

RIVERSIDE GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13 JUNE 2007

The meeting was opened at 7.35pm by the President, Cheryl Osborne, who welcomed all present.

Attendees: as per the Attendance Book.

Apologies: Judy King, Val McGarry, and Sharon Weismantel.

Mr Saad, Head Teacher Mathematics addressed the attendees on issues relating to Mathematics. Mr Saad handed out a booklet, which contained course performance descriptors. Mr Saad advised that if a student received an N award they would not be awarded the school certificate.

Mr Saad gave an outline of the process, which involves the allocation of grades. Mr Saad also pointed out the changes made to the syllabus, for example, a student in the intermediate class could have received an A in the past, however, under the new model they would only get a C. These have been introduced by the Board of Studies not Riverside Girls High School.

Mr Saad advised that the awarding of grades has changed and it is also a culture shock for the Teachers. Mr Saad mentioned that mixed ability classes cannot work, as some students will be disadvantaged under the new model.

Currently, RGHS has mixed ability classes in Year 7, Year 8 classes are graded and the highest class is based on English, Maths and Science. Year 9 has 2 mixed top classes. The school has experimented in Year 9 with the establishment of two mixed top classes and four other classes. The other 4 classes have also been of mixed ability undertaking 5.2 and have consisted of students of intermediate and standard ability. Mr Saad advised that this has proved to be a very difficult task and the school needs to revert to the old way of composing classes. Mr Saad also mentioned that when students are graded and are in the middle to bottom classes they provide more challenging behaviours. Riverside Girls has 30 students per class although this is flexible.

Mr Saad mentioned that the HSC mathematics is changing for Year 11 and 12. The first year to experience the changes will be those in Year 8. Year 11 will be a preliminary year and students entering Year 12 will need to select stream 1 or stream 2. One stream will be like everyday mathematics and the other stream will be similar to the current scheme which would attract a UAI.

The new model will be introducing statistics and it is envisaged that two classes would drop mathematics.

Cheryl Osborne thanked Mr Saad for giving up his time and attending the meeting to inform the parents of the changes being made to the mathematics curriculum.

Minutes of Previous Meeting. These were of the meeting dated 9 May, 2007.

Motion: To accept the minutes as read.

Moved: Cheryl Osborne

Seconded: Brad Powe

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Business Arising:

- Working Bee 23 June, 2007 1-4pm – Brad to get a quote for a mini dingo – Craig Teece recommended Active Hire.

Correspondence In:

Letters of introduction from Peggy O'Neill

Improve seating in quad

P&C journals

Letter from the tax office asking us to check our operational activities to see if anything has changed

Correspondence Out:

Emails regarding P&C Meeting and activities

Principal's Report:

1. A talented girl in Year 11 has been selected for the NSW Combined High Schools soccer team. Mr Teece asked if the P&C could assist this student with a \$100 grant.
2. Bath Day will cost \$5 per student and girls can wear mufti.
3. Judy King would like the working bee volunteers to focus on the gardens along the car park.
4. Wendy Chamoun will be at the school to open up for the working bee.
5. Special evening to address bullying and it has been suggested to combine this with the August P&C meeting. The P&C meeting will commence at 7pm and conclude at 7.30pm on 8 August to allow the speakers to commence at 7.30pm.
6. Craig Teece indicated that Judy King wanted feedback on the bullying mail out.
7. Craig advised that a lady who lives locally came to the school and spoke to Judy about being sexually assaulted on Gladesville Reserve about one ago.
8. Cheryl Osborne has spoken to Colin Slow and Warwick Folkared regarding the trivia night.
9. Trivia Night is on 8th September.
10. 2008 there will be 7 classes. The applications to attend Riverside has shown that 121 of them have also applied for a placement at a selective school.
11. The PE Faculty have advised that Ryde Council is charging for the use of sports fields 2007 the charges are \$200 per use per field and \$200 clean-up bond. The cost for 2 terms is \$7,000. The Zone consists of Asquith girls, Hornsby Girls, Cheltenham girls, MacArthur Girls and North Sydney Girls. Hunters Hill council does not charge RGHS for the use of the sporting fields. It was raised that perhaps Ryde Council is charging RGHS for the use of the fields as the school is not in the Ryde Council area. It was pointed out that many of the students come from areas in Ryde Council.
12. Craig Teece thanked the P&C for their support with Bath Day.

Treasurer's Report.

See attached.

Music Committee Report:

Approximately \$3,100 was made from the Riverside swings evening.

Fundraising Report:

1. Trivia Night Saturday 8th September.
2. The P&C is seeking goods, services and donations for the evening.
3. Cheryl Osborne to organise a Trivia Night evening.
4. Colin and Warwick are happy to MC and formulate questions.
5. Cheryl Osborne to organise letters.

Cheryl Osborne will follow up on the council grounds issue.

General Business:

Craig Teece has booked the gelato machine for BATH day. The school will have the gelato machine on 14 and 15 June. The gelato machine will be operational from 9.30am – 2pm on Friday 15 June. Gelato will cost \$2.50 per scoop.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 June.