

THE GAP STATE SCHOOL
PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 11 May 2009

ATTENDANCE:

STAFF		EXECUTIVE		MEMBERS	
	MC		SF		HV
			RH		
			SS		
			FH		
		SUB COMMITTEES			
			AC		
			SH		
			MM		

VISITORS

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APOLOGIES

	LB		JH		
	JG		AR		

MEETING OPENED SF declared the meeting open at 7.07 pm.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6 April 2009 were taken as read.

Motion: The minutes of the meeting held on the 6 April 2009 are accepted as correct.
Proposed: SF **Seconded:** SS **Carried:** Y

CORRESPONDENCE – OUTGOING:

None tabled

CORRESPONDENCE - INCOMING:

SENDER	SUBJECT	DATE	RESP REQ' D	GIVE TO
Letters				
Superlawn International Pty Ltd	Synthetic Turf Systems			FH
M Chakalakis	Confirming as successful applicant in Round One of the NSP programme	03/04/09		
Fundraising				
Pixi School Photography				FH

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE:

FH gave the Superlawn brochure to MC to consider for the new undercover area by the tennis courts.

The Pixi school photography pack FH will keep with the other photography packs in case our current provider proves to no longer produce a good product.

EXECUTIVE DECISION:

None

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Welcoming RH on his first P&C meeting as Treasurer.

RH explained that a full set of accounts were still not completed but were very nearly there. Sadly TJ (bookkeeper) had come down with a virus and with the massive learning curve and the various phone calls to our previous Treasurer, MMD as part of the handover, the accounts had not been completed. He confirmed all sets would be ready for the next general meeting.

RH had gone through the family contribution scheme. He asked if it was possible to use the office for this to do the mail merge correspondence. MC said that it was.

Discussion moved to the IT Levy. MC commenced that she has the CPRs learning about this levy and that it was needed as the school did not get enough money in the grant to develop the IT in the school. MC had feedback from one parent that if the IT levy was a tax deduction, it would be more attractive to the parent body. There was much discussion about how the school could make the levy tax deductible under the current legislative guidelines. RH will be looking into this.

Other Business

IO made a presentation about Kids Hope Australia and presented us with a dvd on the mentoring programme – one church, one school, one child, one hour.

IO took questions on the project which the school has agreed, and is excited, to be part of. Generally the feeling was that it can only be a positive thing and a fantastic idea for the school.

JH also endorsed the programme and Mary Crombie is working hard to get other churches to commence the programme in other schools.

The P&C thanked Ian for his time.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Music Supporters Group

AC gave her report:

- Chairperson position still vacant
- Great response to music contributions, over \$17,000 income/ only a few outstanding
- Ringbalin money \$8,433.12 will be transferred to CMA
- Choral – very busy month with QYMA Heats and Choral Fanfare
- Band and strings students are very busy practicing for GRIPPS
- Community Choir started last week with Gary Holley as conductor
- Sausage Sizzle – fundraising 22/06/09
- Agenda items – purchase of piano – investigating options
- Choir risers – investigating options

Matters arising from MSG Report

SS saw on the *Today* programme there was \$25k up for grabs

SS raised the question about GRIPPS. She had not seen the forms. Auditions are 18 and 20 June. AC said to check with their instrumental teacher.

Tuckshop

- New menu sent home today, increased some prices and added a couple of new items
- Planning a meal deal for Senior sports day we usually do sausages or burgers looking for some other ideas
- Orders starting to increase as cooler weather approaches
- Great to have a couple of new volunteers being parents new to our school this term

Stationery/Uniform Shop - MM

MM came with a report on the soft visors for sports. They are reasonably expensive but with the sun sensitive issues they are important. Quote is \$9 sale price with a minimum order of 50. MM will bring a sample in that she will give to JH to take to the student council that the children could feel they had some ownership of the idea.

MC noted that she had become aware of other kids 'raiding' other people's bags as they know they cannot attend sports without a hat. She is going to monitor this.

There is also a new type of shirt on the market too which MM thinks may sell well (our shirts is wholly synthetic but the inside of the fabric is sprayed with cotton) in the tropics as the cotton takes the sweat away. MM has lent it out to someone who says it is fantastic and the child loves it. Better for kids with sensitive skin, but it will bring the cost of each shirt up to \$30 per shirt. MC suggested that MM approached the CPR's for feedback. MC also mentioned that the shorts always look 'daggy' and fade so quickly.

Conclusion: that we should hear back from the parent who has been trialing the shirt.

Swimming Club

Peter Mattner apologised for not being able to attend but submitted a report to SF. The original of the report is with the minutes. If you would like to see a copy, please email FH. In short, trophy day went well and all positions were filled except for the President.

OTHER REPORTS

Principal's Report

1. **Financial Report – Tabled.**

2. **Enrolments Update**

Prep Year	59	Year 4	48
Year 1	48	Year 5	73
Year 2	37	Year 6	81
Year 3	55	Year 7	77
		Total	478

3. **NAPLAN**

The staff is confident that they have prepared the students well to perform to the best of their ability in the NAPLAN testing.

4. **MCC (Mt Coot-tha Cluster)**

The cluster of local schools has redesigned its alliance and will launch their new direction on the July Pupil-Free Day. Guest speaker, Michael Carr-Gregg, has been booked to present to teachers on 13 July. He will run a session for parents in the evening of 13 July at The Gap State High School on Raising Children in the 21st Century. I recommend this opportunity to all. There will be a cost involved.

5. **Staffing**

Various teachers will be taking long-service leave this year and arrangements will be made for reliable contract teachers to replace the staff. Currently Janet is on unanticipated leave for a few days and is being replaced by Mr Axten. Janet is expected to return to work on Friday, 15 May.

6. **Mathletics**

333 of our 478 students have paid the subscription to Mathletics. This represents 69.67 % of the school with payment due soon. This is a great response and we will seek parental feedback.

7. **CPR Training**

Training of 2009 CPRs has commenced and we look forward to these additional parents taking on this important school role. Many thanks to the parents for their interest and commitment.

8. **QTU 24 HOUR STOPPAGE – 19 MAY**

A directive has been received for QTU members to stop work for 24 hours on Tuesday, 19 May. Information will be sent home with children this week.

9. **OUTREACH WEEK AT THE GAP STATE HIGH SCHOOL**

Next week is Outreach Week which involves Years 5 and 6 for a "High School Experience" on 18 May, Open Day on 24 May, School Experience for Parents on 20 May (for Year 7 parents) and a school disco on 20 May for Years 6 & 7 students. Enrolment information is on the high school website. Enrolments will be taken from 17-22 August and appointments may be made online.

10. **Noise Mitigation**

A report was received by the Regional Facilities Manager of Greater Brisbane Region in February, 2009. As a result of the report, a scope of works is being developed to ascertain a project budget for the recommendations provided in the report. Once the quotes for air-conditioning, double-glazing of windows and doors are obtained, a submission for funding will be forwarded to Central Office.

11. **Connecting Brisbane's Landmark Trees Program**

Our school is one of the 15 schools participating in the program which will be officially launched on 20 May. I seek the P & C's input into what form of celebration we would like to host.

12. **Optional Excursion**

On 13 May we offered Years 6 & 7 students an optional excursion to hear John Joseph talk about the "Amazing Brain" at Graceville State School. This type of opportunity is again available to attend a session on Cyber Safety on 26 May and we are looking at offering this as an optional excursion again. A parent session is available in the evening.

13. **School Pool**

I am still awaiting a response and meeting time in relation to my letter to Brett Glister mailed on 11 March, 2009. He verbally acknowledged receipt of the letter but has not been in contact with me.

14. **Chaplains' Coffee & Cake Night**

We seek your support of this important fundraising night on Thursday, 21 May. Can we arrange a P & C table of eight? Admission is free.

15. **Other Business**

Sports Visors
LOTE Extension

16. **Variations to School Routine**

Year 1	13 & 15 May	Craigslea Sensitivity Unit
Prep	20 May	Qld Museum
Year 5	21 May	St Helena Island

Business Arising from Principal's Report

RH asked what percentage of teachers were members of the QTU. MC replied that it was almost 100%

Cool School Report

None submitted

Fundraising

Mother's Day went extremely well and has made (give or take) about \$1000.

Active School Travel

None submitted

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

None

GENERAL BUSINESS

Proposal by SF that the funds raised by the election day, family photos and mother's day funds be applied to buy basic necessities for starting to kit out the kitchenette

Motion: That the P&C approve the sum of \$1,000 be supplied from the monies raised at the election day, family photos and mother's day stall for the purchase of tea cups, plates, cutlery, baking trays etc.

Proposed SF 2nd AC all in favour Y

MC brought up that directional signs \$300 each – we need seven of them!

Motion: That the P&C make a donation of \$2100 to the school to be used specifically for directional signage

Proposed SF 2nd HV all in favour Y

Kathy Hiley had contacted a company that emailed post storm about supplying artworks at 50% off the normal price (including snakes, chess boards and different games on the concrete). So the total cost for eight artworks will be \$1100 instead of \$2,200. The student council has committed some money in consultation with JH.

MEETING CLOSED: There being no further business SF closed the meeting at 8.30PM

NEXT MEETING: The next General Meeting will be at 7pm on Monday the 1 June 2009.

ACTION POINTS FROM THIS MEETING:

RH	To finish accounts my June P&C meeting
MM	To get new cotton shirt back from the trial person

ATTACHMENTS: Reports included in these minutes

- Principal's Report
- Tuckshop Report.
- MSG
- Swimming Club

The following documentation:

- Treasurer's Report.
- School Financial Report.

are held with master copy only.

These minutes have been accepted as a true record.

Sue Fleming
President