

MACKELLAR GIRLS CAMPUS P&C
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY 1st AUGUST 2007

MEETING OPENED: 7.40 pm

ATTENDANCE: 16 parents and teachers were in attendance and two School Prefects, Kirsten Abrahamse and Tara Lofthouse.

APOLOGIES: Bob Loader

GUEST SPEAKERS: Peter Richard (Mackellar Area Scripture Board Secretary) and Megan Halvorsen (RE Teacher).

Peter and Megan attended this month's meeting to share with parents the role of the Religious Education Teacher within the school and the benefits for the girls. Megan outlined the content of the RE Curriculum which looks at Christianity and what makes someone a Christian, God, Jesus and the Gospel, the values that people hold concerning families, relationships, happiness, self image, poverty and many other relevant issues for the girls. A study of Comparative Religions is made which looks at the five main world religions. These classes are designed to assist the girls in making informed choices about matters of faith. The course allows the students to discuss the 'Big' questions in life and to explore the values that are conducive to the wellbeing of individuals and communities.

Peter presented us with the recommendation that the P&C would be supportive of the application for the Chaplaincy Grant (\$20 000) to enhance the position of the RE Teacher Megan Halvorsen.

At present the funding for the position is made up of donations received from the 12 churches that are part of the Mackellar Area Scripture Board.

The members of the school community present at the meeting agreed that this application should be submitted. The application is to be signed by Wayne Christie (P&C President) and Susan Richards (School Principal).

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

Accepted by : Jim Cooper

Seconded by: Glynis Cochrane

CORRESPONDENCE:

- P&C Magazines for distribution
- 2007 End of Year Celebration Materials
- Catalogue received from Family Planning NSW Bookshop.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Wayne thanked the Prefects for attending the meeting and looks forward to the improved communication with the student body via these representatives.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- The motion was recommended that the Treasurer be authorised to make 3 payments to the school between September 6th and November 30th, 2007, to the maximum of \$100 000.
This motion will be voted on at the next P&C Meeting, September 5th 2007.

UNIFORM SHOP:

- Helen thanked Gordon Whyte for the accounts reconciliation.
- There is lots of stock but the issue of old uniforms remains and how to move them
- Helen handed a cheque for \$5 000 over to the P&C.
- The new blazers look fabulous and the senior girls are encouraged to purchase them.
- A new tie is being sourced and a couple of vests are being looked at to include as optional uniform items. The girls seem very positive about the vests.

FOMBA

- Congratulations to the College Band which received Silver awards at its latest outing.
- The purchase of a number of band instruments has been made possible thanks to the Investing in Schools funding

FOMPA

- Rock Eisteddfod is well on its way with heats starting last Friday night.
- The end of Term 2 Drama night was a great showcase for the very talented students and teachers at Mackellar.

FOMSA

- Prefects now able to liaise with the P&C regarding sporting achievements and requests for sponsorship needs of the girls if appropriate.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Year 10 Interviews with students and parents this term
- Prefect Induction this term and the introduction of the School blazer at this assembly.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- The application for the installation of rainwater tanks has been submitted and thanks go to Doug Price for his assistance in lodging the application.
- There were some requests that Head Teachers attend P&C meetings to share with parents the content of subject areas so that we could be of more assistance at home if necessary, especially with technology. This would probably not occur this year but Susan agreed to discuss the idea with teachers for future meetings.
- The Manly Pier Restaurant has been booked for Friday October 26th 2007 starting at 7pm for an end of year social function for parents and friends. The cost of tickets for the evening will be \$40 head for a three course meal and entertainment.
We encourage everyone to start getting together a table of friends. It will be a fabulous night and we hope it will be well attended. There will be door prizes as well and a raffle. Please look out for flyers advertising the night.
- Driving Awareness training inquiries to Judy Hurditch.
- Glynis Cochrane wished to praise the efforts of Ross Milne and his team for, again, coming up with another stunning item for the Rock Eisteddfod.
- Thanks again to Glynis Poole for providing the refreshments for this evening's meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 5th September 2007

MEETING CLOSED : 9.10 pm

Secretary

Diana Aitken