Banora Point High School P and C Minutes

Meeting held 7 April 2014

Present
Greg Smith    Stacey Bech    Lanna Franks
Paul Knight    Bonnie Durey   Lisa Naumovski
Ros Foley     Luke Bristow    Lyn Swaddle

Special Guests
Bruce and Danielle Watson from LocalSmile Community Network

Apologies
Brad Pullan

Minutes from previous meeting read and passed.

Special Presentation
Bruce and Danielle Watson provided a presentation with respect to a Community Network online directory that was being set up. The Aurora Learning Community Network would connect, promote and cross promote local businesses (at a cost) and enable the school and P & C to be included for free as community groups. The idea would for Centaur Primary, Terranora Primary and Banora Point High School to attract businesses to become Active Members or Sponsors at an annual/monthly rate. Any amounts being paid over a minimum administrative fee would then be donated to participating schools’ P & Cs. Greg advised that Centaur Primary is currently investigating its legal position and will advise further on this proposal in due course.

Our thanks to Bruce and Danielle for their time and consideration.

Principal’s Report
See attached report

Principal’s report tabled and accepted.
Treasurer’s Report
Written report was tabled - Balance $2,413.72. Stacey confirmed that an auditor’s report was sent to P & C Federation and will provide a copy of this to Lisa for the P & C’s records.

Treasurer’s report tabled and accepted.

Secretary’s Report
- A letter dated 18 March 2014 was received by Bunnings advising any allocation of BBQ spots are being made again after September 2014. Lanna mentioned the Tender Centre as a site that could be approached about having a BBQ. Lisa to contact The Tender Centre to find out about this and advise at the next meeting.
- Emails were received from Tweed Region P & C concerning recent media publications and the state of the P & Federation at present. Lyn was able to review some of that material with the meeting. Lisa moved a motion to send a letter to our local MP urging him to ensure that the P & C Federation be able to continue to function as a transparent, equitable, communicative, autonomous grassroots organization that is helpful and available to support our regional P & C. Motion seconded by Paul Knight.
- A letter dated 1 April 2014 was received from Banora Point High School inviting members to attend the ANZAC Memorial Ceremony in the School Hall from 9 am on 11 April 2014. Paul advised that he can attend but will not be speaking at the ceremony. Thanks Paul.
- A letter dated 14 February 2014 was received from NSW Department of Education & Communities advising on School Global Funding. This letter was tabled for members’ information.
- Attendance at the Annual P & C Federation Conference was discussed and it was agreed that Lisa would attend at this conference as a delegate. A form of Notification of Intention was signed by Ros and will be forwarded by Lisa asap.
- Lisa asked if a P & C section could be added to the School’s website for Minutes / Agendas etc to be made available to other parents. Reg will arrange this asap.
President’s Report

- Ros, Lisa and Greg were in attendance at the Tweed Region P & C AGM. A request was made for all apologies to be made in writing (including by text or email).
- Members are reminded that there is a Facebook page [https://www.facebook.com/groups/TweedRegionPC/383302881808666/?notif_t=group_activity](https://www.facebook.com/groups/TweedRegionPC/383302881808666/?notif_t=group_activity) which contains many interesting articles (eg. Bullying - [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/signe-whitson/bullying_b_2188819.html?utm_hp_ref=fb&src=sp&comm_ref=false](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/signe-whitson/bullying_b_2188819.html?utm_hp_ref=fb&src=sp&comm_ref=false)) and news about what is happening at other schools. Members can send a Facebook friend request to join the site.

Business arising from previous Minutes

Ros attended at the school assembly on 12 March 2014 to present the new blazers to the school captains and vice captains. Thank you Ros.

- The Uniform Committee has not met since the last meeting. However the uniform catalogue is continuing to be redesigned. The Uniform Committee was asked to look at the old stock in the uniform shop (whether it should be removed if not appropriate) and the inclusion of shorts in the girl uniform policy.
- Lanna confirmed that the 10 year anniversary celebration morning tea would be taking place on 20 June 2014. The Committee arranging this were seeking ideas for P & C competition to be launched at this event. Ideas including a photographic competition (then and now), school song competition and a “Block” style renovation of some zones in the school (eg. Library) could be considered. Lanna will take these ideas to the next meeting on 6 May 2014 (1.15pm).
- Bonnie advised that the grant request for funds to form a school band was near completion and that she was awaiting details of equipment requirements and pricing from Russ/Andrew Best. Bonnie will follow this up further.

General Business

- A grant writing workshop that had previously been set down for 8 April 2014 (arranged by Tweed Region P & C) has been moved to 13 May 2014.
- Luke had distributed Anti-Bullying policy documentation to members and it was generally agreed that policy was well structured. There were some concerns over possible negativity surrounding the wording
of the covering letter to parents and Luke will make some changes before taking it to the next steps. Discussion was had in relation to the relatively low rate of bullying at the school, nevertheless, it was conceded that its existence required a positive structured response, which was clearly being attended to.

- Daft Procedure and Request forms were tabled by Lisa. The forms are being developed to streamline and document the processes for the P & C to provide assistance (monetary or volunteer work) to teachers, staff, students and parents. A copy will be circulated to all members for comment and discussion at the next meeting.

- A written P & C Funds Request was received from Stephen Wemm from the Maths Department with respect to any contribution that could be made to fund the Maths Online service. Discussion took place concerning the possibility of requesting the funding from each student but as maths is a compulsory subject this is not an appropriate method of funding the resource. It was agreed that a contribution should be made to the maths department this year in a similar amount to last year ($400) and that further fundraising be put into motion for a higher rate of funding for next year. Paul moved a motion that the P & C donate an amount of $400 to the Maths Department to assist with their resources. Seconded by Lisa and carried unanimously. Stacey provided the cheque for $400 to Lisa to send with an appropriate covering letter to ensure the funding is credited to the relevant department.

Meeting closed at 10.05pm

Next meeting 5 May 2014 at 7pm