

RIVERSIDE GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF MEETING WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2009

The meeting was opened at 7.42 pm by the President, Cheryl Osborne, who welcomed everyone, gave a brief report on the AGM, and introduced the other Office Bearers.

It was noted that Senior Constable Brad Taylor was sick, and unable to present the scheduled cyber-bullying talk. However, Principal Judy King was able to give an overview of the issue –

- Encourage safe behaviour. Don't lend phones, for example, because they can be (ab)used by sending obscene calls or SMSs. Threatening messages are crimes under the Telecommunications Act.
- Identity theft (asking for password hints etc) is another real threat, as is 'phishing' for address and other details.
- There is to be no filming/photo taking at School without permission. Breaches could lead to suspension.
- Try to stay in touch with your daughter's activities, and learn how to manage access to inappropriate Web sites or content. Work out what is genuinely 'private', and what really should be shared via Facebook or MySpace etc (eg pictures of school uniform or logo are unacceptable, as is the giving out of home addresses or displaying phone numbers).
- Cyber-Smart guides and additional information are available from the Australian Communications and Media Authority website, www.acma.gov.au, and CyberSmart Kids Online www.cybersmartkids.com.au Various brochures can be down-loaded in Acrobat format from the latter site.

As a final note, remember that the Internet is not all bad!

Attendees

As per the circulated Attendance Sheet

Apologies

Jenny Pride, Adam Jacob, Narelle Clark

Minutes of Previous Meeting

These were of the AGM and General Meeting dated 12 November 2008.

Motion: To accept the Minutes as circulated.

Moved: Brad Powe *Seconded:* Sharon Weismantel CARRIED

Business Arising

- A volunteer for the position of Minutes Secretary is still sought.
- The School Canteen tender has been finalised, with a new menu issued to all students.

Correspondence In

- Various fund-raisers.
- Christmas Party invitation from Joe Hockey, Member for North Sydney
- P&C Bank Statements from CBA (January and February 2009).

Correspondence Out

- Printed meeting invitation via all Year 7 students, including information on how to subscribe to the P&C e-mail list.
- E-mail to all P&C list subscribers with meeting invitation, and information on the Commonwealth Education Tax Refund.

Principal's Report

Judy King's report included –

1. Cheryl Osborne was congratulated for her recent appearances in the local press, and her election to Life Membership of the Eastwood Heights P&C.
2. The Canteen is operating under new management, and its new menu has already proven popular with the girls.
3. A new Head Teacher – English was not appointed, and the position has been re-advertised.
4. Open Day was scheduled for Thursday 12 March. A Working Bee was proposed for the grounds on the Saturday beforehand, and the 'Gelato Cart' was requested for the 12th and 13th (to be run by the RIEP/Music Committee as a fund-raiser).
5. A bush-fire relief fund-raising 'Mufti Day' would be held on Friday 13 February.
6. The P&C Welcome Lunch for new parents would be held on Tuesday 3 March. RSVPs were requested via e-mail, as the sign-up rate for new parents was about 90%
7. It was noted that only 180 girls had enrolled in Year 7, with 30 acceptances presumed lost to selective or private schools. This reduced intake had led to the loss of one teacher/class.
8. LCD video screens are now in operation throughout the School, displaying school notices, SRC announcements, and ex-student high achievers etc.

Treasurer's Report

Tabled and circulated. The closing balance in the P&C's CBA bank account was \$13491.13 (as of 31/01/09).

The P&C Contributions made by parents were still being compiled, and the total income and percentage rate of participation would be reported to the March and April meetings.

Moved: Sharon Weismantel *Seconded:* Brad Powe CARRIED

Cheryl Osborne requested that her previously approved expenditure of \$239.96 for the purchase of folding tables be reimbursed.

Moved: Sharon Weismantel *Seconded:* Julianne Stanton CARRIED

Fundraising Report

No report.

Music Committee (RIEP) Report

Three tutorial groups (woodwind, strings and brass) have started under the supervision of RGHS Band Director Nicholas Jeffries.

A large group of girls have joined the choir.

The first Riverside Instrumental Ensemble Program meeting for 2009 was to be held on the 18th of February, accompanied by an information session for new students.

Grounds Report

A Working Bee to tidy up the grounds around the main entrance of the School and the School Hall will be held from 9.00 am – 1.00 pm on Saturday the 7th of March. Volunteers will be asked to bring tools suitable for pruning and mulch spreading etc, as well as gloves and appropriate footwear.

General Business

- The Year 7/New Student Faculty presentations will be on the 11th of March (ie no normal meeting that night).
- The Secretary will call for volunteers to assist at the Working Bee and on Open Day. The P&C will run the BBQ, while the RIEP Sub-committee will be responsible for staffing the two days of the Gelato Cart.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11th March