



## **Minutes of General P&C Meeting – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2009**

**Meeting Opens/Welcome:** 7.45pm

**Present:** Doug Price (VP & Meeting Chair), Christine Del Gallo (Principal), Brian Kirk [arrived 8.05pm], Helen Redmond (Uniform Shop Manager), Sunny Ticehurst (Treasurer)

*A quorum (11 members) was not achieved, however it was agreed to continue with an informal meeting.*

**Apologies:** Wayne Christie, Edith Hurt, Elaine Patison, Natalie Morton, SRC/Prefects

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**Review/Acceptance of Minutes of AGM/P&C Meeting:** 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2009  
Minutes tabled and carried over until next meeting due to lack of numbers attending.

### **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

Carried over until next meeting.

### **Correspondence**

No correspondence in or out to report.

### **Principal's Report**

Christine Del Gallo reported that a Landscape Committee has been formed consisting of staff and students with Cathy Griffin. While attending a meeting at Manly Vale P.S. she met a future Mackellar Girls parent, the School Council President, who offered to donate his services as a landscape consultant in the future.

With reference to a parent's enquiry at the previous meeting, Christine reported that a survey of the student population resulted in the following statistics: 238 pupils from a non-English speaking background, from 48 different languages.

She also wanted it known to the parent body of the school that sporting injuries which are very serious (or fatal) **are** covered by State Govt. insurance. Broken limbs are not considered a serious injury.

### **President's Report**

No President's report available.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Doug Price presented the February financial statement for the Canteen account (prepared by Melanie) along with the Financial Statement for all P&C accounts for the 2008 year (prepared by Nelson Business Consultants). Carried over until next meeting for acceptance. After a question regarding the February financial statement for the general P&C account, Doug assured the meeting that account balance statements for all accounts would be tendered at the next meeting. Treasurer, Sunny Ticehurst will follow this up.

### **Sub-Committees/Other**

No reports available from:

Canteen Committee, Newsletter Co-ordinator, Website Manager, District/Regional P&C reps. The suggestion was made that if office-bearers were unable to attend a meeting, they should send a deputy or prepare a report for presentation by another.



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Brian Kirk, in his role of Balgowlah Boys HS P&C President, was able to provide a report from PAG (cross Campus Parent Advisory Group) regarding Council inspection of School Canteen facilities and practices. It is now expected that Warringah Council will be expecting Canteens to register and be inspected on an annual basis and will be charged a fee to do so.

Sunny Ticehurst, Census Co-ordinator, asked for advice and information regarding expectations of this role. A decision to discuss further at the Executive Meeting was established.

**Uniform Shop** – Helen Redmond reported a bank balance of \$20,540.74 at the 31<sup>st</sup> of March. She is concerned about a donation cheque for \$5000 which was handed over at the March meeting and has not yet been presented. Will follow up.

### **General Business**

Brian Kirk referred to a parent's suggestion at the March meeting that the School should have a master plan. He thought it was a good suggestion and thought it should work alongside the School's future plans. The Principal said the School worked to a 3 year plan but that flexibility was increasingly important. Doug Price advised that this matter was best referred to the next Executive meeting and that Brian Kirk could provide a Master plan to the Executive for discussion at a subsequent P&C meeting.

Helen queried parents concerns regarding the state of the girls' toilets and anecdotal evidence that some Year 7 girls found it intimidating to enter school toilets and queried the possibility of designating one particular toilet for Yr7 use only. Christine was surprised to hear this, and more information regarding this anecdotal evidence will be sought. She said that a Federal BER grant was being sought to refurbish all the student toilets and a decision is expected by the end of June.

Doug expressed his disappointment at the low numbers attending the meeting particularly as the March Meeting had attracted such a high number of interested parents.

**Meeting close:** approximately 8.20pm.

**Next Meeting: Wed 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 @ 7.30PM**