

# RIVERSIDE GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF MEETING – WEDNESDAY 8 JULY 2009

The meeting was opened (informally) at 7.45 pm by the President, Cheryl Osborne.

### **Attendees**

As per the circulated Attendance Book; as there was **no quorum**, an informal meeting was held.

### **Apologies**

Julianne Stanton, Sabina Fielding-Smith

### **Special Presentation**

Wendy Chamoun (Head Teacher – Student Welfare) told us about the ‘Belonging’ project at Riverside. It was noted that use of the word ‘bullying’ is deprecated; instead, three levels of ‘meanness’ are recognised. ‘No blame’ counselling is provided, along with discipline without punishment or reward. This extends to the ‘AB’ (from Anarchy to Belonging; chaos to harmony; meanness to respect). ‘Sorting it’ is now seen as the way to resolve conflict.

‘[RGHS Student Welfare](#)’ sheet explaining this was circulated ([see P&C website](#)), including the need for ‘authentic’ conversations (ie in good faith) about the nature of problems. Community justice/mediation skills are high-lighted, with reference to VIA ‘personal strengths’ (see the [University of Pennsylvania website](#) on ‘authentic happiness’).

The School environment has changed with the implementation of this programme; teaching staff actually *want* to be Year Advisers nowadays!

Those present thanked Wendy for her efforts, and it was suggested that the presentation be repeated at the 2010 Year 7 P&C information night.

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the last General Meeting, held on 10/06/2009, were circulated.

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

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

### **Business Arising**

- The performances of ‘Alice and Wonderland’ had a great response from parents and families; the Thursday show had an audience of ~200, while the Friday night saw ~450 people in attendance.
- Gelato Cart sales were very slow on the following Thursday, but sold out on BATH Day. Nett profits from the two events totalled approximately \$1500. The large quantity of excess ice-cream cones will be offered to the Food Technology Dept and/or Mr Blundell.

## ***Correspondence In***

- Gelato Cart invoice (forwarded to Treasurer).
- P&C Federation insurance invoice (\$942 inc GST).
- Term 2, 2009 P&C Federation Journal
- 'Riverside Swings' notice/poster
- P&C Bank Statement from CBA (June 2009).
- P&C Federation 2009 Handbook
- Meeting papers for P&C Federation Annual Conference (Penrith 31/7/09 and 1-2/8/09)
- Letter of thanks

## ***Correspondence Out***

- E-mail to all P&C list subscribers with meeting invitations etc.
- Riverside Swings notices

## ***Deputy Principal's Report***

Peggy O'Neill's report included –

1. Circulation and inspection of one of the new Lenovo™ notebook PCs (initially being delivered to Year 9 students and staff). A good software suite is pre-installed; new applications etc cannot be downloaded (text can only be 'cut-and-pasted'). The devices have quick recharge batteries, and full wireless connectivity for home and school use. The Staff Development Day at the start of Term 3 would be devoted to these devices!
2. Feedback from BATH Day presenters had been very positive.
3. A management fee of 4% had been confirmed for external consultants overseeing the works using the \$200 000 of Federal funding for high schools (painting and carpeting etc over the school holidays).
4. Applications for enrolment in Year 7 in 2010 were looking more positive, with enough students to form six (6) classes now likely.
5. Enthusiasm for the School's 'Mathletics' subscription is considerable in Years 7 – 10. Financial support was requested from the P&C.
6. A \$100 subsidy was requested for each of three students to attend the NSW State Athletics, Swimming and Netball Championships respectively.
7. A request was also made for a contribution towards the \$1670 cost of more display boards to be shared with Hunters Hill Council.
8. A request for up to \$2500 was foreshadowed for the purchase of substantial garden chairs to be placed around the new tree in the Administration forecourt. Quotes will be obtained for the next meeting, as well as for handrails on the stairs outside the School Hall, and additional post-and-chain fencing around the garden beds.
9. The P&C was asked if voluntary contributions will be raised in 2010. Although there is no plan to do so, the matter will be canvassed at the next AGM.

## ***Treasurer's Report***

Report tabled: a balance of \$25002.06 as of 30/06/09 was noted.

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

**Motion:** That \$3000 be paid to the School towards the cost of the 'Mathletics' subscription; \$1500 towards the acquisition of the display boards; and \$300 for student support.

*Moved:* Sharon Weismantel      *Seconded:* Eileen Ho      CARRIED

**Note that this spending is subject to ratification by the August P&C Meeting.**

## ***Fundraising Report***

No report.

## ***Music Committee (RIEP) Report***

'Riverside Swings' will be held in the School Hall on Friday 31 July, from 7.00 – 10.00 pm, and feature Monica Trapaga and John Morrison. Tickets will be \$25 for adults, \$10 concessions, and \$60 per family.

## ***Grounds Report***

Alison Chivers had planted two advanced New Zealand flax plants outside the School Hall as promised; they appear to be establishing well.

Mr Lovegrove has asked for another Working Bee to be organised in Term 3.

## ***General Business***

None.

## ***Future Meetings***

- August – Pat Barker, Head Teacher – English
- September – 'New trends in mental illness treatment' (a speaker from 'Rivendell' adolescent unit)?
- October – NO MEETING (school holidays).
- November – AGM? (may be shifted to February 2010)

**The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.**

**The next meeting will be on Wednesday 12th August**