General Meeting Minutes

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

Date: 8 June 2016 7:00
Venue: Lone Pine Hall, Windaroo State School

Chair: Melannie Markey
Meeting opened at: 8:05

Attendance: Melannie Markey, Monica Goethals, Bobby Harding, Amanda West, Aime Macdonald, Mark Boothman, Judi Van Manen, Laurie Koranski, Carmen Davis, Suzanne Hamilton, Agnetha Periaho, Sharyn-lee Norris, Bert Van Manen, Michelle Harrison,

Guests:

Minutes:
Minutes of last meeting held 4 May 2016 were read and moved to be received.
Moved: Melannie Markey
Seconded: Monica Goethals

Business arising from the minutes:

Correspondence:

Inward –

P&C Qld Insurance premium
1. Request for financial support for Malachi M to go to Mackay for Basketball South Coast Sport, Older’s family request for financial support for Emily O for Cross Country
2. Offer of assistance from Coles Beenleigh
3. Funding request Lesley Solar
4. Letter from Department Social services

Outward -

Nil

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

Business arising from the correspondence:

Treasurer’s Report:

February account balance is $14,451, un-deposited funds $6,800 from uniform shop commissions
-School given $5600 from the market money, given to each class domain.
-Also $5000 given to scripture union for Chaplin program
-Invoices for mother’s day stall to be paid,
-$20,000 raised to date

-2 children are south coast representatives asking for financial support
Malachi for basketball and Emily for cross country. Set rate of $150 for each student. There are local government grants also available. Moved to give money to support.
Moved: Amanda West
Seconded: Melannie Markey
-Lesley Solar also requested for 30 i-pad cases at $35 per case, total of $750 but if too much any contribution would be appreciated. We are able to afford this at this stage.
Moved: Amanda West, All in agreement.

Moved: Amanda West
Seconded: Monica Goethals

Principals Report:

NAPLAN

NAPLAN was held in week 5. Staff have been working very hard to prepare our students for these tests. Our support and extension programs headed up by the “Improving and Resourcing Committee” have done a tremendous job in again getting our students to perform at their best ability levels. We await, in eager anticipation, to see how our school will perform this year.

Walk Safely to School

Walk Safely to School was held on Friday 20 May. We encourage all parents whose children walk or ride to school to please reiterate with your child the importance of being responsible and careful whilst travelling to and from school.

P&C Recognition Day

P&C Recognition Day was held on Friday 20 May. We are very fortunate at Windaroo State School to have a wonderful group of parents who support and volunteer at our various events. They are led by our P&C Committee who work hard to raise much needed funds for the extras that enhance the learning environment of all our students.

IPS
- Power point and discussion on IPS
- Second session for parents regarding IPS, presentation shown
This will be the last time it is offered.
The school can choose the programs that can be focused on such as science. We have won The Priminister’s Award and this is highly valued.
Will have more flexibility with less red tape to interact with the community. Further tailoring of local connections.
We will have a school council that we have had in the past, comprising of staff, parents and community members. Currently have a management team that can be extended back to school council.
Advanced innovation: science p-6, industry partnerships, student out comes enhanced, prep early intervention literacy programs supported by enhancement team and extra teacher aide time
Locally Tailored workforce: team has more say in who comes into school with direct recruitment of classified and non-classified teaching staff, more variance on who we can choose
Financial support
Building for the future: can manage maintenance of school
Public accountability: Principal reports directly to the director general in consultation with school council, more authority around school policies, monitor school performance against planned targets,
Community Partnerships: local council members, Commonwealth Banking, X-mas hampers project, grandparent’s day, Koala Joey’s program, C&K kindy links, P&C will still run as it is.

Spoken to staff and visited Pimpima State School with a small representative group from the school, Principal has spoken to parents at previous morning session showing power point as well as this night session.
There is no guarantee that the school will be successful in its application. They will look at if the school can run itself, by itself. They consider student outcomes and suspension rates.

Questions
Funding? $50,000 each year
Creates flexibility to concentrate on what the school needs
Downsides? More responsibility lies with team and Principal
Things can be put into place more quickly and move forward
Will there be a catchment? Yes but it allows flexibility, only out of catchment is for Prep and they will now be interviewed. There will be a waiting list. School capped at 986. Must take if in catchment but they are interviewed.
Change is occurring in the school uniform and this may occur at same time IPS.
If IPS any fees? No changes to fees, we have $100 for family and $80 for single student which is voluntary, but we only have 30% paying currently.
Will we be able to enforce contribution? No we cannot enforce.
If Principal is to retire what would happen? Council would have more say on who would then be able to come in to fill the position. Management team has a large say.

School parents and community anonymous vote on IPS school application to go forward:
Results: yes 14, no-0

Thank you all!

Moved: Bobby Harding
Seconded: Aime Macdonald

Presidents Report:
Welcome to all our Guests and Parents who have taken the time to join us this evening.
Another Busy month has passed us by. It really is amazing that we are already here in June.
We have recently received a Letter of Offer in relation to funds coming from a Grant that we applied for late last year. As a bit of an overview, his Grant was based around equipment to assist volunteers with the work they are doing and assist with any education costs. Our Grant Application was put forward in the hope that we may be able to send a couple of our members off to state Conference in September, allowing us to gather valuable ideas and information to bring back to the team to discuss further. This year’s conference is about going back to basics, forward to the Future. There will be valuable discussions and workshops around the areas of school councils, Cyber Safety, P&C Financial Basics along with Fundraising ideas sessions. This Grant will also allow us to Purchase a Laptop which will be used to assist us in setting up our P&C hub, this can be used for our letters and other documentation and to assist us with some of our events as well. We have been working with Lesley Solar to look at purchasing our Laptop and we will be discussing availability and details as to our Conference representatives as registrations will need to be put forward very soon.
Bobby raised looking at grants to make a space for P&C and uniform shop within the school.
Moved: Melannie Markey
Seconded: Michelle Harrison
Fundraising Report:
- Mother’s day stall $7000 banked
- BBQ at Bunnings cancelled due to lack of volunteers,
- Events running: Thermomix raffle, have just covered cost of machine, highest raising family to get IPad that we still need to have that donated,
- Online auction to be run in term 3. Looking for community donations to be auctioned
- Subway fundraising is done by tuckshop this time

Moved: Kim Hollier
Seconded: Melannie Markey

Social Media Co-ordinator Representative:
- Moving to a page with in Facebook. This will happen during the holidays.
- Schoolbag app funded for next 12 months
- Moving forward in discussions with Laurie Koranski at a meeting on Monday
- Markets are now the focus and are hoping for support for fireworks and support from council members.
Moving: Michelle Harrison
Seconded: Monica Goethals

General Business:
- Uniform update: Senior shirt with some changes. Next year’s senior shirt will have to remain the same as this years, as they are in stock still. Hopefully a roll out of new shirt in term 4.
- Year 6 graduation will need to be held off campus at Beenleigh events centre. Food will still be offered the same as we have done at school. There will be 2 tickets per family but if extra tickets are needed the parent must write a letter for this to be considered.
- Letter from Coles manager Beenleigh for supply of fruit, morning tea, tours of the store. Fundraising committee to contact for support.
- Lesley ideas raised for community events in the school; a morning tea for parents to meet with P&C admin staff, senior teaching staff. Open morning to come into classrooms. Community events that have fundraising for other charities. These can also be discussed with student council who do 3 per year. We need to check that we do not over tax our community.
- Request for financial support for Malachi M to go to Mackay for Basketball South Coast Sport
- Request for financial support for Emily O for cross country
- Lesley Solar request for I-Pad covers

Next Meeting:
Our next general meeting will be held August 3rd at Lone Pine Hall 9:15

Meeting closed at: 8:46

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