General Meeting Minutes

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

Date: 9 March 2016
Venue: Lone Pine Hall, Windaroo State School

Chair: Melannie Markie
Meeting opened at: 9:18
Attendance: Monica Goethals, Robyn Lee, Kathy Smith Millar, Alina Temple, Linda Ormsby, Don Petersen, Bobby Harding, Kim Hollier, Sharyn-Lee Morris, Melannie Markey, Amanda West
Guests: 
Apologies: Michelle Harrison, Aime Lauze

Minutes:
Minutes of last meeting held 10 February 2016 were read and moved to be received.
Moved: Melannie Markie
Seconded: Robyn Lee

Business arising from the minutes:
Don; spoke about traffic at front of school. Disability parking to be left and encouraged to be used appropriately, not to park under the tree shade, which uses more space than needed. Also looked at parking for drop and go, considered taking out two concrete barriers at crossing line, but there are concerns about safety if these are taken away. More signage is needed to encourage to move on.
Have had advice from translink to move bus to main road and remove some parking with lines being remarked. School buses will still come in to bus bay at front of school. At top of hill line to be changed to give a turn left lane.
Parent raised the issue that you cannot see when exiting the school road. It way lose more parking so will be investigated.

Correspondence:
Inward –
   • Fundraising
   • Insurance

Outward -
Nil

Inward correspondence be received and the outward adopted.
Moved: Melannie Markie
Seconded: Monica Goethals
Business arising from the correspondence: -
Treasurer’s Report:
By Amanda West
No activity on account
February account balance is $14,712.13
P&C membership and insurance will show in March balance
Financial statements as distributed to be received and the accounts for payment are ratified.
Moved: Amanda West
Seconded: Monica Goethals

Principals Report:
Meet the Teacher (Parent Information Afternoon)

Parents in our school had the opportunity to meet their child’s teacher to gain insight into class expectations as well as homework policies etc. The date was Thursday 18 February 2016 (Week 4)
Time: 3-4pm Venue:

Year 6 Camp

This was held at Camp Goodenough with 100 students attending. I was fortunate enough to attend Wednesday and Thursday and I was very impressed with how quickly the children settled into a supportive and cohesive group. Mrs Roff attended Thursday and Friday and also involved herself in the various activities on offer. My sincere thanks to Mr Cuskelley, Miss Paterson, Ms Francis, Ms Shaab and Mrs Nabbs who attended and who made this camp such a special occasion for our students.

Animals are not Permitted on School Grounds

A reminder to all our parents that dogs or any animals are not permitted on government property. The safety of our students is very important, and even the smallest and unsuspecting animals can be unpredictable.

Accident Insurance Cover for Students

We are again heading into our sporting season. Some school activities and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury. Parents are advised that the Department of Education and Training does not have Student Accident Insurance cover for students. Therefore, if your child is injured at school as a result of an accident or incident, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs, are the responsibility of the child, parent or caregiver. Some incidental medical costs may be covered by Medicare. If parents have private health insurance, some costs may also be covered through the private health insurance. Any other costs would be borne by the parents. Student Accident Insurance is an insurance policy that pays certain benefits in certain circumstances should your child have an accident. It is a personal decision for parents as to the types and levels of private insurance they arrange to cover their child for any accidental injury that may occur. Parents should contact their insurer or an approved Australian insurance broker if they choose to take out student personal accident insurance cover for their child.
Emergency Procedures

As you may know we have been having a number of bomb threats at various schools in Queensland. These have all turned out to be hoax calls. This however, does not mean that we do not take these seriously and as a result the Department in consultation with Police services have developed a plan of action regarding this. We have had a practice evacuation this week in order for our new students to familiarise themselves with our procedures.

Induction of Student Leaders

A terrific ceremony to welcome our school leaders to their roles for 2016.

Goals and Personal Aspirations

As the term progresses and we become even busier, we sometimes feel that things have become too much for us to handle. We may even at times lose sight of what is important to us. It is at times like these that we need to motivate ourselves to reach the goals we originally set out to achieve. It is important to remember that motivation comes from within – people motivate themselves. When motivating yourself remember the following six elements.

1. Positive thoughts motivate
2. Enjoyment motivates
3. Feeling important motivates
4. Success motivates
5. Personal benefit motivates
6. Clarity motivates

I trust that you do not lose sight of your goals and personal aspirations.

PCA Meeting and AGM

I am very pleased at the number of parents who attended our PCA meeting. We had 16 people in attendance. Well done!

Clean Up Australia Day

Friday 04 March our school will be doing their bit in keeping Australia clean. Classes will have been assigned various areas within our school to clean. We request that students bring rubber gloves and or plastic tongs and a plastic bag in order to do the job safely and well.

School Sport

Various teams have started their training in preparation for our Sport Gala Days starting on Friday 11 March. Students would have been given permission forms to be completed and returned. Please ensure all the necessary permissions are signed.

Parent Teacher Interviews – Week 8
Online Bookings have been well received and used by our parents.

**Upcoming Dates**

Harmony Day – Mon 21 March  
Disco – Wednesday 23 March  
Easter Bonnet Parade – Thursday 24 March  
Management meeting - Thursday 10 March  

**Grant** for prep cover shade area was successful.

Moved: Bobby Harding  
Seconded: Melannie Markie

**Presidents Report:**  
It has been a great start to 2016 with the fundraising committee working hard and from all reports raising some fabulous funds. With many events still to come we look forward to hearing Kim’s report on what’s happening.

Just recently I was honoured to be involved, on behalf of our P&C in the Induction ceremony of our new school leaders for 2016. All of these students display wonderful leadership skills and should all be very proud of themselves on their appointments as we are for them. Congratulations to you all, we look forward to sharing in your successes as the year progresses.

Discussions are continuing in relation to the changes to uniforms. I am currently drafting a letter to let families know that this is a topic which is being discussed and we would welcome their input and feedback in this area. As we would like to see any changes implemented if possible to coincide with the beginning of back to school preparations for 2017 we need to insure that all steps of the process are carried out.

Michelle and I continue to check and discuss grants that are available and will of course keep you updated should we be eligible for any of these.

As we approach the end of the first term, I’d like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your involvement and support and wish you all a safe and enjoyable break.

Moved: Melannie Markey  
Seconded: Robyn Lee

**Fundraising Report:**  
Term 1: seen the Fundraising Team come together and collaborate on ideas to set the year’s calendar of Events. We have had a strong turnout in committee members so it is very
exciting on what we will be able to achieve. We have 5 events that we rolling with in Term 1.

The 5c Drive is in week 2 of collections. So far we have been able to bank around $1800 with hopes that the final collection week will see classes serious for the win!

Our car wash saw 60 cars taking advantage of the $10 wash. Net profit for the event was $567, and notes were taken on how we can improve the event if we were to run it again.

Our Term 1 Disco is scheduled for the 23\textsuperscript{rd} March & we look forward to seeing how the increased admission price affects our overall performance. We also aim to beat the $592 dollars' worth of Fairy Floss sales from our event the previous year.

In conjunction with the BBQ that is being held on Election Day we will be holding a bake sale which we have asked for all families to be involved in. They are either able to drop in their already baked goods or donate ingredients in which a team of volunteers will bake on the Friday. I think the key is that it allows for the children to get involved with the baking at home, making them feel included & proud for contributing. We do have 9 packets of sausages that were left over donations from our car wash to help in additional profits from our BBQ.

We will also be holding an Easter Raffle this month with 10 tickets per student going home. Tickets are $1 each & we have 6 prizes that are up for grabs.

Term 2 plans include the Mother’s Day Stall & Raffle. All stock has been ordered for the stall & donations are starting for the raffle. We were able to secure a Bunnings BBQ in May & will also be running a major raffle throughout the Term.

We look forward to another successful Term!

Don said he can donate for large fund raisers once per year. Currently in care taker role for election.

Moved: Kim Hollier
Seconded: Bobby Harding

**General Business:**
- Looking at coloured polo shirt with school house name on the back, will check costing for shirt around $13. School policy will need to state that students can only use at sports carnivals.
- Need to outline further uniform details regarding earrings, haircuts, shoe colour and socks.
- Bobby discussed independent public school again. He has spoken to other schools that have gone down the path. We would have more control over clothing, staffing, etc.
Next Meeting:
Our next general meeting will be held 4 May at Lone Pine Hall 9:15

Meeting closed at: 10:12

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