

RIVERSIDE GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING DATED 8 MARCH 2006

Presentation by Mr Saad, HT Maths, on the syllabus, classes etc.

Meeting Opened: at 8.10 pm by the Vice President, Giselle Hare

Attendees: As per the Attendance Book

Apologies: Sue Hobley, Karl Evans, Judy King, Peggy O'Neil, Wendy Dobis

Minutes of Previous Meeting. These were of the meeting dated 8 February 2006

Motion: To accept the minutes

Moved: Linda Young 2nd: Jane Towndrow CARRIED

Business Arising.

Working bee to be held on Saturday 25 March from 8 am. Co-ordinated by Rick Lovegrove, Science teacher.

Open day Thursday 30 March with BBQ and gelato machine.

Correspondence In: Brochure from DET, information for parents on Alcohol, celebrations and supply.

Bakers Delight Chatswood, offer to help with fundraising

Receipt for payment of P&C Federation fees

Email from John Sheldrick re further clarification of the minutes of the 9

November 2005 outlining comments made by the Chair and subsequent apology to Jaquie Marks, and the duties of the chair and how discussion should be managed.

Email from Sue Hobley outlining her reasons for comments made to Jacquie Marks at the meeting of 9 November 2006, and agreement with clarification of meeting etiquette, provided procedural matters do not take precedence over productive activities.

Out: P&C newsletter outlining vacancies on the P&C for 2006 and a short explanation for each. Vacancies are for President, Secretary, Grounds committee, District council rep, and Honorary Auditor.

Principals Report. Given by Craig Teece, in the absence of Judy King who was otherwise engaged at a conference, and sends her apologies.

Cheque presented to the P&C from parent subscriptions in the amount of \$36,658.

Wish list submitted not in priority order.

Better Attitudes to Health day (BATH day)	\$2,000
Student Assistance Scheme (SAS)	\$2,000
2006 Open day advertising and promotional material	\$2,000
year 12 graduation prizes (October)	\$2,000
student diaries (October)	\$5,000
security guards (August/September)	\$1,000
Supply/installation of an additional basketball backboard and posts	\$2,000
Anti bullying program (2 performances in June)	\$5,000
Professional learning funds (to top up DET funds)	\$5,000

Total amount requested \$26,000

An explanation was given on what is BATH day.

Student diaries. The meeting passed on adverse comments by the girls on the student photo on the cover. Suggest in future that the school logo be printed on a clear slip in cover to which the girls can add their own photos.

The recently installed basketball backboard is being well utilized and the school would like to purchase another.

The school has a budget of \$38,000 to start the year, but has only \$16,000 not accounted for until November. Strategies to deal with staff wanting to increase their knowledge of T/D and welfare issues will need to be found as there appears to not be the funds forthcoming to deal with this. Curriculum costs have increased due to changing/updating curriculum.

Staffing. The school now has 8 to 10 1st time out teachers.

Craig Teece was asked whether the library was buying books or using funds for technology development. The meeting agreed that, as requested in the February minutes, the librarian provide a breakdown on how funds are used.
ACTION Craig Teece/Judy King

At present school fee contribution letters are attached to the rear of school reports issued at the end of the year. Given the numbers of families paying fees, it was suggested that follow up requests be distributed within the first few weeks of the new school year. If payment is not forthcoming then statements are issued to individual families.

New parents luncheon to be held on March 15 from 1 to 2 pm.

Investing in Our Schools Grants. Round 1 \$44,000 for outdoor seating and technology upgrade.

Round 2 \$20,000 to replace the gym ceiling, round 3 (closes at the end March) request for resurfacing of the quad and an urgently needed upgrade of the toilets.

Training workshops for merit selection panels, 29 March at Karonga special school Epping from 4 to 6 pm. More workshop dates to come.

Following the martial arts presentation at the last meeting, 10 girls have signed up to begin the course. Costs are \$40 for uniform and \$5 per week, course is run after school. Parents also welcome to sign up. There have been 7 girls suspended in 5 weeks, mainly yr 8/9 girls. 5 for bullying and 2 for transport incidences.

Parent/teacher for years 7 and 12 to be held on 4 April, from 4 to 7.30 pm in the hall.

The PE faculty Hawaii trip has had 3 parent meetings, with 1 more to go.

Bus problem. An email from a parent and the schools reply was tabled. This generated much discussion about late and non arrival of buses as well as overcrowding, with many individual problems cited. Cheryl Osborne offered to arrange a meeting with John Watkins, Minister for Transport and a local member, to raise the various issues and seek suitable resolutions.
ACTION Cheryl Osborne

Treasurer's Report. tabled

Balance of \$3,119.28. \$18,728 was moved to the library fund and \$11,850 to general funds leaving approximately \$13,000 to spend on the schools wish list. There was discussion about the priority of each project and its timing. Further discussion, on this matter to be held over to the next meeting.

Query for Ross McMillan; when is the next edition of Currents?

General Business

Contact list, including subcommittees, to be circulated amongst the committee.

Brad Powe self-nominated for the position of P&C secretary, seconded by Giselle Hare and duly elected.

Note that in some correspondence Inez Hunt, is incorrectly listed as Renee Hunt.

Meeting closed 10.15 pm. **Next meeting 12 April at 7.30 pm.**