Opening and Welcome: Meeting Opened at 7:07pm

Present:
Executive: Tony Lee (President), Anthony Jones (Treasurer), Alan Smith (Secretary), Joanne Bassingthwaighte (Deputy Treasurer)

Sub Committees: Warwick Trafford (Swim Club)
Nicole Walters & Janelle Lee (Spirit Committee)

Staff: Andrew Duncan (Principal)

Parent Body: Debbie Brown, Peter Keogh, Tracey Tinney, Sharon Rodgers, Daniela Virzi, Cindy Hill, Robin Priddey.

Guest: Andrew Woodrick (Ausport)

Apologies: Stuart Mullins (Vice-President & Business Services Sub –Committee), Rodney Lapworth (Building Maintenance), Tracey Davis MP, Margaret McKinnon (Deputy Principal), Seath Holswick

Previous Minutes: To be placed on to the web site.

Moved: Nicole Walters  Seconded: Robyn Priddey

Business arising from previous minutes:
None

Correspondence:
Inward:
Adidas School Fun Run
NAB Auskick
Other items are listed on the Correspondence Inwards Schedule

Outward:
None

Treasurers Report:

As foreshadowed at the previous meeting we were anticipating a reasonable outflow of funds during the month of April due to anticipated expenditure items, most notably GST/PAYG tax installments and swimming club expenses. As a result the cash position reduced from the previous month by around $22,000.

A large proportion of receivables that were outlined at the previous meeting as being outstanding were received during the month and the receivables are now back down to our normal experienced level.

At the next meeting it is proposed that the P&C members consider any desired expenditure for the rest of fiscal 2011 so that we can determine an appropriate level of contribution towards the school for technology and other capital expenditure.
The Principal was asked at the meeting to consider the school needs and report back to the P&C at the next meeting.

Moved: Sharon Rodgers   Seconded: Janelle Lee

Principal’s Report:

1. School Cross Country

   • School Cross Country occurred on 15 April. Congratulations to age champions.
   • I will be attending the district Cross Country on 20 May.

2. Athletics

   • Fantastic 2 days of competition last week for the 3-7 Athletics Days.
   • Staff currently undertaking debrief of athletics days to enhance for 2012. Feedback welcome, please send attention Anthony Schmitt – PE Specialist.
   • District Athletics will be held on May 30 and 31.
   • Parents will be responsible for transportation and supervision of students at district events.

3. Lighting Project

   • Approval has been given to proceed with plans and obtaining Building Act compliance.
   • Still offering to discuss issues with concerned residents.

4. NAPLAN

   • Today – Language Conventions and Writing
   • Wednesday – Reading
   • Thursday – Numeracy
   • All systems go!

5. Variation to School Routines

For P&C Endorsement:

   • Packaging Unit Info Visit Hypermarket Yr 5.
   • Qld Orchestra – The Computer is dead – QPAC on 20 October.
   • Bunyaville Environmental Ed Centre – Yr 2.

6. Term 2 Events

   • Life Ed Van returns this week.
   • Brainways Education here during Education Week (G&T Program for Brisbane North Schools).
   • Prep 2012 Info Session 25 May.
   • Marg Conducting interviews from 30 May – 3 June.
   • Aspley Music Evening 9 June.
   • NAIDOC Week 20 -24 June.
7. Budget Overview

Budget overview report:
• Revenue 12% over prediction at this time of year.
• Expenditure 30% under prediction at this time of year.
• New Curriculum Development delaying expenditure of planned resourcing.

8. Curriculum

• QAR Commenced at Aspley as consistent pedagogical practice across the school.
• Measuring the success of implementation initially with pre-post tests and also PAT R tests in term 4.
• Teachers are implementing program and I am particularly impressed with enthusiasm and professional approach to this implementation.

9. Hoodies for Canberra

• New Aspley Sports Representative Uniforms.

Examples of Hoodies and school sports uniforms were presented to the P&C members for feedback. There is a need to have a full school identity which includes the school sporting attire.

10. Fundraising in Schools – Change in Policy from the Regional Manager – School Finance

Overview:
• A school cannot conduct fundraising because it is not a registered charity and it cannot be named as a "promoter" of a fundraising appeal because it is not a "person".
• Schools may conduct fundraising activities where the school acts as an agent for a registered charity.
• The selling of produce from schools with agricultural departments is not considered "fundraising" and therefore permitted, however the sale must comply with the National Competition Policy. This means that they cannot undercut the local market price.
• If a school wants to raise money for a purpose connected with the school, the school must let the P&C handle the fundraising activity. This includes but is not limited to all curriculum based fundraising activities (Examples: Home Economics selling food, selling of plants, sausage sizzles, chocolate/lamington/pie drives, activities to subsidise excursions/camps etc)
• Year 7 Camp – Raffle of Chocolate drive prizes.

11. Active School Communities

• Welcome Andrew from Australian Sports Commission
• A presentation was given in regards to the “Help kids get active!” program and the ability of parents becoming involved as coaches along with the benefits of healthy activities for children. For further information please go to the web link: www.ausport.gov.au/aasc

Moved and accepted the Principal’s report and School Activity Variations.

Moved: Nicole Walters
Seconded: Cindy Hill
President’s Report:

1. Oval Lighting

I had separate discussions with both Tracy Davis MP and Cr Norm Wyndam regarding the installation of Oval Lighting and the objections lodged by four residents. Both Tracy and Norman continue to fully support our goal to have the Lighting installed and asked how the engagement with neighbours was taking place. I advised that Principal Andrew Duncan was managing the consultation with the neighbours who were objecting to the installation of the oval lighting. I believe that once installed all concerns raised by the objecting neighbours would dissipate. Shaun Reeves from Hornet's Aspley Australian Rules Football club to discuss the junior training programme scheduled for 2012 sometime in the next month with their management committee. The aim is to have an Oval Hire calendar finalised by November.

2. Aspley State School Swimming Club - Head Coach Selection

The club to date has received three formal applications for the position of Head Coach. Applications for this position close the end of May. I will be suggesting a date sometime in the first week of June to arrange interviews for those who have applied. I will be inviting Mr Trevor Wendt a current Aspley State School Swimming Club Coach to assist in the selection process.


P&C Day: 27 May

This month sees the first P&C Day, a day for schools to celebrate and recognise the hard work and support that parents and carers contribute to Queensland state schools. QCPCA would love to hear about your school's P&C Day. Reports and photos for possible publication can be emailed to publications@qcpca.org.au

Raising the Bar State Education Forums 2011

Education Minister Cameron Dick recently announced details of the Raising the Bar State Education Forums 2011. P&C executive members are invited to have their say, along with principals and teachers, on Queensland's public education system in a series of state-wide education forums. This is a chance to put forward your views, opinions and expertise. Workshops will be held in Brisbane, Ipswich, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Toowoomba, Townsville, Cairns, Mackay, Rockhampton, Mount Isa, Emerald, Cherbourg and Bundaberg from May to August and the Minister intends to attend as many workshops as he can.

Link: Department of Education and Training website

Working Together Against Bullying Seminar Series 2011

Following the successful Action Against Bullying Education Series in 2010, the Department of Education and Training is presenting a new series of FREE seminars for parents, school leaders, teachers, teacher aides, guidance officers and behaviour management staff. The next one is Cairns (16 May), then Logan (23 May), with other regional areas following from June to September. Details and registration online.

Link: Department of Education and Training website

School Menu Review Checklist

Is your tuckshop making smart choices? Nutrition Australia has developed a quick menu review checklist to evaluate your current tuckshop menu and provide guidance for menu improvement if
required. Find the checklist under "Useful Publications" on the Department of Education's website.

**Gambling Community Benefit Fund**

Community groups, including P&Cs, can apply for grants of up to $35,000 (more for complex applications) from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. Community groups affected by the recent natural disasters in Queensland would be shown flexibility in their funding arrangements with the four community benefit fund programs, with the Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation prepared to consider variations and extensions. Applications for the current round close on 31 May.

**Smart School Subsidy applications close 29 April - (Received 14th April)**

The Smart Schools Subsidy Scheme aims to contribute to the cost of school community facility (capital works) projects to enhance learning outcomes for students and the wider community. All Queensland state schools or organisations within a state school's community (including parents and citizens associations) are eligible to initiate projects seeking funding.

**Subcommittee Reports:**

**Business Services:**

- Tuckshop income remains ahead of budget year on year due to strong internal management, increased sales and lower operational costs.
- The Business Committee has reviewed the internet capabilities and determined that the EQ network was unable to support our current VPN requirements.
- The P&C will need to install ADSL or mobile data for the P&C Tuckshop to allow access to our MYOB accounting as we need to retain access to the schools calendar and to access the MYOB process file for day-to-day entries.
- Estimated cost per annum including connection, broadband (based on TPG minimum account and router installation) is $1,200 for the 12 months moving forward.
- Repaired P&C notebook late last week at NIL cost.
- Expect that final delivery of a basic tuckshop solution might occur by June 2011. Work pressure on WR directly responsible.
- CEP still to be sent out this month.
- CEP performance model to be evidenced on website in coming months. WR to liaise directly with the School office.
- The P&C to select two (2) dates in the coming months to communicate intention to seek parent's feedback.
- Web attendance increasing…some attention may be required to mobile applications and WWW description in near future.

**Moved:** Janelle Lee  
**Seconded:** Nicole Walters
Building and Maintenance:

1. BRL to begin soil testing for installation of light poles.
2. Lighting Poles have been ordered. It will take approximately 12 weeks to complete the installation of the Oval lighting.
3. Sourcing quotes for the covering of the school cricket pitch. My suggestion is that we put our requirement to cover the pitch in the school newsletter for community feedback.
4. Next working bee scheduled for Sunday 5th of June.

Moved: Warwick Trafford  Seconded: Anthony Jones

Swimming Club:

- The Presentation Night held on 30 April 2011 was attended by 180 people and was a good night.
- The Winter Swimming School will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons between 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm. There have been 25 children showing interest in attending the Winter Swimming School with quite a few from outside of the school community. Nikki will be doing the coaching for the winter session.
- The search for a coach continues with interviews to be held in the ensuing weeks with the candidates to date.
- The pool will be cleaned and heating increased ready for the winter session.

It was agreed at the meeting to put a notice on the running board at the front of the school promoting the Winter Swimming School.

Moved: Janelle Lee  Seconded: Sharon Rodgers

Spirit Committee:

- The first big event for the year will be a “Black Friday” disco which will be held on Friday night. Flyers have been sent home and we are expecting a good turn up.
- The Spirit Committee assisted the tuckshop with the special trading days for Cross Country & Sports Days. The days were quite profitable for the tuckshop and we expect that we’ll run them in a similar manner next year.
- Later this term we will commence the pie drive. Alison Werner will be co-ordinating this fundraiser.
- The Spirit Committee will also be providing support to the school’s music evening next month by providing refreshments during the interval.

Moved: Warwick Trafford  Seconded: Cindy Hill

Motions on Notice:

1. Aspley State School P&C stamp to be applied to the Year 7 Canberra Chocolate fundraiser – Carried
2. Wireless mobile card for the tuckshop computer of $1,200 - Carried
Aspley State School
Parents & Citizens Association
MINUTES
General Meeting Tuesday 10 May 2011, 7:00 pm

Registration of New Members:

None

General Business:

Nil

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday, 14th June 2011

Closure: 8:07pm