Meeting Opened: 7:10 pm

Present:

Office Bearers:
Brendan Lee (President)
Maria Worner (Treasurer)
Julie-anne Bleeze (Secretary)

Members:
Beth Vincent-Pietsch
Lisa Kay
Amelia Situati
Leanne Elliston
Robert Howard
Sandy Davis
David Windeyer
Emma Digan

KSS Staff:
Jan Day

Apologies:

1. Acceptance of minutes – Minutes from 6 December 2011.

Motion:

that the Minutes of the 6 December 2011 General meeting, be endorsed as being a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: Julie-anne Bleeze Seconded: Beth Vincent-Pietsch

(Carried by majority)

a. Correspondence accepted.

2. President’s report:
   a. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
   b. Brendan reported that he has drafted an introductory letter, which will be published in the school newsletter. Beth also has a beautifully drafted poster about what the P & C does, which will be incorporated with Brendan’s newsletter.
c. The Welcome Back BBQ will be in week 4 1st March 2012. Maria will purchase food- free sausage, wholemeal bread only, fruit, fruit boxes sold at cost, water free. Halal and vegetarian sausages also available. Possibility of parents with knives – to cut fruit.

d. Standing on One Leg World Record will be done at 6-6.30 pm.

e. Bands will play and students will sing.

Motion:

To authorize up to a total of $2500 for Welcome back BBQ.
Moved: Brendan Lee Seconded: Maria Worner

(Carried by majority)

3. Principal’s report:

a. Jan was happy with first day – many extra people were present to send off their children. Jan organized feedback on the transition from parents. There is an ochre coloured line to separate the different age levels. Extra teachers were monitoring it to make sure everyone understood the boundaries.

An executive breakfast for teachers is being organized.

Jan visited year 9-10 to discuss the principles of assessment – Academic, Attendance and Attitude, and she seeks to introduce a community service component, as it adds greatly to a child’s personal development.

All students not complying with the uniform code were counselled, with good results, and further discussions with those who were resistant.

Maria mentioned that the second hand uniform was well sold. There are some problems with the designs from one of the local suppliers, Further work may be done on simplifying the uniform, as there are too many variants. Specific colours/dye lots, etc will be looked at.

ACTION: Review of uniform required which includes feedback from students and parent - Uniform convenor

Maria to locate document specifying colours etc which was given to the board – Pass to Board.

Morning fruit – The school has applied for a $6000 grant to provide fruit to the students for “Munch and Crunch” morning fruit.
Jan suggested a column in the newsletter which includes parent to parent tips – eg. How to…, lunch box tips. Those interested should forward them to the secretary.

After a question about composite classes Jan explained that they were actually Multi-age classes – Vygotsky’s theory. There are gains to be made socially, but students are grouped according to ability/development level. Jan’s aim is to keep Kindy and Year 5 as straight classes, and the in-between classes as multi-age. This is currently best practice but is continually reviewed.

Year 9-10 – outdoor Café-style area. Ledger deal with seniors – if the chewing gum removal costs reduce, the money available for an outdoor seating area increases.

Jan looks at middle school tomorrow.

VET programs – they have a new specialist hospitality teacher, and Construction teacher.

ACT sport is being restructured.

Hawker college is sponsoring teachers at KSS to do Cert IV Workplace assessment Training.

Gifted and Talented classes are now going to be called ACEE (Acceleration, Challenge, Enrichment, Excellence?) classes, as not all the students in these classes are G & T.

Involvement of the SRC with P & C – Jan requested that the P & C write directly to the SRC Captains, then P & C waits for response following their meeting. Captains will attend P & C meeting to report.

4. Fundraising Report:
   a. Bite size Circus – wants to perform at the school but needs a camp site for tent. Dates 2-3 March possible, with matinee on Saturday. Problem with access to school, so the field across from the school will be investigated for hire costs.

   ACTION: Brendan to follow up cost of hire of field for Circus.

5. Board Report:
   a. No quorum last meeting of last year. Meetings for this year will be in week 3 and 7 of each term, to allow more decisions to be actioned.

   Jan was appointed principal. Jan has the autonomy to direct funds within the school, under the Autonomous school trial continuation. Under this scheme Jan has more flexibility to make changes where they are needed.
Canteen Report:
The team in the canteen is working with the school to adapt to the new break and lunch hours. They have increased staff hours by ½ an hour. They will advertise a casual vacancy in the newsletter.
ACTION: Canteen to organize the advertisement for casual vacancy in the newsletter.

Aprons have arrived from the uniform shop in Kippax.
Year 5’s will help for the juniors, and year 9’s second break.
It was suggested that the aprons be used at the Bunning’s BBQ.
Hospitality classes could also use the school apron.
Aprons could be sold at the school fete with “Proud Parent”
Contracts in the Canteen are up for review in April.
The menu will stay the same.
The survey needs final adjustment, and should be sent out shortly.
The Bunning’s BBQ will be held this Saturday at Belconnen. Maria will send out the roster, and some information may be in the newsletter for other volunteers. Attempts will be made to put together a raffle to conduct at Bunning’s, if time permits.

ACTION: Maria will get a quote on a trailer BBQ. Bunning’s BBQ advertisement in newsletter.
Breakfast Club starts next week.

6. Treasurer’s Report:
a. The books are with the auditor, and will be chased up next week. The treasurer is hopeful that funds from the Bunning’s BBQ will cover the cost of the Welcome Back BBQ.

7. Other business:
a. Veggie Patch – can we get a green thumbs group to resurrect the veggie patch? Senior Learning Centre looks after one, and another will be looked after by a different group. Jan said “Green Thumb’s” volunteer group could be established.

8. Agenda for next meeting –
a. AGM followed by General Meeting - Date: 13 March 2012
b. All executive positions become vacant.

Meeting closed 8.55 pm.