MINUTES
Meeting held Monday 2nd May, 2011
6.00pm

Attendance:
Principal: Anne Hewson
Teacher Reps: Narelle McCain, Jo Crouch, Hendrika Green
Parent Reps: Poppy Kostantakis (President), Greg Ball, Diana Valmas
P&C Rep: Sue Szalay
Community Rep: Soula

Apologies:
Nil

1. Minutes from the Previous Meeting were unanimously accepted.

2. Correspondence - Nil


4. As this meeting is the AGM, we agreed to vote for the office bearers. Poppy declared all positions vacant. As per the constitution, as School Principal, Anne Hewson is also the Treasurer. Congratulations to Diana Valmas for being voted in as Secretary and to Poppy Kostantakis for being voted in as President.

5. Principals Report to the School Council

Annual School Report
Anne presented the Annual School Report and advised, because we are trying to decrease the amount of paper we are using, we would not be issuing copies of the ASR to all parents. We will be putting it onto our website this week.

Staff Vacancies
We have two vacancies which have been advertised. One for a classroom teacher and one for an Assistant Principal. Advertisements have been posted and interviews will be taking place this week and next week.

BER Update
The Library has been leaking during heavy rain. This has occurred on three separate occasions in the same spot. The carpet has been saturated and Anne is asking for it to be replaced.

The connected classroom in the Library will be installed next week which means we will be able to hold video conferencing. Paul plans to set up practise sessions between the Library and the Performing Arts Room before we ‘go live’.

28/06/2012
The new State Government has confirmed that they will go ahead and install the additional IWB’s early next year. That will mean we will get an additional five IWB’s which means we will only have three classrooms that do not have one.

**NAPLAN & OC Test**

NAPLAN tests are being held next week for years 3 and 5. OC applications for year 4 students open next week and close on 20th May. Applications this year are to be done online by as many as people who are able.

**6. Other Business**

Poppy read out our constitution for the new members and then opened up the meeting for discussion on what the School Council could focus on in 2011.

**Refurbishing of D Block (downstairs)**

A discussion was held on the best way to get this refurbishing done. Should we use our building fund money and write a submission for split funding or should we write a submission for the entire amount. After much discussion, because the plans have already been done, it was agreed that we would write a submission for the entire amount. This submission should be written ASAP so that we can get in before the end of this financial year.

*Action:* Anne to ask Arthur for an estimated cost and then email, together with the plans to Poppy and Sue.

*Action:* Sue to write the submission based on the Library submission we did and then send around to the rest of the council for comments.

**Security Screening on Windows in D Block (upstairs)**

Hendrika has asked if we can look into getting security screening on these windows to avoid any missiles (or people) being thrown out of them. Anne suggested that maybe the better and safer way to go would be to install air conditioning into these rooms although we probably don’t have enough power to operate them.

*Action:* Anne to investigate costing on screening vs air conditioning.

**Electricity Upgrade**

It was agreed that we are in desperate need of a power upgrade and we would, after the refurbishing submission, write a submission asking for this. Anne advised that, after speaking to colleagues, there is a list at DET which we have to get onto. A discussion was held on getting solar panels to help with our electricity.

*Action:* Hendrika to ask her son about solar panels, who to apply to etc, as he works for Country Energy.

*Action:* Poppy to ask the Green Club to research other schools who are getting solar grants.

**Lighting to Car Park**

Narelle asked if we would arrange for lighting to the teachers car park. Anne said that this was not a school council item and is up to the school to pay. Poppy suggested we ask the P&C to put in a sensor light.

*Action:* Sue to take this to the P&C
Unions

Sue relayed a conversation from a mother regarding woollen jumpers. She advised the meeting that she told the mother that we reviewed out Uniform Policy not long ago and that woollen jumpers were not included as part of our uniform because of cost and also because the majority of parents didn’t want them. She suggested to the parent that she should write a letter to the P&C and they would take it to the school council.

Narelle offered to organise the nibbles for the next meeting.

Next meeting 6th June, 2011
Meeting closed at 7.20pm