King Park Public School
Minutes of General P & C Meeting

Date: 2 November 2016  Time: 2:00pm

Location: King Park Public School

Chair: Laura Uzelac (President)

Attendees: Daniela Palma, Mrs. Plowes (assistant principal), Val Luongo (assistant principal), Rebekah Malanos, Barbara Jeromin, Kim Peng, Deborah Eshiaa, Michelle Stephenson, Caroline Lay, Lilian Jabakhangi, Cheryl Wilson

Minutes: Halina Sherman

Apologies: Sue Goodwin (Principal), Mrs. Valencia

General

- The Principal’s report on Naplan and school reporting will be given at the next meeting as Mrs Goodwin was unable to attend this meeting.

- There was a request for a new Treasurer next year due to the current Treasurer leaving the school next year and the proposed successor is no longer able to fill the post. The role has been streamlined and will be easy to handover (no accounting experience necessary). Daniela will provide training to the successor on MYOB.

- The King Parkers playgroup is running well. Both the school and parents have provided positive feedback. The current organiser Rebecca Malanos requested further assistance for running the group. The P&C will continue to support the playgroup by funding for equipment, toys and educational resources.

Lunchtime club program

- The lunchtime clubs program will not continue into Term 4 due to time restraints and workload on teachers and lack of volunteers.

- Successful programs that ran were Zumba, lego, card making, crocheting and the Harry Potter fan club. Jigsaw puzzles and board games were less popular.

- A proposal for a Friday afternoon (after lunch) club program integrated into the school curriculum is being looked into.

Gymnastic program

- Positive feedback was received on the program and the children really enjoyed it. The teachers felt proper gym instructors were more suitable than themselves to ensure safety, proper technique and the right equipment.

- There was discussion about the next program to run next year. Suggestions were yoga, tai chi, another gym program or self defence. Gymnastics was considered very suitable as it worked well with the school
curriculum. The P&C will fund the program and want to like early notice to secure bookings with external providers.

- The school executive will also follow up ‘after school sports funding’. This funding is per semester and has a teacher staying back after school who will be paid.

**Educational programs**

- There was discussion around the ‘Reading Eggs’ and ‘Mathletics’ programs. Questions that were raised included were they being utilised by enough children, could there be a cheaper version, whether the teachers used it as part of school work or whether there could be incentives to use it. It was noted that there was lack of communication to remind parents to use these resources.

**Communication to parents**

- There was discussion about the school website not always being up to date. Facebook and Skoolbag are the quickest ways to communicate to parents although not everyone has access to these mediums. Newsletters are still an important way to provide parents with information. The Leadership team will look into updating the website.

**Fill in teachers for sick leave**

- Questions were raised on the policy for replacing teachers off sick. The current policy is to replacement them with casual teachers. Parents were concerned about the classes being split up when a casual teacher could not be found. Miss Luongo and Mrs Plowes explained that there were many reasons why sometimes casual teachers were not available. These included availability, short notice and the time of year. They also advised that they were always recruiting for talented, casual teachers and look to share resources with local schools where possible.

**Miscellaneous**

- A parent asked how successful the ‘Olympathon’ drive was. The Leadership team advised that an update would be out shortly.

- There was a request for more volunteers for the Canteen as there are only a very few helpers at present.

- There was a reminder for all (parents, teachers, carers, grandparents etc) to use the suggestion box for general school or P&C proposed agenda items, suggestions, feedback, ideas, questions, concerns or the like. The suggestion box is located outside the back door of the Office near the Library stairs.

Meeting concluded at 2:55pm