Opening and Welcome: Meeting Opened at 7.06pm

Present:
Executive: Tony Lee (President), Anthony Jones (Treasurer), Stuart Mullins (Vice-President & Business Services Sub –Committee).
Sub Committees: Warwick Trafford (Swimming), Janelle Lee (Spirit Committee).
Staff: Andrew Duncan, Greg Thomas.
Parent Body: Cindy Hill, Debbie Brown.

Apologies: Tracy Davis MP, Nicole Waters, Seth Hoswitch, Alan Smith (Secretary)
Previous Minutes: Accepted
Business arising from Previous Minutes: No business arose.

Correspondence:
Incoming:
Nil
Outgoing:
Nil

Business arising from Correspondence: No business arose

Treasurer’s Report:
$115,000 in the bank of which is $77,000 currently in the high yield account. We have closed the terms deposit as we have negotiated a better return from the high yield account. Liabilities are under control with outstanding receivables representing $5,200 less than 2% of our cash at bank.
Tuckshop and bookshop are now under control and showing a reasonable profit with a positive trend in its performance. The Executive will be striving to run a balanced budget for 2011.

Moved: Stuart Mullins  Seconded: Janelle Lee

Principal’s Report: Andrew advised that Luke Constable has been selected in the Met North AFL Team and competed recently. Congratulations to the Aspley Athletics team and congratulations to Mitchell Smith, Georgie Vesely, Alex Taylor-Byrnes, Bronte Gannon, Will Edmiston, Summer Watson. These athletes will represent North District at the Met North Regional Trials on 19 and 20 July

Music Evening last Thursday went well and Andrew thanked the P&C for its support. Congratulations also to our music teachers for a wonderful effort. The school is aiming to have Report Cards released in the last week of school with Year 2 Net Reports released in
term 3 because they have to go off to District moderation for review. Andrew gave a special welcome to C&K Home Day Care Division. Whilst it was not probable that a C&K Kindergarten would be placed in the school, it does provide a good opportunity for C&K clients to visit our school and get an impression of our facilities. They will be residing in A block for the next 2 years.

Coming Events for the school are: P-2 Sports Day this Friday, Honours Music Camp from 14-17 June, Spelling and Writing ICAS – 20 June, Year 6&7 Government House on 21 June, Met Cup Round on 21 June, Grandparents Day – Year 1 on 22 June. There will be 3 gala days as North District Sports Interschool Program for term 3. Students have nominated their desired sports and teams developed. Rugby League students will not be participating in the Gala Days as yet due to Met Carnival. The School would appreciate some parental support to assist supervision and coaching – please see Anthony if you can assist.

Andrew impressed EQ at the last Principal’s Meeting with a recent presentation and successfully negotiated to receive $20k to allow for the re-establishment of the Prep Playground Open Learning Area. The school still requires a further $10,000 to complete project

The big news this past week has been the announcement of significant and exciting reforms for our education system, including moving Year 7 to high school by 2015. The reforms have been supported by education sectors, parent representatives and key stakeholders. There has been an enormous amount of thought and consultation involved in reaching these decisions. We have also set out a transition process to ensure our schools, teachers and our Year 7 students are ready for the move in 2015.

The Flying Start initiatives include:

- Move Year 7 to high school in 2015
- Introduce Junior Secondary in state schools from 2013
- Strengthened pastoral care to support the Year 7 transition
- Up to 500 scholarships for state primary school teachers to prepare them for teaching in Junior Secondary
- Strong support and financial assistance for eligible rural and remote students
- Extra professional development programs for Junior Secondary teachers
- Provide support for teachers to introduce the new Australian Curriculum
- Increase the Year 7 rate of the Living Away From Home Allowance to the secondary student rate
- A range of initiatives to better prepare children for the early years of school.

A large amount of additional information is available on our website www.flyingstart.qld.gov.au and we will keep you well informed of progress with these initiatives.
Aspley SS will move forward with One School Release 3 in term 3 2011. Please be patient with the office as they learn the new system. Andrew asked that the P&C endorse the Year 6&7 Parliament House Excursion.

A short discussion following regarding the integration of the Prep classes into the main school and the use of the Prep environment for a formal kindergarten / child care business. Anthony raised the issue of timing for future music / function evening and a discussion followed regarding future evenings moved to a weekend day or earlier with a BBQ to follow.

Moved: Warwick Trafford  Seconded: Stuart Mullins

President’s Report: On Friday 27th of May Andrew Duncan and Margaret McKinnon organised an afternoon tea for members of the P&C. This was organised because it was the inaugural P&C Day. On behalf of the P&C I would to sincerely thank Andrew and Margaret, the teachers and students for recognising the P&C contribution to the school. The students made some wonderful posters and cards which we will photograph and put on the website for display.

The Sunday Working Bee was very productive trimming back the trees along the Maundrell Tce fenceline. This would not have been possible without the generous donation of time and equipment made by one of our Prep families, Tim Scott & Jan Paterson. Thank you also to Warwick Trafford, Stacey & Andrew Revie, Stephen Jones, Fred Iselin-Leone, Andrew Duncan, Janelle & Tony Lee.

The Executive has engaged in discussion with Andrew Duncan, Warwick Trafford and Trevor Wendt regarding the Aspley State School Amateur Swimming Club, swimming programme for the next season. The advertisement for Head Coach closed 31st of May with limited applications received. We are now considering the option of advertising the learn-to-swim and coaching service to an outside service provider through a tender process within the next 7 days.

Moved: Stuart Mullins  Seconded: Anthony Jones

Subcommittee Reports:

Business Services: Website usage continues to grow in a positive sense with well over 140,000 page hits recorded in May 2011 and approximately 9,000 visits with an average page view per visit of 8 pages and an average visit time of around 10-11 minutes. Our most recent newsletter statistics are as follows: Total emails: 477 Total successful: 410 202 with total click throughs of 433

Due to inability of our web development company to support our online needs in the short term, the P&C Executive have investigated online options and have entered discussions with Flexischools –
Online Ordering. The system is widely used and is easily integrated into our current operation and will provide a full online service to support the school and the tuckshop.  

The costs for implementation are approximately $695 which includes the setup costs, registration of our menus and the supply of printing facilities in the tuckshop. The end user costs estimated on a typical $5 tuckshop order would be in the order of 0.35 cents or thereabouts (based on a 0.25cent transaction fee and 3% merchant fee). 

There are no further costs foreseeable at this time. The organisation will offer to give our money back if we pull out of the programme within 6 months. A show of all hands indicated the meetings resolution to proceed with this initiative.  

The Co-Ordinators are currently investigating the sourcing of our uniforms for 2012 from several suppliers with a view to the school becoming the sole supplier. The recent history at commencement of 2011 resulting in late supply, together with the fading of the material has given us cause to look at better more functional materials including the better breathing sports material. We are advised that whilst the uniforms may a few dollars dearer, they will be less likely to fade and therefore look better towards the end of each year.  

Tony Lee raised a previous motion to purchase some A frame stands for tuck-shop marketing. It was agreed that the Coordinators would investigate marketing options included wall mounted boxes (similar to those outside the Music Room) for display of Tuck-shop marketing materials.  

Moved: Anthony Jones  Seconded: Cindy Hill  

Building and Maintenance: No report was tendered although Tony Lee commented briefly on the success of the recent working bee. The next working bee would be coordinated by Rod Lapworth on his return from holidays.  

Swimming Club: Warwick Trafford presented the report on behalf of the swimming club. Winter training commenced on the 223rd May and currently 23 children participating. Four of these children are from other clubs who do not have a winter program. Applications for vacant coaching position closed on the 31st May. Seven applications received and one person interviewed to date. Three swimmers attend swim meet recently at Australian Crawl Swimming Club at Burpengary. Currently looking at the program for next term will have this about by the end of the week.  

Tony moved to endorse Warwick Trafford as the Chairperson for the Swimming Club Sub Committee. Warwick was nominated by Janelle Lee and Seconded by Andrew Duncan. Warwick advised that a Treasurer would be nominated for endorsement in the coming weeks.  

Moved: Andrew Duncan  Seconded: Cindy Hill  

Spirit Committee: The Community Coffee morning last Wednesday was a great success with about 20 parents in attendance. Those who came along appreciated hearing from Andrew about
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report cards and enjoyed the opportunity to have a casual catch up. Notes about the Pie Drive have been sent home. We will be promoting this fundraiser over the next few weeks. Alison Werner is the drive Coordinator. The Spirit Committee assisted at the music night. Approximately $1200 was taken in entry fees, which goes into the school’s music budget. Due to the feedback from the students, the decision has been made to substitute the planned skate night with another disco. We will liaise with Andrew and decide on a date to hold it next term. Elizabeth Alexander has offered to assist with changing the white sign that is at the front of the school on Maundrell Terrace. She will update the messages as required.

Moved: Debbie Brown          Seconded: Cindy Hill

Motions on Notice: Tony Lee proposed a motion to allocate in advance of our budgeted contribution to the School’s IT programme a one-time payment of $10,000 to support the School’s Prep redevelopment programme. The meeting voted by a show of hands to support this initiative.

General Business: The meeting discussed and agreed to place the old pool gas heater, the Prep play set and the old shed on EBay or similar. Andrew would provide an indication of this in the coming newsletter.

A brief discussion was led by Cindy regarding seating outside the hall. Andrew Duncan advised that he would look into the matter and report back to the meeting at the next meeting

Registration of New Members: None

Date of next Meeting: Tuesday, 12th July 2011

Closure: 8.10pm