

RIVERSIDE GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2007

The meeting was opened at 7.40pm by the President, Cheryl Osborne, who welcomed all present.

Attendees: As per the Attendance Book.

Apologies: Inez Hunt and Wendy Dobis.

Minutes of Previous Meeting. These were of the meeting dated 15 November 2006.

Motion: To accept the minutes as read.

Moved: Cheryl Osborne *Seconded:* Val McGarry CARRIED

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence In: *New P&C Handbook* for 2007 – roles and regulations
P&C Journal Term 4, 2006
Fundraising literature
Letter from Pat Farmer MP advising approval of grant for upgrade of toilet block (\$49,200), Air conditioning (\$21,271) and computer equipment (\$32,786) – Principal Judy King advised the air conditioning has been installed and acknowledged Peggy O’Neill’s diligence in the process.
Mr Rick Lovegrove has obtained a grant for \$13,000 for the acquisition and installation of an environmental rainwater tank.
Letter from Woolcott Medical Research re the Lane Cove Tunnel and the anticipated decline in air quality.
Letter from the University of Newcastle with respect to their phonics course.
Letter from the P&C Association re insurance for students - Cheryl Osborne advised the meeting it would cost approx \$4,000 to cover everyone, and it was agreed that parents need their own medical insurance to cover their daughters for excursions.
The P&C Inaugural 100 Year – Wednesday 7 March included a brochure “Join your P&C”.

Correspondence Out: Nil

Presentation by Mr Rick Lovegrove (Science):

Rick Lovegrove gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Environment Policy and developing students in environmental sustainable activities. Copies were circulated.

Achievements for 2006:

- Water testing kits
- Paper recycling
- Tree planting

- P&C working bee
- Water tank 1 collected 58,500 litres and over filled in Terms 2 & 3
- Years 7, 8 & 9 clean up day
- Funding approved for water tank 2

Priorities for 2007:

- Water tank 2 to be connected to girl's toilets and administration block.
- Obligation of audit trail financial
- P&C involvement
- Photos
- Continue to keep off the oval to top dress or turf (P&C contribution required)
- Reduce water run-off from school oval to neighbours – install oval drains (ditch witch)
- Student clean up day
- Front of Hall needs rehabilitation
- Staff/student responsibility table to recognise contributions

Matters Arising from Presentation:

Judy King sought assistance from the P&C with respect to having a clean up day on Saturday 3rd March. Judy advised there were a significant number of dead branches on the grounds and this is in breach of Hunters Hill Council policy. It was agreed the working bee would be from 9am – 1pm.

Judy King advised that the missing drain grids on Victoria Road were the responsibility of Transgrid and not Hunters Hill Council.

Rick Lovegrove advised that only 6,000 litres of water was collected in the last week and this possibly could be due to leaves in the drains. Judy said that the only way we could find out is to get a cherry picker. Judy said she would ask the DET rep when he comes about the roof leaks.

Cheryl Osborne asked the Secretary, Brad Powe to send out an email to the parents regarding the working bee.

Principal's Report:

1. The school received funding from the 'big boost for schools' by way of air conditioning for the multimedia room which was installed in January.
2. Toilet block upgrade is in progress and will be painted in the Easter holidays – the students want white walls, however, Judy advised their will need to be a compromise on the colour. The students have chosen the tiles, splash boards, doors etc.
3. Laptops have been ordered and integrated into learning programs.
4. Open day will be Thursday 15th March from 2-6pm. Judy asked if as many parents as possible could attend as this would be beneficial to the prospective students and their parents. Official welcome will begin at 3pm. Parents to run BBQ and gelato machine, and assist on info table etc.
5. Judy advised Mike Blundell, the Careers Advisor will be on leave for Open Day.

6. The school is sending letters to all schools that have sent an application to Riverside Girls in the past three years.
7. 208 students were enrolled into Year 7, however 15 did not show. We have only 191 Year 7 students and unfortunately this has resulted in the loss of two teachers. A few Year 10 students did not return this year.
8. Judy asked if the P&C would send a letter to Joe La Rocca regarding the buses and advised that Peggy O'Neill is in charge of the buses
9. Assembly for high achievers was held on Wednesday 14th February and a photo of the high achievers was presented
10. Ryde Secondary College and Chatswood High School will be having a selective stream next year which may affect enrolments at Riverside Girls.
11. A D&T student has her work on display at the Power House Museum
12. Enrolment numbers for this year 1032 however due to senior students undertaking TAFE courses the number of students has been discounted to 1009 for staffing as per Det guidelines.
13. The school only receives \$2,599 for student assistance for 1032 students – Judy advised the school needs more support.
14. Riverside Swings night Friday 18th May.
15. Judy asked for the confirmation of the Trivia Night and advised that two teachers have volunteered to compile the questions. The 18th August had been decided as the date for the Trivia Night.
16. Judy advised that the school has enrolled several learning support students and receives no financial support for these students. Judy has written to DET and asked if the P&C would consider writing a letter if she does not receive a positive response. The school has one Teacher's Aide for 5 days but we need two Teacher's Aides. The school has a STLA for 2 days per week.
17. A student has been suspended due to inappropriate behaviour by placing video footage of RGHS on 'myspace'.

Treasurer's Report. Tabled and attached for the period 1/11/2006 – 31/01/2007 showing a balance of \$8,946.16

Motion: To accept the report

Moved: Sharon Weismantel *Seconded:* Val McGarry CARRIED

The Secretary, Brad Powe advised the committee that the main source of funding was the P&C Contribution of which approximately 50% of families pay. The President, Cheryl Osborne asked for a circular to be sent at end of Term 1 as a reminder.

Fundraising Report: Nil

Music Committee Report: The President of the Music Committee, Val McGarry advised the committee met on Tuesday 13th February, 2007 and there was a few new parents in attendance. The committee members are as follows:

President:	Val McGarry
Secretary:	Cio Saul
Treasurer:	Renae Hunt
Publicist:	Jacqui Marks
Grants:	John Sheldrick
Sandwich maker:	Sharon Wills

Riverside Swings will be held on 18th May in the school hall. The new strings program is progressing well. The new stage brass band is having a few problems with percussion. A Couple of students have left school and some are going to TAFE. Tickets will cost \$25 each or \$50 for a family ticket.

The Naval Brass Band will be performing on Tuesday 3rd April in the school hall commencing at 7pm. Whilst entry is free, a gold coin donation is suggested. The Music committee plans to operate the gelato machine throughout the year to raise funds. Val asked if a note could go in the *Currents* regarding the forthcoming events.

General Business:

A parent asked about the Duke of Edinburgh program. Judy King advised that the teacher who was in charge of this program has been transferred to Fort Street High School. Judy also advised she is trying to find a teacher to take up the challenge but to date has been unsuccessful. Judy will contact Hunters Hill High School and Ryde Secondary College to ascertain if they have the Duke of Edinburgh program and if they could accommodate any students from Riverside.

A parent enquired about Work experience for Year 10 students. Judy advised that students in Year 10 could undertake work experience in 2 single week blocks – one week in Term 1, and one week in Term3. Students are to consult with Mr Blundell about this opportunity.

The President, Cheryl Osborne asked if it was possible to have Head Teachers attend the P&C meetings again this year. Judy advised she would contact the Head Teachers and seek their assistance.

Cheryl Osborne asked Judy King for a wish list. Judy thought curriculum support for two-thirds of Year 7 and half of year 8 would be appreciated. The cost of a Teacher's Aide is \$140 per day, equating to \$28,000 for 5 days per week over a year.

The President, Cheryl Osborne advised the P&C would provide funds for

- BATH Day
- School Diaries
- Year 12 graduation

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.