

CHAPEL HILL STATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parents and Citizens' Association



P&C QLD 2016 STATE CONFERENCE NOTES

Details

9th – 10th September 16

Gladstone

Conference Notes

General

- Everyone has issues and needs/wants to improve what they do and the facilities their schools have
- We are lucky in our demographics, number of students, association unity, expertise, professionalism, fundraising efforts, business profitability, feeling of community, HR issues, our processes/templates
- We are unlucky in member to parent ratio, visibility/connection of local members
- We are missing out on profit from running our own OSHC, having our own pool
- Fantastic connections made within and external to region, already sharing processes and templates to help create best practice; potential sister-school identified and connected
- Information to be handed over to relevant subcommittees/convenors/coordinators

Hon. Kate Jones MP, Qld Minister for Education, Minister for Tourism and Major Events

- Tuckshop guidelines, more discretion in decision making at local level
- Minister announced renewed 3-year partnership with P&Cs QLD
- Views P&Cs as one of the largest stakeholders in Education and also P&Cs QLD as Key Partners.
- Not supportive of online NAPLAN, wants it to be an evidence-based decision

Back to Basics: Grants Project Planning for the Future - Margaret Robbins, Macrosphere

- Resource: Tapping into the money tree
- Create a 2 year plan of projects
- Investigate where to get money from
- Talk about your disadvantages as much as the advantages
- Consider the asset life of the project/equipment
- Check if Local Councillor has Grants Liaison Officer
- Check "smarty-grants" website <http://www.smartygrants.com.au/>
- Consider Funding Centre (www.fundingcentre.com.au) subscription for \$85 / year
- GoogleApps free for non-profits

An Idea a Minute: Great fundraising ideas that will leave you buzzing - Mandy Weidmann, The Fundraising Directory

- Circles of proximity (grow by including more people)
- Have "connective" fundraising opportunities for the project, i.e.: create a fun obstacle course to raise funds for a new playground
- Fun run/colour run big fundraising ideas

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- Have a visual tracker related to the project, i.e.: books into a library to representing funds raising for new library
- Check out fundraisingdirectoy.com.au (check link)
- What about a Year 6 legacy at the start of each year (to engage and they help deliver as they have buy in)
- What about donating \$ back to student council so students spread the word (undercurrent)
- What about a "back to summer" kit (sunscreen, hats, etc) for \$ for new playground
- What about local members donating a bike(s) to raffle as part of the active travel program and raise funds for a covered bike racks

Kim Fredericks, Regional Director, Central Region, DET

- Consider meeting times and non-meeting engagement events (social/community forums), technology (video conferencing, skype, etc)
- QParents App (coming soon) – everything online (<https://qparents.qld.edu.au/>)
- Curriculum being decluttered, not dumbing down but learning at the appropriate levels, emphasis on science and English (and also values and beliefs in Christianity that someone raised as a concern and the reply was it was a federal government influence).

Cyber Safety: Be E Smart - Michelle Webster, Alannah & Madeline Foundation

- Check out esmartschools.org.au who run 90min workshops in benefits and pitfalls of technology
- Three 'C' – contact, conduct, content
- Personal vs Private information
- Tips on cyber bullying (don't retaliate, collect evidence, report and block user)
- Check out safety.gov.au for any assistance
- Legislation for all social media is 13+ years of age to join
- Up to parents to manage the relationship between kids and technology

Meeting Mash Up: Constructive conversations at meetings – Lynda Edwards, PepperCon Coaching & Consulting

- SCARF model was introduced as a way to manage people and push towards "reward", and away from "threat"
- Status (relative importance), Certainty (predicting the future), Autonomy (sense of control), Relatedness (safety with others), Fairness (perception of fair exchange)

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The Power of Many: Volunteering in the modern age - Amy Grey, Placemaker and Community Activist

- Crowdfunding
- People connect when they share same/similar values
- People attract people
- Be clear about the minimum required and where you can do more
- Reality of group dynamics is you have clusters of types of people, which means you'll get different outputs. Try to tailor the volunteering opportunities accordingly
- Bottom up and top down ideas
- Give people deadlines. Pad the deadlines appropriately.

P&C of the Year Awards

- Sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank to a total of \$9,000.
- McDowall State School won Metro North and overall P&C of the Year gaining them a total of \$5,000.
- Winning videos can be viewed on the P&Cs QLD YouTube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7xngveBonyI>)

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