

# RIVERSIDE GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF MEETING – WEDNESDAY 12 May 2010

The formal P&C meeting was opened at 8.45 pm by the President and she thanked Ms King for the informative laptop meeting that preceded the P&C Meeting.

### ***Attendees***

As per the circulated Attendance Book.

### ***Apologies***

Cheryl Osborne

### ***Minutes of Previous Meeting***

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

*Moved:* Brad Powe

*Seconded:* Zoe Thompson

CARRIED

### ***Business Arising***

- Handrail issue – Ms King noted that school had paid for the work that was completed and P&C funds may not be needed. She asked that parents have a look at the railing on the way out to see if there was anything further that needed to be done.
- It was noted that the previous P&C President, Cheryl Osborne had provided a P&C Report for the school annual report which is now on the website.

### ***Correspondence In***

The President noted that a range of mail had arrived including the P&C Journal which copies were available for parents to take. There were also many fundraising notices, statement from the bank and a cheque from Ms O'Neil for the P&C Contributions.

### ***Correspondence Out***

A number of email alerts were sent to parents.

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

- Ms King stated that Craig Teese, RGHS Deputy, had retired at the end of 2010 after 17 years of years. An ad is now on the website with a closing date of 17<sup>th</sup> May. 2 parent reps will participate on the panel. Ms King is hoping the position goes to merit selection and is looking forward to the interview process. The process involves one interview plus three phone referees.

- Ms King noted that she is going to retire at the end of the year after 18 years. Hopefully the selection process will take place in Term 4 of 2010. Mr McMillan, Head Teacher, will also retire at the end of the year.
- Enrolment letters sent out today. In 2010 RGHS sent out 270 letter of offer and got 170 confirmed places. Ms King was concerned as only 212 were sent out this year. An enrolment of only 150 means RGHS would loose a head teacher position, teaching and learning. Some primary schools have still not sent in forms so still hopeful.
- The organisers of the Orange Grove Farmers Market have approached the school to hold a market at Riverside each Saturday. The school has agreed and it will begin in the Quad in the June long weekend, with a rent of \$500 per Saturday to begin with; there is an proviso of renegotiation if the market is successful. The opportunity exists for the P&C to hold a stall.
- It was agreed that Bath Day provides an opportunity for publicity in local newspapers and Ms King undertook to contact local media.
- Ms King asked Brad to put out a notice on the P&C email list requesting an Engineer to give advice about the problems with the basketball/tennis court. She noted that they keep cracking and if they are going to continue to crumble then false economy to spend more money on them. Avril suggested a Year 7 parent that she will also contact, Scott Aldridge.
- June meeting – annual conference for Principals – Peggy or Rose will be in attendance instead of Ms King.
- Ms King answered questions about the Year 11 Spanish class and the Duke of Edinburgh. Currently RGHS does not run Duke of Edinburgh. Ms Andrews is willing to administer but cannot run activities. It was suggested that the P&C also sent out an email alert asking if there are any parents with knowledge and expertise about Duke of Edinburgh. Ms King to ask Ryde Secondary College and Hunters Hill about their programs.

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

The treasurer's report was accepted was tabled by the Treasurer. The opening balance was \$15,794.83 and the closing balance was \$55,297.35.

#### **Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted**

*Moved:* Fareed Khan

*Seconded:* Sharon Weismantel

CARRIED

Approximately 35% of parents ticked the box for P&C contribution.

Wish list being compiled by Peggy O'Neil and will bring this to June meeting. The main area of expenditure is likely to put data shows into most classrooms.

Gelato cart booked for Bath Day.

#### **Motion- That the P&C allocate \$3000 toward Bath Day and that the \$22,500 is allocated to the Library.**

*Moved:* Fareed Khan

*Second:* Sharon Weismantel

### ***Fundraising Report***

No report.

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

Zoe Thompson read the Music Committee Report which was prepared by Lyn Tunnuck, REIP Secretary, who was unable to attend the meeting.

### **Riverside Instrumental Ensemble Program (RIEP) Report**

#### **BAND:**

Currently there are 51 students in the RIEP:

Stage Band 14 students

Concert Band 35 students

45 students (4 students in both bands)

String Ensemble 6 students

Total 51 students

Tutorial Rooms: There has been some rearranging of rooms for music tutorials during school hours.

Yamaha Band Festival: the bands have been registered, although times are yet to be advised.

Concert Band Grade C Wed 16/6/2010

Stage Band Grade C Wed 23/6/2010

NB. There are 2 x Yr 12 girls in the Stage Band and they may be unable to attend the competition due to a clash

with the Yr 12 Trials starting. They will advise NJ once their exam timetables are available.

#### **STRINGS:**

Still a small group of students. The ensemble now has a viola player (swapped from violin)

School instruments: Viola and 2 of the cellos' have been/are being serviced for use.

#### **MUSIC LIBRARIAN:**

The committee are starting a sheet music inventory.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

RIEP is operating within the budget prepared by P. O'Neill, NB. there is very little spare.

The balance of the Music Account is quite healthy at \$5,013.37 due to the success of the Gelato Stall on Open Day.

#### **CALENDAR 2010:**

Confirmation of dates and performing groups for the 2010 Music Calendar is an ongoing task.

Yamaha Band Festival: Band registered to compete, but not the string ensemble. (require more time to consolidate).

Dates are still unavailable for:

MacDonald Music Festival

Ryde Eisteddfod

#### **RIVERSIDE SWINGS**

The committee discussed options for the Swings this year and after much debate agreed to conduct a Winter Recital

instead to showcase the students' achievements for parents and friends.

#### **BAND/ENSEMBLE INCURSION FOR 2010**

The committee is planning a Music Incursion day which is being proposed for 13/8/2010. The students will probably be required to pay \$30/student to assist with covering tutors' fees. The Incursion will end with the Winter

Recital and supper.

#### **FUNDRAISING**

NJ is pursuing options for the school band and string ensemble to play (on a rotating basis) at the Riverside Markets on Saturdays between September and October, and possibly up to December. Sponsorship was offered by

the market convenor.

#### **BAND/ENSEMBLE/CHOIR CAMP FOR 2011**

The committee are looking into options for a combined Band/Ensemble/Choir Camp for 2011.

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#### **NEWSLETTER AND RIEP WEBPAGE**

NJ is planning a RIEP newsletter for Term 2, and a review/update of the webpage for the RGHS website.

**NEXT MEETING: Term 3, Wednesday 28 July 2010 @ 7.30pm in the Staff Common Room**

**Motion: That the Music Committee report be accepted**

Moved: Zoe Thompson          Seconded: Adam Jacob

***Grounds Report***

No report

***General Business***

- Trivia Night – need to establish date, helpers. Late winter/early spring was suggested as a date. Ms King said she would check Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August and Saturday September 4<sup>th</sup>. It was agreed that a small sub committee should be formed to oversee the preparation for the Triva Night.
- Zoe read a proposal received from Ginesse Johnson, Environment Committee Coordinator requesting funding for a garden project at Riverside. Ms Johnson stated that the environment club (run by students) would like to take on the project of building a native bush foods garden just outside the gym on the oval side. They would like to do the planting and mulching by beginning of June. She went on to say that the sustainability officer at Hunters Hill Council has assured us of a supply of a few trees and the girls in the environment club are raising funds by running a cake stall early May. Ms Johnson requested funds for edging for the garden such as sleepers to be installed by a professional landscaper. She estimated the cost to be \$2000.

**Motion- That the P&C allocate \$2000 to the Environment Committee for native garden project**

Moved: Zoe Thompon          Seconded: Adam Jacob

***Fut ure Meetings***

- June 9th
- July – NO Meeting (date in school holidays)
- August 11th

**The meeting closed at 10.05 pm.**