Rowena Primary School P & C
Minutes
General Meeting held Tuesday February 26th 2013
School Library

PRESENT: A. Rodgers; E. Marshall; C. McDonnell; B. Phelps; G. Hallman;
B. Coleman; C Bekker; D Bekker;

APOLOGIES: B. Smith; M. Hallman

Welcome to new teacher Elsie Marshall and new parents the Bekkers.

MINUTES:
Previous Minutes:
Minutes of previous general meeting held on October 30th, 2012 were tabled and read by
BP and moved by CMcD as true and accurate record of the meeting. Seconded AR.

Business Arising:
Year 6 Farwell and Disco
All agreed it was an excellent night and that we should make it an annual event.

Positions Vacant after AGM
B Phelps agreed to continue as secretary
Meeting decided as there was no candidate the Vice President’s position was not really
required.
Pricilla Chown has offered to be the Publicity Officer

Staffing funding
AR needs funds from the P and C to fund Joc Cameron work on classroom release across
K – 6 to the amount of $10,000 for the year.
BP moved a motion that the P and C fund $10,000 for Joc Cameron for the 2013 school
year. Seconded GH Carried.

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE:
• Material re Bulb Drives
• Material on general fundraising ideas

OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE:
Newsletter and email to parents re meeting dates and agenda

REPORTS:
Chairperson
BC reported his attendance at the recent School Council Meeting on behalf of P & C and
that he took the role of secretary again. Council welcomed new members for the parents
Gail Hallman and Jamie McDonnell and staff rep Elsie Marshall. Policy under review is
swimming pool use and a technology policy to be devised next term. School Plan was
shown to reflect needs devised by the staff from Naplan results. Council consulted with
Principal regarding quotes for the shade cloth replacement. AR added that Murray Knight is replacing the shade cloth now for a much cheaper price.

Treasurer
C McD stated that she had spent a lot of money of late!!
Tabled and attached
Motions were moved:
Moved BP seconded GH that the P and C membership fee remain at $5.00 per family – carried
Moved BC seconded CMcD that the Progress membership remain at $5.00 per family – carried
Moved BC seconded CMcD that the pool fee be set at $30 per child for the year – carried

Principal
Tabled and attached

Fundraising
BP asked what the budgeted needs were. Calculation that we need to have $32,000
$16,000 for pool repairs and maintenance
$ 6,000 for excursions
$10,000 for staffing
This does not allow for any other spending
Hopefully we will get some donations from fertilizer / chemical donations and from some crop insurance.
BP felt that we did not have the parent resources to have a ball or anything major.
Suggestion for a beer and pizza night with an adult disco later in the spring. Agreed to leave the discussion to next term.
Meeting agreed that if the preschool needed support to run the cracker night we would be available if approached.

Kids Disco
Plans were discussed to host another children’s disco at Rowena this term. Decided on an Easter them on Wednesday March 27th. BP to coordinate and invite other local schools etc.

NEW BUSINESS:

Uniform
Hats and Girls’ Summer dress
BP reported that a company called Ban Vie at Junction Hill near Grafton can supply new Broad Brimmed style hats with the logo already embroidered on. Cost will be between $8.00 and $12.00. BP moved a motion that she will order a supply of these hats for the school store room. Seconded CMcD. A free hat will still be given to each new kinder child.
This company also supply other uniform needs. They were the sub contractor to Orana so have the girls uniform pattern and fabric. An order takes 6 weeks. BP to find out cost and organise an order around August. They also do rugby jerseys and can supply red robbin green socks.
Black School Shoes
GH and CMcD raised issue of joggers being worn in place of the black school shoe. It is hard to ask children to wear the black shoe when many others are in joggers. GH said that she valued the pride in uniform that a black shoe offers. AR said he could not enforce the uniform but that he could only encourage and ask of it.

iPad and Technology Purchase
Over the Christmas break the P and C bought 6 new iPads, a Mac Book Pro to drive the resource and a security box for 10 iPads. BP has set up the resource and is now showing staff how to use it along with children. This gives our school over 1 between 2 iPads which is amazing.

Tree Lopping Working Bee
AR asked if parents could come together to get control of the trees in the playground. Many dead ones need removing and others need lopping. It is a job for chainsaws and trailers. Suggestion was made for a twilight working bee during day light savings before end of term. Friday 15th March was chosen. BP to advertise in newsletter.

AR asked if we could buy a better creepy crawly for the pool to reduce the cleaning costs. BC to look into one used at Colly pool.

Meeting Closed at 7.40 pm

Next Meeting Tuesday May 21st at 6.00pm at Rowena School

PRESIDENT
Brad Coleman

SECRETARY
Bernadette Phelps