KING PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C meeting

Date: Wed 10th August, 2016- Start 2p.m.
Chair: Laura Uzelac (President), Sue Goodwin (Principal)
Minutes: Halina Sherman

Attendance:
Val Luongo (Assistant Principal), Mrs. Plowes (Assistant Principal), Mrs.Joester (Assistant Principal), Mrs. Valencia, Caroline Lay, Lilian Jabakhangi, Deborah Eshiaa, Nadia Biankin,

Apologies: Rebekah Malanos, Daniela Palma

Principal’s Report:
- Enrolments- currently at 484 (up from 473 at the end of Term 2). This has been primarily from an intake of boys for the football program- currently @ 19 with one more to join next term.

There has been a steady flow of Kindergarten enrolments for next year. We currently have 44 and are aiming for 60- if you have or know any students to start kinder next year. We will have a kinder parent meeting at 4p.m. Wednesday Week 8. Opportunity for P&C to speak at this meeting.

-New "Clubs" program will be trialling Weeks 5-10

Tuesdays at lunchtimes 1.25p.m.-1.55p.m.
Offering 8 clubs to begin with- Zumba, Brain Training, Knitting and Crocheting, Board games, Jigsaw Puzzles, Harry Potter Fan Club, Card making and Lego for K-2 (soon)
Plan is for 15 children per "club" (except Zumba which can have more) and children taking turns each week if too many apply.

-Playgroup started this week - Wednesday 9- 10.30 a.m. Great turn out with 17 families coming- some from the King Park family but others from the local community.
"Tell Them From Me" survey - this will be a parent survey as well as a student survey. Open Aug 29.

NAPLAN results - expecting them on Monday August 15.

LMBR update - GO Live 5/9/16

Changes to our receiving payments from parents.

Dept moving to a 30 day account - no cheques can be written from school.

Acceptance of credit cards - phone, in person, online only

Updated policies

- Excursion Policy - all payments to made at least 2 weeks before or can't go and need to write medical/contact details each time.

- Anaphylaxis/First Aid - teachers are all up to date and teacher on duty carrying First Aid bag and Emergency cards will be wearing a coloured vest for easy identification.

- Updating Student details - there will be a big yearly update as well as encouraging parents/carers to inform school of any changes in student contact or medical condition details ASAP.

Thank you for your support during Education Week - positive parent feedback from our Olympic week - Facebook, twitter, comments in general - building stronger communities

Future meetings - topics of interest - Parent workshops will be offered later this term on "helping children to read".

Technology Room Project

- Room getting ready in the next few weeks. Furniture ordered and will arrive within the next 6 weeks. This furniture is functional and flexible. Will cater for different working styles that children use e.g. write on desk which flips up to be a whiteboard, mats on floors, chairs that can be moved around.

- Power has been installed in the Technology room storeroom for charging.

- The storeroom will also be a secure place to keep equipment.
Kelloggs have donated 100 boxes of cereal for the school breakfast program.

**3 Grants** have been applied for and awaiting response. Mainly for use for the Technology Room.

**Election Day Fundraiser**

- Thank you to all who made the recent fundraiser such a success. Almost $1000 net profit made on the day.

- Planning next one for Council Elections on 10th September, 2016.

- Improvements/changes to this next fundraiser will include:

  1. Cakes did not sell very well. Some did but there were many left over.
      Therefore donations, other than cakes, will be asked for. These would include onions, bacon, eggs, sausages, sauce, napkins, oil, cans of drink. Anything that is needed on the day.

  2. Suggestion made to sell chips from Canteen. Any left over would be returned to Canteen.

  3. Coffee cart will not be returning as they said they did not do enough business.

  4. Longer hours selling sausages. The previous one was 4 hours. There will be a greater need for more volunteers to share the workload.

**Suggestion Box:** Will be placed in the Office Area for parents/carers to make suggestions or comments for the school or the P&C. Will be in place by the end of Term 3.

**Budget Plan:** The P&C wish to use the money raised each year in a timely and wise fashion. Several projects were discussed at the recent P&C Executive meeting. They include the children's bike program, supporting the school "clubs" initiative, "tear drop " banner requested by the school.
The P&C will subsidise children who play sport through regional avenues and qualify at state level for a maximum of $100 per child. (State level only)

Also, funding for the ugly gated area near Kindergarten. Already the school is arranging for painting to be done as well as fitting in box windows. The use of marine carpet (suitable for indoor and outdoor) is also on the list of proposed jobs to brighten this dreary area. Bikes will be stored securely elsewhere.

Suggestion made for a mural to be painted with perhaps the children joining in. There will have to be secured areas as the school rents out the use of its premises to community groups.

**General business**

-The school charges for ads in the school newsletter- $25 per term.

- The King Park P&C is arranging a new email site with the assistance of the P&C Federation. It will be more functional than the current one and will be able to store documents more easily e.g. minutes, constitution, list of members. Parents will be able to find out information more easily on line.

- Some parents said that the times of the P&C meetings were unsuitable for them. Therefore there will be a survey to find out the preferred times for future P&C meetings. Mrs. Goodwin will add it to the weekly newsletter as a tear-off slip. Options will include 9a.m., 2p.m., 6p.m.

During the P&C meetings time is allocated for the Principal's Report which is an excellent way to find out more information about how the school works. Mrs. Goodwin is keen for parents to suggest topics of interest or concern for discussion.

Also for consideration is the frequency of the meetings. Sometimes there is not enough time for discussion in the present hourly meetings. A different start time would also help with discussion time.

- Some parents have felt that there is a lack of information from the school. Not all parents use Facebook and Twitter and sometimes the weekly newsletter does not provide enough information about happenings in the school. Request made for the school to provide, in the newsletter, a diary of coming events for two weeks instead of the current one.
Also that the school website is often not up to date.

Mrs. Goodwin said the school tries to put out the school newsletter the same day each week but sometimes that was not possible due to school events.

- The P&C minutes will be available on the school website soon.

- The "START SMART" program will be run over 3 days in Term 4. This is a service provided by the Commonwealth Bank to teach children about being wise with money- "financial literacy". Each class (except Kindergartens) will attend a 40 minute presentation once only i.e. 5 classes/day.

**Next Meeting:** Week 8 at 4:30 p.m. during school disco.

**Finish:** 2:55 p.m.