

Quirindi High School P & C
General Meeting
Held at Quirindi Bowling Club 28th February, 2017.

Present:-

Kim Lawlor, Krystal Bowley, Chrissy Clarke, Kathy Redgrove, Dana Hawkins, Natel Bradfield, Skye Avard, Belinda Porter, Donna Rea, Kristy McCarthy, Narda McCrae, Rod Batterham, Skye Davis, Lindi Owen, Ian Packer, Emma Craswell, Jo Porter, Louise Murphy, Andrew Harries, Sharon Smith.

Apologies:-

Ian Worley, Catherine Loughrey, Jacqui Simpson.

Meeting Opened 6.10pm

Minutes of the previous meeting held 29th November, 2016 were perused and confirmed.
Passed 1st Krystal 2nd Dana

Business arising from previous meeting

- *Tables have arrived
- *Certificates were given to students who helped in 2016 and we will do this again for the 2017 student helpers.
- *Banner for sports events received with the material one still to come.
- *Girls shorts ordered and passed around.
- *Thank you to all who helped and cooked for the awards day canteen.

Correspondence In:-

Student Insurance – all agreed to pay the basic cover we normally pay. Kathy & Dana to lodge return and pay account.

Treasurer's Report – as per attached:-

Dana presented a report of the total income raised for last year which was \$11930.44 which is fantastic – well done everyone!

The community partnership programme has been set up at The Regional Aust Bank so we can now elect Quirindi High P & C as a recipient.

Current Bank Balance \$17388.99 (which will change with two big chqs to come out student insurance and tables.)

It was agreed to pass the following payments:-

- *Joy Maunder – auditor \$100 –
- *Tables - \$8427
- *It was passed last time \$500 for the Crane fundraiser – Dana to write chq out tonight.

Treasurer's Report Passed 1st Skye Avard 2nd Krystal Bowley

Principal's Report –as per attached:-

Ian absent from meeting so Andrew Harries to read report.

Some key points include:-

- Thank you for the new tables. Fantastic addition to the school.
- Clontarf program underway.
- Janelle Stenner has taken up position as head HT Secondary Studies.
- Keith Garret to fill in as Music teacher this term until new teacher found.
- Ian Packer head HSIE teacher for this year.
- Canada trip cost coming in at \$6895 for two weeks in 2018. Expressions of interest going out shortly.
- Presentation day may come forward by two weeks to hopefully have more students attend.
- Would like to see 80% of primary students coming to QHS – working on some strategies there.
- NAPLAN changes. (Emma Craswell filled us in on her roll in this)
- Parent teacher night will be split between the years.
- Would P & C be interested in catering for Captain's dinner? Yes all agreed we could handle that!
- Would P & C be interested in help funding for an underground bore for the grounds? It was decided to let Ian know to bring quotes to next meeting to see how much we could contribute. It was noted that P & C members have been receiving many comments from community members about how good the grounds are looking.

General Business

Lindi Owen thanked the P & C for promoting the new study centre on facebook. There have been a variety of children come to the study afternoons and is a fantastic opportunity for them to get on top of their work whilst accessing some teachers at the same time for help.

The SRC are having an Easter Egg raffle with students bringing in eggs to put in for prizes. Would the P & C be willing to donate any eggs as well? The money raised will go to the Crane family. It was decided that members could send in a donation to the library if they would like.

There will be a formal assembly this term (date to be advised). SRC will be inducted as well as sports awards. Could P & C provide afternoon tea to this? If anyone coming in, please bring a slice, Kim will set up tea and coffee and whatever members are there could you please help serve etc.

Well done to Skye A and Lesley for taking on the bbq at the swimming carnival and for your donation of some of the food and your time. Approximately \$400 was raised.

Kim will send a text out to see who is able to help at the Crane Family Fun Day fundraiser. We will be having a bbq and drink stall on the 11th March, 2017. All profits will be going to the Crane fundraiser.

Mr. Garrett has asked if the P & C will help with catering for his band camp at Lake Keepit. Could be a big ask for members to drive that far etc but once details are confirmed we can see what support we would have.

The parent portal is rolling out. Some of the year 7 parents who have had first access are having problems so it was decided that our next meeting will be held in the common room so we can receive some instruction on how it works.

Anzac Day – students will need to access blazers before school breaks up in readiness for Anzac Day and girls will need to be in long formal skirts on this day.

It was mentioned that sometimes in the bulletin if there has been an add/notice that has been copied and added into the bulletin that it is very hard to see. This needs addressing to somehow make these add ins bigger.

There was more discussion on staffing and some concerns raised. Andrew assured us he would pass these concerns onto Ian.

Rod mentioned how impressive the senior students were that attended a council meeting.

With the Blandford Horse Sports happening shortly, Chrissie suggested that maybe there could be a bridle put the special Arthur Bramley Memorial Trophy that has just been organised. A few members suggested they would put some \$\$ together to get the bridle to go with the donated trophy.

It was also mentioned that Arthur would have been in year 12 this year and that the year 12 students would be keen in doing something special to mark this. Arthur's Seat? Mural Canvas with a copy going to the family? Invitation to the Bramley family to the graduation dinner? Skye Davis will follow these ideas up to make sure Arthur is remembered this year for the year 12 group.

Skye D also mentioned we might work towards having a Christmas Festival. She has mentioned this to Ian already and he is keen also. Ideas may include market day and a light show in the grounds. We will see if we can brainstorm some more ideas in Term 2.

There was a question if the Ag students could get vaccinated for Q Fever or if there is or should be a directive from the Department for this to happen. At this stage it doesn't happen although staff do recommend these shots to the students. It is quite an expensive exercise so Govt not likely to make this a compulsory thing for students at this stage.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.44pm.

Next meeting will be in the Common Room at QHS and will be our Annual General Meeting!

All welcome!