

RIVERSIDE GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF MEETING – WEDNESDAY 10 February 2010

The formal P&C meeting was opened at 8.30 pm by the President, Cheryl Osborne.

Attendees

As per the circulated Attendance Book.

Apologies

Alison Chivers, Ruth McConnell

This meeting commenced with a welcome by Cheryl Osborne. She introduced herself as the outgoing President and indicated that nominations for the new President and Vice President would be held at the beginning of the meeting. She also gave an overview of the P&C meeting structure and philosophy for all new parents attending.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, held on 11/11/2009, were circulated.

Motion: To accept the Minutes as read.

Moved: Cheryl Osborne *Seconded:* Adam Jacobs CARRIED

Business Arising

- Cheryl's daughter had completed the HSC and she had come to the end of her three year term. There had been no nominations for President at the AGM. Fortunately Avril Semyonov and Adam Jacobs had come forward since the AGM. Judy King declared the position of President and Vice President vacant and nominations were accepted for both positions.

Motion: To nominate Avril Semyonov as President of the RGHS P&C

Moved: Cheryl Osborne *Seconded:* Brad Powe CARRIED

Motion: To nominate Adam Jacobs as Vice President of the RGHS P&C

Moved: Cheryl Osborne *Seconded:* Brad Powe CARRIED

- Hand rail to steps in the hall – P&C said they would help but money has not yet been allocated for P&C funds. Judy King said she would follow up.
- The P&C had a request from a parent requesting the need for an Auslan interpreter. Brad Powe replied to the parent and advised her that her request will be investigated and all efforts made to get an interpreter for the March 10 2010 Year 7 curriculum evening.

Correspondence In

- P&C Journal – copies left for members to take
- P&C Federation letter regarding student injury insurance
- Fundraising letter from Inspired Action
- Judy suggested that a link be put on the P&C website regarding the student injury insurance in case any parents were interested in taking this out.
- Judy also noted that parents had commented that they appreciated the reminders that Brad had sent out about tax rebates.

Correspondence Out

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

Principal's Report

Judy King's report included –

1. The school had welcomed 171 Year 7 students which was down on previous years, leading to a probable total enrolment of 1033 but 1040 pupils are needed to maintain current staff levels.
2. Music Development Program – the Band Committee are in the process of recruiting a new string ensemble director.
3. Interviews had been completed for PE classroom teacher – 96 applicants
4. The roof in the interview room collapsed in the rain. Luckily no one was in the room. Complaints had been lodged about the roof for the preceding 7 years.
5. Five new science labs are to be handed over next Week. Unfortunately there is a backlog on the furniture order. The money to do the refurbishment has come from the State government.
6. There had been a break in through the English staffroom and new sports uniforms with the RGHS label had been stolen.
7. 23 girls achieved a mark over 90 in the 2009 HSC.
8. Open Day will be held on Thursday 11th March. A request was made for parental help. Both the Gelato Cart and a BBQ has been run in previous years.
9. A number of staff are on leave including Mr Slow who had a heart attack but is recovering well. Ms Daniels is relieving for 6 months.
10. Space was offered in the newsletter and in a letter that was going home to parents for any news the P&C may want to include.
11. Ms King also read her letter to the Minister of Education – Ms Julia Gillard regarding the My Schools website. There was a lengthy discussion about the problems associated with the My Schools website including the use of the socio economic index. Ms King handed out information material to parents. She outlined the possible response by Riverside to the upcoming Naplan testing which may include a boycott of the test if changes were not made in relation to laws about publishing 'leagues tables.'
12. The newly elected president of the P&C recommended a possible 'Spanish tutor'. Ms King requested an e-mail indicated Mrs Patricia De Ittularde's credentials

Treasurer's Report

Fareed Khan, the new Treasurer, tabled the Treasurers Report. The opening balance was \$19,619.46 and closing balance \$15,742.56

Moved: Brad Powe

Seconded: Adam Jacobs

CARRIED

Fundraising Report

No report.

Music Committee (RIEP) Report

Sandra Conte from the Band Committee spoke to the meeting and confirmed that the Music Committee has appointed a String Director- Mr Adrian Keeting. Mr Keeting has been involved with the Sydney Opera house .

Grounds Report

No report was given. An invitation was made to anyone who would like to take on the roll of grounds committee coordinator.

General Business

- Open day will be held on 11th March 2010. It will commence at 2pm until 6pm, all parents are invited to come along
- The Music Committee has already organised for a Gelato Cart.
- The P&C will have a BBQ sausage sizzle and a request for volunteers was made.
- A reminder that parents can still claim their Tax Rebate on Educational Purposes. For more information hereof, please visit the website – www.ato.gov.au
- The Treasurer requested that all new members of the Executive need to complete the Business Activity Accounts form.
- A request was made for the P&C to assist the SRC with a Trivia night.

Future Meetings

- Heads of Department would be asked to present information to Year 7 parents on March 10 and a short meeting would follow.
- Judy King suggested the School Police Liason Officer is interested in attending a meeting to talk on: Safety reminders and Cyber bullying.
- April NO MEETING• (school holidays).
It was suggested that the May meeting be used to discuss the use of laptops.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.