

RIVERSIDE GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING DATED 10 MAY 2006

Meeting Opened: at 7.35pm by Giselle Hare, Vice President

Attendees: as per the attendance book.

Apologies: Linda Young, Lee Granger, Karl Evans

Minutes of Previous Meeting. These were of the meeting dated 12 April 2006

Motion: To accept the minutes as read.

Moved: Brad Powe 2nd: Giselle Hare CARRIED

Business Arising

1. The school has been asked to monitor the buses, re behaviour and girls getting on their correct bus. A meeting may be held with the depot and the school next week to discuss. The depot has proposed having a coloured sticker applied to the back of the pass designating which bus the student should be on.
2. A letter to parents re the year 10 formal to be sent out very shortly outlining issues with after parties etc.
3. Peer support training to be rescheduled for term 3. A letter will be sent home outlining how the system works. It is hoped that this will cut down on the number of girls that do not attend school after signing out from year 10, but will be returning for year 11.

Correspondence In: As attached.

Letter from Lane Cove River District Council advising of new postal address etc. The meeting agreed that the school could host a meeting of this council sometime in term 3 and that the affiliation fee of \$15 be paid.

reply

ACTION: Brad to

With reference to their 2006 Student Prize, the meeting also agreed to nominate the school captain, Elham Tahzib, as she embodies the attributes of commitment of Public education, community awareness and multiculturalism. A letter from a member of the NSW teachers Federation recognizing her involvement in a community issue to be included with the nomination.

Principals Report

1. Submission for the 3rd round of investing in Our Schools funding has been finalized and includes \$21,000 for air-conditioning of the multimedia room, computer upgrade of \$32,000 and a toilet upgrade of \$49,200.
2. Joe Hockey was unable to attend the opening of the flagpole which he requested.
3. Fee summary of school contributions has been compiled for term 1. 85% of year 7 students have paid, dropping down to 46% in year 12. Generally less than 60% of students pay their subject fees.
4. Brochure, HSC Assessments and Submitted Work, providing advice on managing assessment tasks, student rights and responsibilities in relation to cheating.
5. Gladesville library closure. This will impact student's access to information.
6. Riverside Swings date has been moved.
7. HSC trials start the 19th June
8. Staff development day centered around the AB project, from anarchy to belonging. It involves 4 levels of social and personal development: Harmony, Respect, Meanness and Chaos. It appears that girls are responding better to the word "mean" rather than "bullying". Peggy O'Neil and the welfare team have created posters to be put up around the school outlining the values of harmony and respect. The program will be implemented over 3 years and will be discussed in both year meetings and small groups to teach the behaviours that are expected. "Meanness" is more prevalent in years 8 and 9, tailing off in year 10 as the girls mature. Ms King believes this type of behaviour is worse in all girl schools. Girls need to be taught the skills to deal with others bad behaviour. A parent suggested a video by singer Pink, which may back up what the school is trying to achieve in a positive way.
9. The police liaison officer will be speaking to year 10 on the issues of drink spiking, binge drinking etc and how they can look after the well being of their friends who are in trouble and how they themselves can deal with these issues.

10. Hawaii excursion went very well, they were very well behaved. A trip to Noumea is not planned for this year. The French teacher is only first year out and could not be expected to organize something of this nature. Students from year 9 and up can sign up for individual exchange through programs run outside the school.

11. Thankyou for the P&C funding provided at the last meeting. Ms King to ask the librarian to submit an expenditure proposal to obtain more library funding. **ACTION:** Ms King and Librarian

12. The school has 7 large and 2 small dance groups. 2 senior dance groups have been selected to perform at Ryde Spectacular and hopefully will gain entry to the Schools Spectacular. They have asked the P&C if they would donate \$1,000 to assist with travel and costumes associated with the performances.

13. Funding is required for year 12 graduation prizes in term 3,	\$2,000,
AB project. training, brochures and the cost of casual teachers to take the	
place of the teachers delivering the small group training	\$5,000
school diaries	\$5,000

Funding for professional development as outlined in last months minutes, mainly paid for computer licences.

Motion: To donate \$1,000 to the dance group to assist with costs associated with their attendance at Ryde Spectacular.

Moved: Sharon Weismantel 2nd: Tina Jamons **CARRIED**

14. The school councilor will attend the next meeting of the P&C to speak about the anti-bullying program, giving girls strategies to resist bullying, using the word mean instead, and being able to take charge of their own lives. Ad to be placed in currents advertising her attendance to parents at the next meeting.

Treasurers Report.

Attached. It is a consolidation of movements in both March and April.

Discussion on how to increase the numbers of students who pay their fees and how quickly they pay them. Contribution/fee letters still to be sent with end of year reports, but not attached to them. Reminder letters to be sent home very early in term 1 with reminders sent again in term 2.

Year 10 and 12 students are given invoices on outstanding fees when they are signing out from school. In year 12 if payment is not made, then Board of Studies certificates are withheld.

Motion: That the old RGHS Library fund be closed and the balance of \$82.36 be rolled over into the P&C general fund, but will still be used for library purposes.

Moved: Sharon Weismantel 2nd: Giselle Hare **CARRIED**

Music

Riverside swings date to be announced.

Fundraising

A meeting to be held next week, 22 may at Tina Jamons. All welcome.

Currents

To be published next week

General Business

Security at school and the bus stops. Naked males do not usually inhabit the school grounds, but are waiting around the area. There has been 3 or 4 incidences in the last 12 weeks.

Meeting closed 9.25 pm. **Next meeting 14 June 2006 at 7.30 pm.** School Councillor to speak on anti bullying etc.