Minutes of Katoomba Public School P&C Meeting

March 10, 2010

Present: Mark Robertson, Elizabeth Dudley-Bestow, Ray Robinson, Tess Masters, Michelle Perry, Imelda Eames, Perry Wong, Rachel Isaacs, Amanda Nelson, Cate Paterson, Ryn Vlachou

Apologies: Warren Ross

Chair: Elizabeth Dudley-Bestow

Meeting Opened: 7.40pm

Minutes Last Meeting: Moved to be accepted: Beth Second: Amanda Carried.

Principal’s Report: Tabled by Allan.

• Welcome BBQ went well
• Moira McNair has requested book racks for reading areas. This needs further investigation with a more detailed request to the P&C.
• The projection and sound system in the hall needs upgrading. Perry has obtained one quote for $25,000. This would include a sound system that could be locked away. Both children and teachers would have access to the projector. Also included is wireless connection, new speakers and a DVD player. This item needs further discussion at a future P&C meeting and additional quotes to be obtained. The school also needs a portable PA system as the existing one is dead.
• Hand dryers have been ordered and will arrive next Tuesday but not in time for the festival.
• The Quick Smart program is commencing next week. Twelve children have been chosen to participate. The program is aimed at children in Stage 3 who are underachieving at numeracy. It will run for 30 weeks at a cost of $20,000.
• Road safety flags are out each morning. A Council ranger is present most mornings to warn parents who are parking in a manner that disregards children’s safety.

Business Arising: None

Correspondence: Tabled by Ryn

• Federation of P&C Association Operational Guide and Policy Manual; general information and Annual Conference information
• DET information on School Global funding
• RTA letter on new laws regarding child restraints
• Fundraising directory

Treasurer’s Report: Tabled by Rachel

The Westpac General Account balance at 26 February was $29,099.53. The Westpac Canteen Account balance at 26 February was $7,699.80.

Motion: That the Treasurer’s Report be accepted
Moved: Ryn  Second: Beth   Carried.

Canteen Report

The Council inspection has been deferred to Term 2. The shelves need to be varnished. A solicitor’s letter needs to be sent to expedite the insurance claim. Tess and Michelle have offered to help Rachel to varnish the shelves.

Uniform Report

The uniform shop is going well.

Kitchen Garden Update

The garden committee would like to spend funds not expended on black plastic to stop weeds. If parents wish to undertake additional work they need to consult Allan and Dennise to ensure any new work can be maintained by the grounds person.

General Business:

1. **Mother’s Day Stall**

Michelle is looking at sourcing sustainable items from within the Blue Mountains. The P&C stock needs to be cleared first, so existing stock will be sold before new stock is purchased. She has sourced soy tea candles from Woodford, Colless chocolates, soap from the Food Co-op etc.

2. **P&C Storeroom**

This is now in the Maths storeroom and requires a padlock. Rachel will arrange.

Motion: That Rachel purchases a lock for the P&C storeroom

Moved: Beth  Second: Imelda  Carried.

3. **Musical Instruments**

Moira has requested financial assistance for the following item:

Motion: That Sam Schoeler be hired on a casual basis to make musical instruments with children from three classrooms for the Waste to Art competition

Moved: Beth  Second: Ray  Carried.

4. **Funding**

Beth will do a spreadsheet for the May meeting in conjunction with Rachel containing “wish list” items, and the P&C can make decisions based on identified priority areas. Areas can be prioritised according to KLASs and areas that have already been funded.

5. **Seating**
Beth will take seating and shading ideas to Allan for discussion with teachers. Beth and Michelle will present an audit to Allan.

6. **P&C Minutes**

Ryn will send the P&C minutes to Perry Wong for uploading to the website in order to save on paper. The P&C have requested that parents be referred to the website if they don’t want a hard copy of the minutes. Those without internet access can still receive hard copies.

7. **The Lyn Stanger Award**

It is reiterated that the award has been set up to honour a student with outstanding literacy results (not necessarily the Honour student but one who performs very well).

**Meeting Closed:** 9.20pm

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, May 12 at 7.30pm