

Queensland Academy for Creative Industries
Parents and Citizens Association
General Meeting
25 June 2014
Minutes



Meeting Opened: 6:00pm

1. WELCOME: President Simon Hutton welcomed those people attending.

1.1. Attendance (per Attendance Book)

1.2. Apologies (per Attendance Book)

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 May 2014 were tabled and reviewed.

Motion: Accept the minutes of the previous meeting held 21 April 2014 as tabled.

Moved: Simon Hutton

Seconded: Coral Quinlivan

Carried

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

No items.

4. PRESENTATION ABOUT ESMART

Jenny Jahnke introduced Sean who provided a presentation from the eSmart committee of how students use Facebook.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Inwards:

2 letters from Paul Hudson regarding a PE Teacher for QACI

Email from Wendy Colmer regarding a PE Teacher for QACI

(both documents were tabled and P&C members invited to read them - these two items will be discussed in General Business)

Brochure from Gift Connection advertising Father's Day presents

Brochure from Bel Canto Music regarding camps

Brochure from lightupmylife.com.au advertising audio lighting

QACI Bank Statement

Outwards: no correspondence

6. REPORTS

6.1 Principal's Report: Principal John Jose tabled a written report and discussed major points:

(i) Enrolment 2014 as at 23 April 2014:

Year	No Students
Year 10	116
Year 11	127
Year 12	116
Total	359

(ii) Staff Update

A merit selection process been undertaken for 3 head of department (HOD) positions. 2 positions have been permanently appointed and will commence duty from next semester. John Carozza was successful for HOD Creative Identity and Liz Daines for HOD Languages. John congratulated them both. There is a new teacher Liam Clifford for Environment Systems and Society starting next term. Angela Lapham will return part-time for semester 2. Jill Gillespie will return in semester 3. Georgie Alderson will return next semester 1 day a week for maths support for year 12.

(iii) Operations and Directions

A School Discipline Audit was completed and the results were outstanding. A copy of the Executive Summary and the 5 page report was tabled for P&C viewing. This is also available on the QACI web site.

John tabled the Annual Report which is also available on the QACI web site.

John provided information about QUT providing advanced credit for those who obtain a 5 or better in Theatre, Visual Arts and Film towards their Creative Industries or Fine Arts courses. This has been a long time in coming and is a great step forward.

John provided an overview of the next Semester week 1 focus which had been emailed out to all parents.

(iv) Matters for discussion

(a) Calendar – excursions

John tabled the Semester 2 calendar of excursions which requires endorsement of the P&C.

Motion: *Seek endorsement of calendar with excursions for Semester 2*

Moved: *Simon Hutton*

Seconded: *Barry Hopkins*

Carried

(b) Laptop Program

John presented an overview of the laptop program and sought endorsement from the P&C of the purchase process. The process is the same as previous years. Stage 1 at the start of next term which involves notification to Apple of the intent to tender. The invitation is sent to Apple resellers who respond with a package. The variation in the package isn't about the device but the after sales service that is provided. The results of the tender go to a QACI tender committee who evaluate the offers using the Education Queensland State Purchasing Policy and Procedures to ensure probity and accountability are followed. Evaluations occur, an onseller is selected and communication occurs to parents.

Motion: *Endorse the process for the laptop purchase.*

Moved: *Simon Hutton*

Seconded: *Prakash Srinivasan*

Carried

(c) Health and Physical Education/Wellness Opportunities for QACI Students

Margaret Williams, Deputy Principal provided an overview of opportunities that are being investigated:

- Discussions have occurred with the company Health Stream. There is a new Manager who is interested in getting involved in our school and seeing if there are opportunities to extend what is available already.
- There has been one session already at the school and he has tried to motivate students by making it fun and is trying to establish himself to encourage kids to participate. He is trying to think about options that will connect with things that the kids want to do. He is trying to gauge the level of interest and also tap into what we already have already (eg vertical building; stairs). He has a lot of energy and ideas which is fantastic and we are hoping there may be some good ideas that come out of this.
- The existing systems with Healthstream are still available but we are trying to see if there are any other flexible options.
- Another option being investigated is seeing if a trainee PE teacher at QUT would be interested in working with us, to gain experience for their CV.
- One of the trainee teachers has visited QACI and is looking at what could be provided in a vertical building, plus usage of parks around the vicinity etc. He is keen to ask questions and to see what he might be able to provide.
- In summary, work is occurring to see if there are further opportunities that could be developed for students. Margaret will keep the P&C informed of progress.
- Margaret also tabled a document summarizing the work so far.

The P&C thanked Margaret for this work.

John outlined that correspondence had been received from a parent with the ongoing theme about (a) hiring a HPE teacher for QACI and (b) incorporating HPE into the curriculum. Subsequent letters have been cc'd to the minister and the local member of parliament. Tracey also tabled the letters from one of the parents, for the P&C's information.

John presented his views on this topic and a discussion with P&C members ensued. The discussion raised the following points:

- No student across the state in years 11 and 12 have HPE as a mandated component of their program (unless they are undertaking HPE as a subject). This is because it is difficult to fit into the overall program for years 11 and 12, especially when you consider the workload plus all the additional extra curricula work that occurs in years 11 and 12. It applies to the primary to year 9 group. It will come into play as part of Australian curriculum for year 10 just as other things have to be included as well including history, geography but this is for a future consideration.
- In QACI there is a culture of building independence in students and making them wise decision makers (life designers). QACI encourages students to think about making decisions themselves including their own health and wellbeing. The focus should be on providing kids opportunities to attend health/physical education/well being sessions (such as the work that Margaret Williams is investigating). This is an important focus.
- Every student that enrolls in QACI knows what programs are offered and don't offer before they enroll.

- There has not been any indication that the students want mandated HPE. Generally, if they see a demand for something, they are not backwards in coming forward.
- In summary, preference was around the focus being on providing opportunities for physical activity and wellness for students as part of their overall QACI experience rather than a dedicated HPE teacher.

Motion: P&C does not support the introduction of HPE teacher as part of the formal curriculum of QACI.

Moved: Simon Hutton **Seconded:** Mariela Alarco **Carried**

Motion: P&C supports QACI's current approach to providing opportunities for physical activities and wellness for students as part of their overall QACI experience.

Moved: Simon Hutton **Seconded:** Rachel Barley **Carried**

Motion: Accept the Principal's Report.

Moved: John Jose **Seconded:** Dolores Cummins **Carried**

6.2 President's Report:

President Simon Hutton provided a verbal report:

- Simon extended a big thank you to Mariela Alarco and Xanthe Golenko for their work in researching and identifying potential solutions to help with some of the parking/drop off issues at QACI. They have spent a lot of time taking photos, reviewing signs, talking to parents, writing to Council/discussions with local members to investigate and come up with options here. This is really important to ensure the safety of the kids and Mariela and Xanthe should be commended for this work.
- Secondly, Simon thanked Margaret Williams for her work on investigating health and physical education/wellness opportunities for QACI students.
- Lastly Simon stated that QACI is probably going to go through the biggest change it has had in its 8 years of operation with the change in leadership. But Simon reiterated that the foundations have been laid that the heart, soul and body of QACI will not change and the kids will be the drivers of that and we as parents need to ensure we continue that and support that work and try not to burden our kids with any concerns or worries about the change in leadership. QACI will not change tomorrow because one person is going to walk away. Simon, also thanked John on behalf of the P&C for his leadership over the last 8 years. The school is made up of a community of teachers, parents, administrative staff, students but none of it is possible without a great leader we have had the fortune to have a founder who had the foresight to establish and lead QACI and on behalf of the P&C, Simon thanked John and presented him with a gift from the parents.

- Simon also asked that a special thank you be given to Mariela for organising the photo, dinner and gifts and Katelyn Crowley Year 11 (photographer) for taking the photo.

Motion: Accept the Principal's Report.

Moved: Simon Hutton

Seconded: Tracey Anderson

Carried

6.3 Treasurer's Report: Prakash Srinivasan tabled a written report.

Bank Balance – as at 23 April 2014: \$9245.13

No of contributions received to 19 March 2014: 40

Previous Year: 2013 Full Year – 98 contributions

Value of contributions received YTD: \$2260.00. Previous Full Year \$6220.00

Prakash outlined that we are still looking for voluntary contributions to come in and need to continue to promote this. Prakash also outlined that we can now pay by EFTPOS through bpoint and through credit cards.

Motion: Accept Treasurer's written report as tabled and discussed.

Moved: Simon Hutton

Seconded: Coral Quinlivan

Carried

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

8. APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

No memberships.

9. NEXT MEETING:

Next meeting will be 23 July 2014.

Meeting closed 7:15

These minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting held 25 June 2014

President QACI P & C

Date: