

Mackellar P&C Association

Minutes of General Meeting – 2nd April 2008

Meeting Opened 7.40pm

Present 10 parents and the School Principal.

Apologies Helen Redmond, Brian Kirk and the School Prefect representatives.

Minutes of Last Meeting Accepted (Doug Price / Liz Claes).

Matters Arising

- **Funding for State/National Representatives**: Christine reported – there have been up to 20 students at National competitions in previous years - last year only 1 or 2. It was agreed the Executive Committee should assess the policy further.
- **Bags of Fruit from Woolies**: It was confirmed they will contribute \$100's worth to start with – by means of a gift card to be used at their shop. Christine will give appropriate recognition in the newsletter.
- **Warringah Australian Remembrance Trust**: Mackellar hospitality students will cater for 450 people at the ceremony at North Head artillery station on 30th May.

President's Report

- **Regional P&C Meeting**: Wayne attended the AGM and narrowly escaped getting yet another job. Discussions included a proposal to produce a brochure of all schools, and a discussion of the recent abuse of Fed. Govt. funding at a north-coast private school. (This was a different type of abuse from the polite, verbal kind commonly addressed to the Fed. Govt.'s funding policies.)

Treasurer's Report

- Liz Claes reported that she is unable to continue in the position due to her health situation. The meeting expressed full understanding of her priorities and offered best wishes for the future.
- The Canteen recorded sales of \$30,000, profit of \$8,500 and an account balance of \$42,300.
- The "P&C Admin" account has a balance of \$3,000.

Uniform Shop

- Gail reported sales of \$8,000. A donation of \$10,000 was given to the school. There will be a balance of \$12,000.
- Winter stock is already in.
- Gail mentioned some objections from patrons to the current uniform designs. There are concerns that the senior blouse is too straight, and some other concerns about the skirt. She said that the school uniforms had been arrived at over a period of time by a committee process involving broad consultation.
- Christine said she wanted to tighten up on students' adherence to school uniform policies. She mentioned issues such as length and uniformity of skirts.
- The meeting passed the following resolution:
"The Mackellar P&C Association supports the School Principal in enforcing the correct wearing of the approved school uniform, which is only available at the School Uniform Shop." (Wayne Christie / Doug Price)
- Christine said she wants Prefects to wear the school blazer. It is available in the shop.

- Christine wants the winter school uniform to start in Term 2, with no transition period where students can choose either winter or summer.

School Canteen

- Doug reported that he and Bronwyn wanted to propose a raffle prize for volunteer workers in the canteen. The intention is to boost the number of volunteers. It was agreed that the Canteen Committee should assess the matter.
- Bronwyn has expressed the need for a washing machine in the canteen.

Principal's Report

- The school musical was a great success, particularly for younger students.
- Mackellar provided some particularly high-quality performances for the recent "On Show" concerts.
- School Captains will shortly be going to Government House (to take charge?).
- Mackellar had 4 rowers at the recent CHS Heads of River event. They were particularly successful.
- Mackellar had good representation at the CHS swimming carnival.
- A question had been raised about the early finishing time on Mondays. Christine said that Mackellar worked for 22 minutes a week more than her previous school, Castle Hill. Mackellar has an extra 10 minutes in the day and the role call period is shorter.
- Christine has collected data on our existing computers and applied for the latest round of distributions from the State Govt. Mackellar has been identified as "needy", since many of our computers are more than 4 years old. We are eligible for 219 wireless laptops, at \$1,000 each.

General Business

- Robert advised that the P&C web-site is up and running. There is a new address, but the old address works again, by transfer.
- Wayne noted that the positions of Secretary and Treasurer are vacant and appealed for volunteers. Those interested should form an orderly queue. Interviews will not be necessary. No skills are required or knowledge of anything at all (just like the rest of us). Applicants should note that a policy of "first in, best dressed" may well be used.

Meeting Closed 9.05pm

Date of Next Meeting Wednesday 7th May 2008, 7.30pm.