Oak Flats Public School P&C General Meeting 19th February 2013

Attendance: Kelley Ryan, Ronda Moon, Jenny Hitchen, Michael Austin, Eli Caballo, Simon Pryde, Leila Lobina, Leanne Krkovski, Karan Jorgensen, Yensina Norman, Sandra Puglisi, Deborah Dawes, Linda Jasprizza.

Apologies: Corinne Pryde, Sam Jones, Rob Holt, Scott Dawes, Andy Zakeli.

Meeting opened 6.37pm by Kelley Ryan

Minutes previous meeting of 29th November 2012. Peak have started with after school care, quite a few children attending. Canteen dinner was held for canteen volunteers, committee and fund raising committee at the Oaks, very successful, 22 attended. Water tank pump still being connected. One water tank needs to be investigated as it has no water. No further vandalism. Membership should read $1 for P&C, also annual general meeting date is 19th March. Minutes accepted.

AGM will be on 19th March, 6.30pm previously nominations were taken prior to the night in the red box, this time nominations will be from the floor only. Ronda will run meeting. Positions available are President, two Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary. Position of executive officer being checked with P&C Federation. Financial records will be presented.

Correspondence - as per book

Treasurer’s Report- approx $9500 in account, $5000 of this pledged to the sign. No deposit from canteen yet, happens in March.

Canteen Committee- New employee’s contract clearly sets out terms and conditions, wages, list of duties and review dates etc. A merit list was suggested for future interviews, if applicants agreeable. Jeanette brings her previous experience and has implemented changes in the running of the canteen, organizing volunteers, rosters, some alternate suppliers. She is cooking and baking and wants to contribute to the newsletter. There are six new volunteers who will be doing tours of the canteen. Volunteers still needed for some Fridays.

Ronda will draft a volunteer policy, something to sign when presenting 100 points ID.

Environmental Report - Water tank pump needs to be finished, they are looking for a lockable cupboard to keep gardening gear like watering cans in, Ronda may have a solution. Re environmental education, Neil will be concentrating on environmental issues in term 1. Protection needed for young plants due to rabbits and now a guinea pig.

Sign Raising Committee- quote organised.

Principal’s report - We have maintained our 17 classes. Due to numbers however the Librarian position remains at 4 days a week and from Term 2 Mrs Stafford will depart and a previous librarian will be commencing. Many staffing changes, Mrs Smith back at 5 days, Mrs Puglisi 3 days,
temporary positions, Mrs Atkits and Mrs Zdraveski. Mr Lendrum doing RFF and utilising his special skills, environmental and maths. The preschool numbers have gone from 60 to 40 and this year will be accredited. Mrs Batson starting there, Chris having 3 months LSL. Principal’s job has been advertised on 27/2, we should know who the new principal is by about week 7. Curriculum changes, focusing on how to best implement them. New syllabus, different approach, changing so that it will be continuous all the way through schooling rather than differences K-6 and & 7 over. Literacy L3 really successful in Kinda, continuing into year 1, writing program really successful. Our NAPLAM results were really outstanding with no one the lower 3 bands. Planning to continue and fine tuning. Mathletics being used this year, cost of $10 included in book pack, can access at home and play online. Attendance will be monitored more closely this year. Peak doing after school care may help enrollments. Uniforms look great and feedback has been good. Question about voluntary contributions, how much received and what will the money be used for?

General Business – Hats, concerns that children are not always wearing their hats in the sun, more supervision needed. There is sunscreen in the classrooms, need to encourage children to use it. Some sort of reward system suggested. Want to try to make hats and sunscreen automatic. Communication, website has minutes to September. Agenda wasn’t circulated, letter to families sent home instead. Brochure shown from Corpus detailing Parents and Friends Assoc, suggested as an idea to be followed up. Catch up cuppa held today for Kinda parents, suggestion of information sessions like how to help children to do homework, different methods used now. Updates on syllabus. Meeting extended 8.37 pm.

Fund Raising – meeting last year produced a 24 month calendar, now find first item, billycart race moved so a gap. Initially proposed as a fund raiser for the school and a way to get Dads involved. Has evolved over time and is still being fine tuned. Proposed that school could have “Build a Billycart” days, not really fundraisers, more social events, with P&C members present, have cost price pre cut packs to be assembled. Insurance aspects need to be checked. P&C can also help build excitement by having colouring competition, billycart as a prize, preregister at the school, help build excitement and engage community in the school. Unanimous motion passed that the P&C in principle will support the Billycart Derby event should it occur through engagement of the school community.

Treasurer will not be able to attend the AGM, she would be happy to be nominated. Meeting extended 9.07pm. Discussion re insurance extension, agreed not needed. Sponsorship request for assistance to participate in a Kokoda Trek, Courage Under Fire. Passed onto following meeting, need a procedure to follow to properly and consistently process such requests.

Meeting closed 9.15pm.