

<p style="text-align:center">MACKELLAR GIRLS CAMPUS P&C MINUTES OF MEETING WEDNESDAY 4Th APRIL 2007</p>

MEETING OPENED: 7.40 pm

ATTENDANCE : 17 parents and teachers were in attendance

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Accepted by : Wayne Christie

Seconded by : Jim Cooper

PRESIDENT'S REPORT :

- Nothing to report as yet this year but Wayne welcomed the parents attending and is hopeful that it will be a great year for the P&C and is looking forward to his new role as President.
- Glynis Poole was thanked for organising the refreshments for the evening.
- New Principal for Freshwater campus appointed : Frank Pickard

TREASURER'S REPORT :

- The motion to pass over \$20 000 to the school was carried. Brian to deliver cheque to school this month.
- The auditor is nearly finished with the books. Only a few issues to be resolved.

UNIFORM SHOP:

- Helen reported that there is \$24 264 in the bank at present. One bounced cheque for \$110 not retrieved as yet.
- The change over to the winter uniform is to take place Week 2 term 2.
- Ordering forms for the uniform shop are all on line now thanks to Robert
- New skirts now have 2 pockets to enable the girls to keep their wallet and phone with them at all times.
- The new summer dresses have arrived sporting the school logo on the sleeve which looks fabulous!

FOMPA

- Ross Milne has been unwell Term 1 and so Rock Eisteddfod rehearsals will start proper in Term 2.

FOMSA

- There has been a request from Rhonda Williams (Head of PE Staff) to see the FOMSA committee re-established in order to raise funds for Mackellar athletes who compete at State and National levels. It would be a coordinating role whereby parents would monitor fundraising activities, liaise with teachers and set up an account for monies raised. These funds would then be distributed accordingly. It was agreed that this will need further discussion in order to determine support for the idea and how the committee would then operate.

NORTHERN BEACHES SECONDARY COLLEGE

- The District P&C Meeting last Wednesday night discussed the issue of poor communication within the P&C Association and how to increase the flow of information. The issue of lengthy meetings was also discussed.
- The next Regional P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 30th April at Beaumont Road Public School, Killara, 7.30 pm. The topic of discussion is 'School of the Future' and there will be guest speakers from the DET attending. It is recommended as an excellent opportunity to hear about and contribute to the type of schools we want to see evolving in the future.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Susan updated us on Term 1 events. Parent/teacher evenings have been going well with people generally happy about the organisation of the evenings taking into account some difficulties with the Year 7 girls being away prior to the night and needing advanced notice of interview times before other years.
- Year 12 half yearly exams finished end of term 1.
- Year 10 School Certificate program – The girls have been placed into small groups and given opportunities to discuss their progress and to establish some goals for the year. Discussions then took place to identify strategies that they could employ in order to work towards achieving these goals.
- The Year 7 camp was enjoyed by all.
- The Staff Development Day, Monday 23rd April, will involve the staff talking about Numeracy and ICT skills.
- Clare Goetze has been appointed as the Dance teacher. She has held the position as a Casual teacher and it is pleasing to have her now in a permanent capacity.
- The issue of a pedestrian crossing in Campbell Pde was raised again as it continues to be a very dangerous area for the girls to cross before and after school. The RTA has informed us that another site inspection is required but given formulas they work to they have in the past indicated that the traffic in the area does not warrant a crossing. Doug Price has offered to contact local MP's and council in an attempt to gain some support for a Wombat crossing directly outside the major gate opening of the school.
- Tsunami alarm. After the warning was issued on Monday re the Tsunami, it was evident that further evacuation procedures need to be developed in order to cater for a high ground evacuation of the school.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- There is still a need for interested parents to be trained for Merit Selection Panels when required. It is a DET requirement that a parent representative sit on a Merit Selection Panel which is formed when a Teaching position goes to Interview. Wayne Christie, Brian Kirk and Doug Price have indicated their interest to be trained.
- Rainwater tanks – there are Federal Government grants available to schools which offer \$50 000 to install tanks up to 40 000 ltrs. An application will be submitted by the end of April. Doug Price has offered to submit the application and to keep track of its progress.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- The issue of the weight of the girls' bags was raised again and the possibility of buying flashdrives in bulk will be pursued.
- The state of the toilet blocks was discussed and whilst this is a continual problem, it is important that the girls report any issues immediately so action can be taken.
- The request for speakers at P&C meetings was discussed with many parents very interested to hear from teachers at the school in order to gain more insight into the girls' learning experiences. The Head of Technology at the school has offered to speak to the P&C at the June meeting.
- Much discussion ensued as to how to encourage the involvement of parents within the school community. Doug Price has offered to initiate a Dinner/Dance type event to be staged at the end of the year as an opportunity for parents to come together in a social setting with the notion that it could also act as a fundraising occasion in the future. More details of how the event would be organised to follow.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 2nd May 2007
7.30 pm

MEETING CLOSED : 9.05 pm

Diana Aitken