Aspley State School
Parents & Citizens Association
MINUTES
General Meeting Tuesday 19th February 2013, 8:00 pm

Opening and Welcome: Meeting Opened at 8:14pm

Present:
Executive: Anthony Jones (President), Danny Powers (Treasurer), Alan Smith (Secretary)

Sub Committees: Nicole Walters (Spirit Committee)
Rodney Lapworth (Building and Maintenance)

Staff: Andrew Duncan, Marg McKinnon, Greg Thomas, Dianne Groenhuijzen, Francis Hope, Nelma Wright

Parent Body: Kevin Groenhuijzen, Cindy Hill, Tony Lee, Janelle Lee, Debbie Brown, Keryn Binney, June Reynolds, Gillian McCullagh, Jan Paterson, Teresa Steele, Stacey Revie

Apologies: Tracy Davis MP, Norm Wyndham (Councillor for McDowall), Vicki Edwards

Previous Minutes: Accepted and to be placed on to the web site.

Moved: Cindy Hill  Seconded: Rodney Lapworth

Business arising from previous minutes: None

Correspondence:
Inward: Various fund raising material
Outward: None

Treasurers Report:
None as delivered at AGM.

Principal’s Report:
None as delivered at AGM.

Moved: Nicole Walters  Seconded: Rodney Lapworth

President’s Report:

P&Cs Qld State Conference  Our State Conference this year will be held at the Mercure Hotel in Brisbane's CBD on 13-14 September.

Information mailout due mid-March  The annual folder of information for P&Cs will be coming in the week beginning 18 March. The folder will contain copies of the forms you may need, a CD full of useful documents and information and samples of our new promotional items.

A new service for your building work  Deputy Director-General of the Department of Housing and Public Works, Graham Atkins is leading a program to amalgamate QBuild and Project
Services. Graham and his team will work closely with schools and the Department of Education, Training and Employment to develop a range of options for delivering ongoing maintenance and new building work more efficiently and effectively. These changes will result in more streamlined and customer-focused services to meet the needs of your school. The new entity will be operating from 1 July 2013. Further information on how services and arrangements will change will be provided closer to this date.

Positive Teacher of the Year Award 2013 Thousands of Australian teachers work long hours giving time and energy to the social and psychological needs of their students. Much of this effort goes unrecognised and unrewarded in any formal way. If you know a teacher who has made an outstanding contribution to wellbeing in their school or college during 2012, nominate them for this award and they could win a full registration to the Positive Schools 2013 Mental Health & Wellbeing Conference with accommodation and airfares (if required). Link: [Positive Schools website](#)

Keep it Tame “Keep it Tame” is a short video that encourages young people online to treat others with respect. It also gives some strategies what to do if someone posts something disrespectful about you online. Link: [Keep it Tame website](#)

Safe Schools are Smart Schools competition As students return to school this year, they are being encouraged to think about what they can do to stop bullying and make their school a safe and supportive place. The "Safe Schools are Smart Schools" competition was launched last year and schools have until March 1 to get their entries in. Primary and secondary schools can enter and have the chance to win a $5000 voucher for their school to purchase resources such as audio visual and sporting equipment or library books. There will be one primary and one secondary school winner in each state and territory. Link: [DEEWR website](#)

Membership and insurance renewal notice on the way The P&Cs Qld 2013 membership and insurance renewal notices are in the mail, addressed to the P&C Treasurer. Please keep an eye out for your notice, as the due date for payment is 1 March. P&Cs that have not paid their insurance by 31 March will not have the insurance cover required by state legislation. Swimming Clubs who are sub-committees of school P&C associations do not require ALL members to be registered members of Swimming Queensland – confirmed in an email from SQ CEO Kevin Hasemann.

Swimming Club Insurance

The recurring concerns regarding the requirement for all swimming club members to be registered members of Swimming Queensland has been clarified.

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Therefore:
P&C public liability insurance covers sub-committee activities (including Swimming Club) at the Aspley State School pool. Should the Club HOST an event i.e club nights or ‘friendly’ carnivals, then an ‘Activity Notification’ should be submitted to the P&C’s insurer (Marsh).

Should the Swimming Club attend a ‘friendly’ carnival hosted by another state school, then that P&C assumes the liability.
Should the club attend a friendly’ event at a non-State School Club, then that club assumes the liability.

It should be noted that the P&C’s insurance does not include any level of ‘Personal Injury’ cover.

Should the Swimming Club attend a ‘competitive’ event, then ONLY SQ registered members should be nominated and then SQ assumes the insurance liability. This applies to competitive events both at Aspley SS and at other venues.

The P&C’s position has always been that the role of the Swimming Club is to provide an inclusive environment that encourages maximum participation. This is achieved by allowing members to join the Club without the added expense of joining SQ, particularly for young swimmers and new families, who have no intention to swim anywhere other than at the Friday night meets.

**Aspley Swimming Club Membership 2013**

**Swimming Qld Membership 2013**

1st Child - $55
Competitive Swimmer - $65.50
2nd Child - $45
Recreational Swimmer - $54.50
3rd and subsequent children - $35
*(family discounts for 3+ swimmers)*

It is however important that the P&C supports the Swimming Club sub-committee by strongly encouraging members to participate at competitive events to assist in further developing the swimmers’ skills and opportunities. In turn, these swimmers will become SQ members and contribute to the success of Aspley State School Amateur Swimming Club at all levels.

**Investigate Personal Injury Insurance**

**Grade 1 & 2 Playground replacement**

- Submission for $30,000 from the Queensland Gambling Community Benefit has been produced, submission closes 30Nov12. I would propose that if successful the P&C would contribute a further $10,000 to the project. Monies allocated from Oval Hire.

  **Moved:** Andrew Duncan       **Seconded:** Alan Smith

**Subcommittee Reports:**

**Business Services:**

No report.

**Building and Maintenance:**

Activities since last meeting
- Replacement fence behind prep completed.
- Repaired leaking urn in hall kitchenette.
- Green waste from working bee to Nudgee tip.
- Maintenance survey sent home to all families. Thank you to those that took the time to provide feedback. Only 17 of 440 survey forms returned (less than 5%). An analysis of the feedback and comments to be provided at next meeting.
- Old Zip boiler from staffroom installed and connected in the pool canteen.
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- Assisted identify maintenance issues for Facilities to consider on the school’s annual MARS review.
- Installation of bench seats around hall completed.
- New and replacement bollards at hall and admin completed. 3 removable bollards in storage for when oval access path completed.
- 70 new trestle tables purchased for P&C functions. To be stored in pool canteen storage shed once labelled.

Working Bees
- T4 – Saturday 25/11/12 - Final Working Bee 2012 was held on Sunday November 25. A small army of 12 parents and 9 kids people helped out. We managed to shift a mountain of mulch and spruce up the gardens. It was great to see a number of our students working alongside their parents, something to be proud of. Thanks to Tim the Tree Man for providing the mulch and helping to spread it also.
- T1 – 12/01/13 – A small working bee was called at short notice to install the bench seats around the hall, repaint the drop-off car park gutter green, install replacement Zip boiler in the pool canteen and “Gernie” the concrete around the hall. Thanks to those that gave their precious holiday time for our school.
- T2 – TBA
- T3 – TBA
- T4 – TBA

Projects in the pipeline
- Location for the commemorative pavers to be decided and actioned.
- Paint letter grid and number ladder on Prep activity area.
- Repair paling fence and mesh fence at the junior oval.
- Extend tractor shed to house high jump mats etc. to enable disposal of shipping container.
- Clean out the pool canteen storage shed and prepare holding rack for new P&C tables.

Moved: Andrew Duncan  Seconded: Alan Smith

Spirit Committee:
- Welcome to Aspley
- Chocolate fund raiser for play grounds
- Disco and number fact fund raisers
- Election & Second Hand Market
- Looking for classroom co-ordinator – Prep

Moved: Cindy Hill  Seconded: Rodney Lapworth

Swimming Club:
No report.

Motions
- on Notice: None

Registration
- Of New Members: None
General Business:

1. Investigate personal injury insurance.
   
   **Moved:** Rodney Lapworth  
   **Seconded:** Alan Smith

2. The members present approved the removal of Tony Lee as signatory from the bank accounts of the Aspley State School P&C and the addition of Daniel Power (Treasurer) as a signatory to the relevant accounts of the Aspley State School P&C.

**Date of next Meeting:**  
Tuesday, 16th April 2013

**Closure:** 8:28pm