspondence:

Treasurer’s Report:
October account balance is $37597.16
$53,000 fundraising this year.
$13,000 from markets this year
All class stalls increased this year.
$14,000 to the school with funds going to computers and I-Pads in the classroom or updates
Wi-Fi to come to the school with school contributing $30,000 to this
Band width increasing in the school
$9,000 dollars above what was pledged at the beginning of the year

Financial statements as distributed to be received and the accounts for payment are ratified.
Moved: Amanda West
Seconded: Bobby Harding

Principals Report:

Welcome to the guests

Term 4

Welcome back to Term 4. The school year has certainly travelled very fast and there is a great deal planned for this term. Some successful events already this term include: World Teachers’ Day, School Photos, Prep Orientation days, Grandparents Day, Twilight Markets. Still to come: Windaroo Summer Concert, Prep excursion to Jacob’s Well, Instrumental Music Evening, Carols and Windaroo Idol to name but a few.

Staff Changes for Term 4

We would like to welcome Ms Taylor Donnelly to our school. Ms Donnelly replaces Mrs Hart in Year 5 who has been appointed as the District Relief teacher.

Day For Daniel

Daniel Morcombe Day was held Fri 30 October 2015. Children wore something red to acknowledge the importance of being ‘stranger danger aware’. Thank you to the P&C for hosting coloring-in activities in the hall during the lunch hour

PREP ORIENTATION DAYS

Prep Orientation Days were held last week for our 2016 Prep students.

These sessions are designed to introduce children to our school by visiting a Prep classroom.

During this time students participated in activities allowing our Prep teachers to interact with them and conduct a brief readiness checklist.

Parents were able to meet key staff in our school and hear about what to expect in the first few weeks at school and everyday routines for Prep.

World Teachers’ Day
World Teachers’ Day was celebrated on Friday 30 October. I know that you will join me in thanking the teachers at Windaroo State School for the wonderful job they are do in educating our children.

I once heard a wise person say ‘Doctors may save lives but teachers change lives’ and this is so true. The impact a teacher can have on the lives of young people is immeasurable yet powerful.

World Teachers’ Day is an opportunity to say thank you to all teachers. The best way I can thank you is through the grateful sentiments of students from across Queensland.

Thank you for teaching me to read; thank you for noticing when no one else seems to notice; thank you for coercing and cajoling me to give it a go because I had no idea how much I would enjoy it; thank you for believing in me when I had stopped believing in myself; thank you for explaining the concept a ‘gazillion’ times until I got it; thank you for listening; thank you for making me feel safe and thank you for setting me in the right direction.

School Attendance

Attendance at school is essential for children to maintain their learning. We all experience times of illness, but if your child is well, they should be attending school each day.

Our teachers mark the rolls twice a day and need to record if students are absent. Please contact the teacher or the school to report an absence by sending a note, ringing the absentee line or sending a message via the Skoolbag App.

Any unexplained absences appear on the end of semester report cards.

Thank you for working with us to achieve the best results for your children.

Prime Minister's Prize for Excellence in Science Teaching in Primary Schools

It is with great pride that I am able to announce that our school and Mrs Rebecca Johnson in particular have been awarded the Prime Minister’s Prize for Excellence in Science Teaching in Primary Schools. Rebecca and I were presented this prize at a special event hosted by our Prime Minister in Parliament House last Wednesday evening. This just reinforces the quality of teaching staff and programs we have at Windaroo State School.

Congratulations

Jack H, one of our Year 5 students, has won the National Championship for Kickboxing. Jack now has the opportunity to represent Australia at the World Championships in Sweden next year. Congratulations Jack!

Twilight Markets

My sincere thanks to all involved in this wonderful event and well done.

Prep Area

We will be completing this area with artificial turf during the December break. This will be funded through the monies attained from our new PCYC deal we made

Moved: Bobby Harding
Seconded: Michelle
**Presidents Report:**

Presidents report – November 2015

What a successful few months it has been. We have overcome some weather issues, postponements and lack of volunteers to go ahead with our disco early this term. The Markets were an absolute hit and I would like to congratulate everyone who has been involved where they can at such a busy time. It certainly shows that we have a very strong and supportive team. I'd like to specifically congratulate and thank Michelle for her amazing efforts in putting together such a huge and successful event. We do look forward to your Market wrap up shortly. And of course to Councillor Don Petersen and Mark Boothman for their continued support in funding our fireworks.

This term we have also showed our support of child safety on Daniel Morecombe day at the request of parent. With many children, staff and parents choosing to wear red in order to raise awareness of what the day stands for. To add to the day we conducted some colouring in activities in the hall during lunchtime, giving the children some time to not only have a little fun but to sit and discuss what it all means. Some of the conversations I overheard and was asked (by the Children) to be involved in were remarkable for such youngsters. It certainly made me proud of the children within our school. They are listening and are all very aware of what they need to do to stay safe. Feedback so far has been positive.

I have been fortunate enough to be involved in the prep orientation days and information sessions again this year. On behalf of us all I discussed how the P&C works and invited new and returning parents and families to join us not only for morning tea on the first day of school 2016 but in whatever they may be able to assist with throughout the year. There have been a few parents who have already expressed an interest and we look forward to seeing them again and the new year begins.

Behind the scenes there are some grants that have recently been released and I am in the process of checking what we are eligible to apply for and ensuring that we can make the most of these where eligible. I will of course keep you up to date with any progress.

I have been involved in negotiations with LJ Apparel in relation to the commissions that we receive from the sale of uniforms. I am happy to report that we have negotiated an additional 5% Commission taking the total to 15% of sales coming back to us. Still a couple of small details to iron out but the contract is due to be agreed upon and returned before the end of the year. With the end of the school year quickly approaching we still have a few events to assist in ahead of us and look forward to these as Christmas approaches. I ask that you all take a moment to congratulate yourselves on the achievements made so far and I thank you for your continued support of our wonderful school community.

Moved: Melannie Markey
Seconded: Amanda Cox

**Fundraising Report:**

Term 4 is here
It has been a very big year and thanks for support in settling in to the roles,
Thanks to support for my family
There is no Christmas stall this term
DISCO was cancelled but then we were able to get volunteers and it went ahead, this flowed on to market helpers,
Well done on the markets, Michelle did very well
Book cover fundraiser at the end of the year and will go out with book lists
Looking forward to next year

Market wrap, Michelle

Moved: Kim Hollier

**Social Media Co-ordinator Representative:**
Facebook is going well with some from prep orientation parents coming on board
Discussed apps and alternatives that could be used
Lesley requesting for note book on teachers apple laptops, note book needed to work with
smart boards $17,000 needed. Funds not available at this time.

Moved: Michelle Harrison

**General Business:**
Uniforms discussed to change grey polo shirt, spoken to Joy and need a focus group to be
formed. Bobby likes the senior shirt and would like it to be the school shirt. Change over 3
years. Senior shirt to change and stand out.

Executive meeting to be held next month

**Next Meeting:**
Our next general meeting will be held Wed 10 February 2016 at Lone Pine Hall.
AGM to follow

**Meeting closed at: 10:16**

Minutes endorsed as true and correct ___/___/_______
President’s signature: ______________________