Belair Public School P&C Association
Minutes for meeting Wednesday 19th February 2014

Meeting opened 7.10pm

Attendance: Vanessa McNally, Christina Price, Luke Bellamy, Rhemy Wislang, Matthew Morrison, Lisa Doolan, Dom Squires, Jenny Green, Stacy Dean, Elizabeth Crawford, Mel Donnellan, Nichole Richens, David Murray, Col Jackson, Emma Abdilla, Tina Wilkie, Karen Kyte, Lonneke Haans, Patricia Epstein, Warwick Beard

Apologies: Katrina Johnson, Sandi Patch, Katrina Juchau, Susan Sommers, Rachel Hopkins, Christine Clifford, Hannah Ayton

Minutes from previous meeting: Tabled
Accepted Emma Abdilla, seconded Stacy Dean

Business arising from previous minutes: Warwick has purchased 15 laptops for the Library

Correspondence in: Fundraising material

Correspondence out: Nil

Treasures report: presented by Col Jackson
Tabled
We start the year in a sound financial position and can meet all current obligations. Books have been sent to Blackburns for auditing.

Uniform Shop report: presented by Tina Wilkie
Tina said all going well. Orientation went well with lots of sales on the day. We have plenty of volunteers including a few new ones.

Principals report: presented by Warwick Beard
Tabled
See web site for this report

Canteen report: presented by Dom Squires
- Canteen roster is going well. Fridays are now running on a 5 week roster, Mon - Thurs. is still on a 4 week so we will see how this works. We currently have about 55 volunteers which is great
• P & C - NCC was in once again, we blitzed our inspection just a few things that the GAs have to do >>> clean the lights and fix a hole on a screen door which Louise has spoken to John about. NCC commented on the heat and we do have trouble with our fridges as it gets very hot in the canteen overnight NCC recommended whirly birds etc. we have been leaving three top windows slightly open overnight but it’s not much cooler in the morning Louise didn’t think this is working

• More helpers are needed for Red Days as it’s the same few that always help and most of the time it is only for an hour or 2 so I’m sure there are more people that could do this.

• 2014 Menu is all but done not a great deal has changed we are just taking of the items that don’t sell, new items are Belair Burgers, Homemade chicken schnitzels

• New ice blocks are selling well. Juicie tubes and these are GREEN $1.00

• We have limited the choices of lollies on specific Red Days - sour straps, 2x chocolates and a cheap lolly like red frogs. Lollies will not be available on donut and cupcake day

• Hunter Health have been, we are NEARLY a green canteen – we need to change to recipe for biscuits (which is easily done) and look at either changing frankfurts to a salt free sausage OR drop hot dogs altogether

• Grandfriends day - Is now a morning tea (which is a fundraiser for the band) so the canteen will not be using this day as a red day but Louise has offered to help in the morning and has suggested to Alison Loredo that it’s run from the canteen to sell their cakes tea and coffee Alison has asked for the canteen to make a small selection of sandwiches to have available ... Alison is going to speak to the ladies who will be looking after the morning tea

• FEEDBACK FROM P&C – some children didn’t like the sour strap flavours, Tina Wilkie suggested a plan for extraction whirly bird.

**General Business:**

• Stacy Dean asked why the children’s surnames had been removed from the newsletter. Warwick explained when things are published on the web surnames are not allowed to be published and seeing as our newsletter is available online we were not adhering to the policy.

• Dom asked if perhaps we could use just the first letter of children’s surnames, Warwick indicated that there shouldn’t be a problem with that.

• OOSH: Dom said although the arrangements are a little inconvenient the services that the YMCA are providing to the children are great. It seems to be working well for the children that have to go to OOSH offsite. She wanted to let parents know they still have a few vacancies if anyone is looking for a place. Warwick also stated that your name is not removed from the Belair waiting list if you are using the other service.

• Katrina Johnson found a business at Charlestown that is happy to supply goods to us for our mother’s day stall. Goods would be supplied at cost and any leftover stock could be returned- this would save us any storage issues. This will be passed on to the organisers.
• Book packs: Nichole questioned why we have had to supply pens for our children when they should have been in the packs. We asked Warwick could we look at this to make sure we are getting value for money. Warwick happy to discuss this.
• Tina will be publishing phone book again. Notes will be sent home in the next few weeks. Just a reminder that it is a voluntary thing, you are not required to be in it. It is a paper copy and not published on web.
• Tina asked if Warwick would be slating walk to school days in to the calendar- he said he would sort it out
• Stacy asked if something could be put in newsletter about bus routes.
• Col spoke about school banking. How it is slightly different the token counting is now automated. We benefit $5 from every new account opened and a % of all deposits. Col also said he sent letter to teachers letting them know that school banking was starting this year. Col will put info in next newsletter
• Elizabeth asked why kids can’t play soccer and only cricket, Warwick will look into this.
• Patricia asked if we could organise baskets for the kids to put their lunchboxes in as they are currently taking their lunches out as they have nowhere to put their lunchboxes.
• Credit card payments will soon be able to be accepted by the end of the term. The school new finance system keeps getting pushed back hence the delay.
• Christina asked to have sign made to place on school fences to indicate what the parking signs around the school mean.

Motions:
• Col Jackson moved that the canteen be responsible for the payment of the auditors account. Seconded by Christina Price. All in favour
• Christina Price moved that 3 parking signs be purchased at a cost of $60 per sign to be displayed on perimeter fence. They indicate to parents what the signs outside the school mean and the penalties that apply. Seconded by Stacy Dean. All in favour

Meeting closed 8.55pm

Next meeting 19th March 2014