NOBBY STATE SCHOOL        P & C GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday 17th February 2015

Vice-President Matt Sheridan opened the meeting at 6.20pm

**Attendance:** Matt Sheridan, Sue Kiepe, Tina Torcetti, Rose Hopper, Wendy Noller, Kathy Newman, Jess Birrell, Sue Breeze, Christine Nicholson, Tim Youngberry, Vicki Green, Alicia Kiepe  
**Special Guest:** David Jago

**Apologies:** Richard Barwick, Jill Field

Special guest, David Jago spoke on the hows & whys regarding a major project such as the Multipurpose building. Step 1 is to work out size and what fittings are required (power, kitchenette, grey water drainage, air-con). He advised to aim big, as size can always be reduced according to available funds. He suggested to start with 100m² - 120m² and look at joining up with the senior room due to a ramp already being in place. For funding the project, look at memorial donations (rare) and grants such as SSS with the possibility of topping up from GCBF. He advised to wait on the GCBF as you have limited time to use the money. It was estimated that SSS would be split to: P&C $32500 and Govt. $87500. Costs could be reduced by building on site. Using volunteers can run into problems with insurance. Insulated panels can increase cost. Second hand buildings can be okay, however check quality. It was asked about purchasing buildings from schools that have closed, however no known ones available at this stage. When we have ideas on requirements, David will circulate to architects to draw plans and quote.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 18th November 2014 were handed out.

**Motion:** That the minutes of the last meeting held on 18th November 2014 be carried as printed.  
**Moved:** Wendy Noller  
**Second:** Matt Sheridan  
**CARRIED**

Business arising: Mosquito’s (in Principal report), Foodworks credit moved to fundraising and school crossing moved to Principal report

**Correspondence:** Incoming and Outgoing as per attached list

**Motion:** That all inward correspondence be accepted and the outward correspondence be endorsed  
**Moved:** Wendy Noller  
**Second:** Kathy Newman  
**CARRIED**

**Treasurer’s Report:** See attached
- As per bank statement dated 30/01/15 bank balance is $8,998.39  
- As per bank statement dated 17/02/15 bank balance is $8,943.30  
- Accounts to be paid include LW Reid, ALE clothing, P&C’s Qld Insurance, Official, triathlon  
- AGM books not audited as yet. Looking for a new auditor due to lack of response from Hoopers. P&C Qld suggested a financial officer from another school would be eligible, however Tim spoke with them and they said no. Tina will ask her contact.

**Motion:** That the Treasurer’s report be received and the accounts for payment be ratified, including LWReid $359.32, ALE clothing $178.20, P&C Qld $552.73, Official, Triathlon  
**Moved:** Vicki Green  
**Second:** Tina Torcetti  
**CARRIED**

**Principals Report:** Tim Youngberry presented his report (see attached)
- Learning priorities remain the same – reading comprehension, spelling & maths. Reading & Spelling mastery and GEMMS & EMMS
Independent Public School: Some staff attended information sessions last week. Tim will put together material on how school councils work – includes the Principal, P&C President, equal parent / staff ratio and possibly 2 associate members from community – these can be changed to suit projects as needed – e.g. accountant, builder, lawyer. The advice was to keep council member numbers at 6.

Facilities: The wheelchair ramp to junior classroom is complete.

Management: Justin Coulson workshops are on this week

Finance: Cash at bank: $146000. Predicted GRG amount for 2015 - $13890, proposal due at the end of this month

School Crossings: Tim approached Road Safety for advice. Alan Dickson from Dept. of Transport & Main Roads came to view and discuss options. He will explore several aspects including: putting infrastructure at the corner of Davenport St & Sister Kenny Drive, marking lines outside front gates, budgets and talk with Police.

Mosquitos: Not sure if areas were sprayed. There are pro’s and con’s for gutter guards. The tank is yet to be removed. Kids are still coming home with bites.

Homework: Tim & staff have been reviewing the homework system. 45min of the day can be taken up in marking homework – this time could be better utilised. Author David Gillespie, has analysed data over the years and results read there no benefits to homework for years Prep to 6.

Feedback on reducing homework to none at all was: homework prepares students for high school; we know where our kids are at; just stick with reading, spelling and multiplication; if parents wanted their children to have homework, would that still be acknowledged? It was suggested that parents come in and mark, but not sure how this would go down with other parents if a mistake was made during marking.

Tim will send information home to seek further opinions.

Report Cards: Tim will be sending home a survey to find out what parents really want to see on a report card.

Triathlon: 13th March. Discussions were held regarding a sausage sizzle, hamburgers, morning tea, coffee van to be available for competitors and their supporters to purchase. It was decided the school will organise it and P&C are to provide help on the day and reap the rewards. Forms will go out to cluster schools for catering purposes.

Calendar for 2015: Is having 2 parent teacher interviews, a Presentation night, a Meet & greet plus the additional theatre restaurant and games night asking too much of families? General consensus was that people make it if they can, some do all, some do most and some do none.

Parent Information Sessions: Staff will trial 4 sessions per year for parents to have a better understanding of what the school is teaching.

Motion: That the Principal report as distributed and discussed be adopted.
Moved: Tim Youngberry    Second: Wendy Noller    CARRIED

General Business:

Fundraising:

FFF – Letters will be sent out seeking food donations. Foodworks have acknowledged the credit of $119.42 – this will be used to buy butter, sauce and the like. Several people have contacts that will donate lettuce, tomato, onions. It is expensive to buy recycled sandwich
containers which are odd shaped, main concern being if kept cold on ice they will
deteriorate. Will source plastic wedges. A food licence is not required as we are a not-for-
profit organisation. In addition, we are not required to use the kitchen at the high school
however for the space and area provided plus fridges for storage we will still use it.
Thoughts for a cold room (to check if registered) and a generator to keep sandwiches at
temperature will be governed by FFF decision.

**Homestyle Easter Drive:** It was heard that the quality of pies this year are not up to
standard. We are looking into other options.

**Mother’s Day Wine Tour:** A tour for Saturday 2nd May is being investigated. Several bus
quotes have returned, waiting on another. Hope to keep tickets at $40-$50 for the bus, will
look into lunch options and which winery/brewery/cheese factory to visit.

**Shin Pads and Blue/Green socks:** Quotes needed

**Mowing:** No roster needed for 2015.

**Multipurpose building:** Discussions held resulted into applying for Round 1 GCBF grant. The
SSS grant requires EOI in March which we will also put in.

**Spray jackets / Jumpers:** As a minimum of 30 of each have to ordered, it was decided to
send an EOI out to families and go from there.

**Bowling:** This will be in Term 2. Rose will look into Sunset & Garden City. Several potential
sponsors’ names have been added to our list.

**2015 Fundraising Calendar:**
- Term 1 = FFF + Triathlon (Easter Pie Drive?)
- Term 2 = Winery Tour + Ten Pin bowling
- Term 3 = Theatre Restaurant + Men’s bus Tour
- Term 4 = Mango Drive + ?

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday 17th March 2014

**MEETING CLOSED:** 9.20pm