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

Date: 9 September
Venue: Staff room, Windaroo State School night meeting

Chair: Melannie Markey
Meeting opened at: 7:00
Attendance: Melannie Markey, Amanda West, Bobby Harding, Monica Goethals, Michelle Harrison (Lockhart), Kim Hollier, Don Petersen
Guests: Natale Meyer (Gonski)
Apologies: Crystal Fraei, Amanda Cox, Lynda Keane

Minutes:
Minutes of last meeting held 5 August 2015 were read and moved to be received.
Moved: Monica Goethals
Seconded: Melannie Markey

Business arising from the minutes:
• School Banking – Georgina Robinson our Banking Co-ordinator informs us that all new volunteers are working well and the coin counter has been a wonderful help.
• All funding requests for regional sports have been paid to families approved.
• Rain gear for Alina that had been approved has been purchased.
• Still in discussion with Joseph at spring free trampolines as there were some details in their “contract”/agreement that I needed to clarify.
• Sunscreen being provided in classrooms – I am working on this item as the Departments Sun Safety strategy states that schools must provide sunscreen, however I am also aware of many allergies etc which falls under workplace health and safety and need clarification on this matter.

Correspondence:
Inward –

* P&C QLD newsletter
* Daniel Morecombe foundation info kit
* Invoices – APS Laminating
  - Fathers day purchases
  - Shakaya H yr 6, Everlee R yr 5 , Te Koria W Yr 6
  - Kesco (prep teacher purchase)
* Fundraising information flyers – numerous
* LJ Apparel – Contract Renewal
* Anaconda card for fathers’ day stall/raffle prize $25
Outward -
Nil

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

**Guest Speaker: Natale Meyer (Gonski)**
Natalie was teacher at Mabel Park State School, now working for the union. The main point is that there was a review of funding of education by Gonsky. This found all schools needed some money to bring up to standard and also to be funded on need, as some areas need more help. The federal component is currently coming into school under Great Results Guarantee. At Windaroo this has been used to employ teachers in enhancement. That has directly improved NAPLAN results. 2017 is the last year for this current funding round. The union wish to keep the funding so that progress can continue in schools. This needs to be expressed to a wider audience, prior to the new election year. Schools hope to know what funding is coming in advance so program can be put into place. We have been able to target students that need a push up not just the lowest achieving students.
To raise awareness several ideas were discussed: parents are signing petition as supporter on parent teacher interviews, suggested adding link to facebook page, able to set up a table at markets, when phone poled suggest education as a priority, flyer on seats at concerts, uniform shop flyer etc. Also recruiting teachers to help out at other events elevating the issue. Education week will have a focus on Gonsky.

**Treasurer’s Report:**
Amanda West reporting
$28138.92 balance
Paid bills for book fair money,
Available balance $14481.66
$5,000 to be given to the school for I-Pads but can be increased to $10,000
$30,000 in fundraising this year. Well done!
Prepaid visa is working well

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

**Principals Report:**

**NAPLAN Success**
I am very proud to announce that our students performed at a very high standard in the recently held NAPLAN standardized tests. All our students achieved results that were at the NATIONAL level which is a remarkable achievement. We were ABOVE State average in Year 3 for Reading, Writing, Grammar/Punctuation and Numeracy. In Year 5 we were ABOVE State average in Writing and Spelling. My congratulations to staff and students for these tremendous results. It is most pleasing to note the high standard of education achieved at Windaroo.

**Internet Safety**

It has come to my attention that there is Internet activity on ‘Facebook”, "Instagram" and other various Social Media between students from the higher grades in our school. Our senior students will be having discussions again regarding the appropriateness of messages using electronic media. The following hints might further help you as parents set clear expectations at home to ensure Internet safety for your child.

Encourage and support your children with their use of the Internet. Teach them to make the right decisions and increase the levels of responsibility as children get older. You can access information about Internet safety through the Federal Government’s Internet Safety Advisory Body – Netalert, via their comprehensive website at www.netalert.net.au

If you feel that your children have more knowledge and confidence than you when using the Internet, you may be right. There are some simple ways of addressing this.

What you can do as a parent:

- Talk to your family about the importance of staying in safe sites online.
- Ensure that you have safety software installed on your computer; your internet service provider will be able to help you with this.
- Set up house rules for the use of the Internet and, where possible, have the computer in view so that you can monitor its use.
- Check out safe sites for your children and bookmark them.
- Use filters to limit accidental access to unsuitable material.
- Limit email correspondence to a list of family and friends.
- Emphasise and discuss safe online behaviour.
- Investigate any chat rooms or online clubs that your child may want to use to ensure that they are legitimate.
- Use family-friendly search engines designed for children.

The Internet can be a great tool for research and fact-finding if used correctly. The best approach is to sit with your child and help them through the wealth of information which is available at their fingertips.

**Japanese Students**

We welcomed to our school our Japanese visitors from Ritsumeikan Uji JHS. They had a wonderful time along with their host families and buddies. A big thank you to all involved in making this such a positive experience for them.

**Prep Information Sessions**
Prep Sessions were a great success with over 90 parents attending.

Update on events over the past month:
- Book parade went well with some inventive outfits
- Book fair was also successful for resources for the library
- Science week went off with a bang with a variety of guest speakers talking to children about occupations that use science
- Starlab was well received by students
- Father’s Day Stall
- FIZZ was well liked by students

School Opinion Survey
Positive survey results received. Students and teachers were favorable, recommending school to others. Had more parents contributed to the survey this year with 119 responses.

Uniform
Student shirts to be investigated as grey shirts to be phased out. Looked at choir shirts and senior shirt with thought that senior style shirt would replace the grey shirt. This would need to be phased in over 3 years.

PCYC
Before and after school care lease expired. They will be paying 47,000 per annum and will be including vacation care at the school. It will increase the number of places for care. This will be over 2 years and they will put up own building at back of the school. They will use building at back of school while this is being established. P&C need space and could look at old PCYC building or look at putting in a shed for P&C in the future as the current room is only available for 2 more years. P&C would need to keep funding for this.

Voluntary Contribution
School voluntary contributions are down this year and need to be promoted again. Amanda rose that as we are in a low socio economic area - that parents may be able to tax deductible contribution to the air conditioning under a new scheme.

Independent Public School
Independent Public School expression of interest is out. The advantage is not as high as it was in the past. It must pass through P&C, staff and community.

Moved: Bobby Harding
Seconded: Don Petersen

Presidents Report:
Term 3 arrived so very quickly this year and is already drawing to a close, I am sure we are all feeling as if this year has flown by.

Earlier this month I was involved in sharing information to our new families enrolling their little ones to start prep in 2016. Prep Information sessions are underway and it is exciting to see many new faces and families who are interested in being involved in our school
community. I am certainly looking forward to meeting many of these new families as they begin their Windaroo State School journey and have expressed a warm welcome on behalf of us all.

I am continuing to work on a few projects behind the scenes in relation to some of our forward planning, funding and some items that have been brought to previous meetings and will keep you all up to date as these things progress.

As a P&C we have seen success in our Fundraising efforts and continue to move forward as we are all looking forward to our Twilight Markets next month as well as a couple of other events. As the remainder of the year sees us conduct more events and with many behind the scenes tasks to conduct I ask that we all continue to support each other in our roles. Thank you all for another great Term. I hope you all enjoy these next warmer school holidays and are bright and ready for term 4.

Bobby thanked the fundraising committee for their commitment and how well they have done for the school particularly ICT

Moved: Melannie Markey
Seconded: Michelle Lockhart

**Fundraising Report:**
As we enter the last weeks of Term 3 we only have one more event to prepare for which is the Disco on the second last day of Term. We will be running it the same as the first one of the year with Fairy Floss & hamburgers for sale, and will be test driving our very own Fairy Floss Machine for the event. Glow products are already in stock.

We have had 2 major events this Term with the Chocolate Drive & Father’s Day stall.

The Father’s Day stall had sales of $6285.40. Cost of goods was $2901.86 which means we made a profit of $3383.54. The Father’s Day raffle had very disappointing results with ticket sales equating to $193 even in light of the great prizes that were on offer through various donations.

To date banking of Chocolate Drive money was at $11058.90. There is still approximately $1500 in outstanding money that needs to be returned by parents. A letter has been sent & a follow up phone call will be made next week to those families that do not respond to the letter.

Subway Day is scheduled again this month & is taking place on Tuesday 15th September.

Term 4 is scheduled to be in terms of fundraising with the Twilight Market, Christmas Stall & Book covers all on our agenda.

Amanda said it is difficult to do a stall late in year as books have to be finalised to go to auditor. Could items be purchased early and only have to do takings. Needs to be tabled through P&C.
Moved: Kim Hollier
Seconded: Bobby Harding

**Social Media Co-ordinator Representative:**
- Has been quiet at present
- 2110 downloads on school bag app.
- No emails have had to be sent through
- Concerned about new date for the market as this is now in November, not as close to Christmas and some stalls pulled out. Have food stall booked in. Only 17 stall spots yet to fill. Arm bands going live on flexi-schools for parents to pay for arm bands for rides. Balloon arch donated.

Moved: Michelle Harrison
Seconded: Mellanie Markey

**P&C Queensland Representative:**
Newsletter came through, discussed volunteering, student permission for photos, national schools chaplaincy has been applied for, School Plus for parent donations to be tax deductible,

Moved: Michelle Harrison
Seconded: Amanda West

**General Business:**
- $150 support to the Drake family has been improved
- Michelle Lockhart had grant approved for student participation in sport
- Amanda Cox asked that to pass on that she is now in employment. She will not be able to attend meetings.
- Don Peterson – as part of landscaping on Blvd works will be moving down this area
  - Park land behind tavern is a staged process but will begin before Christmas.
  - Main roads look at bridge at Windaroo as there is no path for pedestrians even though there is a separate foot bridge.

**Next Meeting:**
Our next general meeting will be held 11 November 2015 at Lone Pine Hall.

**Meeting closed at: 8:40**

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