# RIVERSIDE GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH 2008

The meeting was opened at 7.42 pm by the President, Cheryl Osborne.

### *Attendees*

As per the Attendance Book

### *Apologies*

Cheryl Brown, Inez Hunt, Cio Saul

### *Minutes of Previous Meeting*

These were of the meeting held on 13 February 2008.

**Motion:** To accept the Minutes as read.

*Moved*: Cheryl Osborne *Seconded*: Brad Powe CARRIED

### *Business Arising*

Twenty or more new faces attended the P&C Day welcome lunch, which was a very successful event that also allowed parents to socialise with a number of the teaching staff.

Thanks were offered to the eight or more parents (and their children!) who attended the Working Bee on the Saturday before Open Day. A considerable amount of pruning was done around the entrances, along with weeding, mulching and the installation of garden borders.

### *Correspondence In*

- Bank Statements (refer to Treasurer's Report)
- Department of Education 'Global Funding' summary

### *Correspondence Out*

Nil

### *Principal's Report*

1. Casual staff had been appointed following the transfer of Ms Cartwright to St Ives HS. It will be necessary to convene the Staffing Selection Panel to choose permanent appointees.
2. Good results were achieved at the Zone Swimming Carnival, while two students have been selected in the national teams for triathlon (Moya Johansson) and badminton (Natalie Lam).
3. Complaints about the non-delivery of 38 bus passes were being followed-up.
4. The Drama department wants to present a performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on the Senior Lawn in May. The audience will be encouraged to bring their own chairs.
5. The State Governments demand for use of the School Hall for Catholic pilgrims in July has been accompanied by the imposition of further conditions, but without any additional funding. Emergency services inspectors have expressed dissatisfaction with building access etc.

6. National literacy and numeracy tests have replaced the former statewide SNAP and ELLA for Years 7 and 9. The next issue of *Riverside Currents* will contain web-links to sample tests.
7. The Federal Government's 'computers (laptops) in school's program will not affect Riverside this year, as poorer schools will benefit first.
8. The HSC results for all Riverside students who had continued at the school from Year 10 were all in the 'Top Band' (ie the top 20%) of the state.
9. The School's Annual Report will be available (on-line) on the 28th of April.

## *Treasurer's Report*

Tabled – a closing balance of $18,463.70 as of 29/02/08 was noted, but it was further reported that $36,420 had been collected by the School (as voluntary contributions) on the P&C's behalf.

**Motion:** To accept the Treasurer's Report.

*Moved*: Sharon Weismantel *Seconded*: Brad Powe CARRIED

**Motion:** To provide $100 grants to the two students on 'Rep' teams as described above.

*Moved*: Cheryl Osborne *Seconded*: Brad Powe CARRIED

## *Music Committee (RIEP) Report*

Alison Neville reported that Jay Byrnes had been appointed as the new Band Leader, and that he was proving popular with the girls.

The next RIEP Committee meeting would be held on the 19th of March.

## *Fundraising Report*

Nil

## *Grounds Report*

Nil

## *Motions on Notice*

As foreshadowed at the February meeting, the School's 'wish list' for P&C expenditure support was discussed. It was agreed that the resources to support Year 9 Introductory Spanish and the 'Real-life' maths textbooks ($5,010) would come from the P&C's 'Library Fund', as well as the lunchtime craft resources ($1,600).

The P&C' 'Special Projects Fund' will be used to support the acquisition of classroom furniture and digital video cameras (($8,600). Further expenditures will be confirmed in light of the P&C's income over the next few months.

**Motion:** To provide funds to the School as described above.

*Moved*: Cheryl Osborne *Seconded*: Sharon Weismantel CARRIED

It was noted that the P&C needs to pro-actively promote the nature and significance of our expenditures, and the ways in which they improve the school experience for our daughters. The

P&C should stress that parents are spared an endless round of fund-raising activities (raffles and chocolate drives etc) if they pay their voluntary contributions 'up-front' at the start of the year.

For example, one slogan could be "It only costs around $1.50 per day to go to Riverside". The P&C's goals could be projected on screens at Parent/Teacher nights in order to foster participation and encourage contributions.

## *General Business*

- With Open Day on tomorrow (Thursday) it was noted that there were sufficient volunteers to staff the gelato cart (RIEP), the BBQ and the School/Transport Information table.

- It was suggested that 'Meet the Head Teacher' evenings could be held in the Library (possibly with attendance by donation) to provide general curriculum information, and the opportunity for a (limited) Q&A session.

- It was suggested that the School should develop a program of weekly or fortnightly e-mails to highlight current and forthcoming events; this would supplement paper notes that frequently are not delivered to parents by their daughters. In addition, it was felt that more of the teaching faculties should be contributing content to the monthly *Currents* newsletter.

- New PDHPE Head Teacher Sue Andrews will be asked to address the April P&C meeting, while Mr Saad (HT Mathematics) will be asked to address the May meeting re national literacy and numeracy testing (which will be underway at that time).

- It was suggested that all of the Head Teachers might join in providing a set of five minute presentations of their subject areas specifically for Year 7 (and perhaps Year 8) parents, with a special early starting time of 7.00 pm.

- Meryl Jenner noted that she was not available for the role of Convenor of the Grounds Committee. Another candidate has offered her services.

- It was noted that planning for the Year 10 Formal was well underway; it will be held at *La Montage* in Leichhardt. Unlike last year, there has been no request for P&C involvement at this stage.

- The possibility of holding a dance at the School for Years 7-10 was canvassed, but rejected on the grounds that it was too difficult to secure the premises. It was suggested that student leaders could instead seek the services of the LAV organisation, which regularly hosts Under-18s events at Lane Cove Public School.

- The Principal was asked to remind all students (via assembly and note) that they are NOT permitted to take and/or publish (especially on-line, in MySpace pages etc) photos of staff or students without the subject's permission. In no circumstances are any photos to denigrate the School or individuals.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

**The next meeting will be on Wednesday 9th April.**