Newtown High School of the Performing Arts
P&C Association

Minutes NHSPA P&C MEETING
6pm Tuesday 8th June 2010
School Library

Chair: Darren Mitchell - President

Attendance: The meeting was attended by 14 parents, Stephen Gray Principal, Peter Shields and Betty Romeo Deputy Principals.

Apologies: Sharon Micale, Mark Wise, Libby Ciosiolka, Mary Sandstrom, Michael Manuell, Jacque Fine.

Minutes of May Meeting: Read and accepted ( moved Lisa McManus and seconded by Bettina Pearson).

The meeting opened with a welcome to all present and an overview of the meeting process.

Student Engagement Presentation- Betty Romeo:

Betty Presented to the meeting a sample of some of the results of the Quality of School Life Survey, conducted at the end of 2009. The survey was completed by 150 students, from years 7-10, (580 students are enrolled in years 7-10) Overall the results are positive.

The survey measures sense of identity, self-esteem, general satisfaction, relevance of school and student attitudes. The survey results showed a school population who started year 7 with a high level of satisfaction, which began to dip in year 8 to the lowest levels of satisfaction recorded in year 9 and beginning to climb again in year 10. The one exception to this trend were the results in sense of identity, which remained high and were consistent throughout the 4 years surveyed. Ratio girls 60% to boys 40%.

The student engagement team, lead by Betty Romeo, will look at this data with a view to deciding what further research is needed.
**Principal’s Report:** Stephen Gray

**Showcase**
- Thank you to parents who have supported showcase this season.

**Auditions**
- Auditions for 2011 Y7 and Y11 intake, start in two weeks with a record number of applications, 830 over two weeks.

**Dance Master Classes**
- The visiting tutor from Washington will provide workshops in dance over three weeks.

**Follow-Up Co-Curricular Issues**
- Teacher representatives from Drama, Dance and Music will attend the next P&C meeting (10th August 2010) to talk about the program and answer questions.
- Five new show case electives will be available to year 9 students in 2011.
- The Student engagement team have included co-curricular involvement in their areas of investigation.
- The inclusion of permission sheets on the school web-site calendar.
- Provision of make up classes in maths for missed lessons due to show case involvement.

Parents at the meeting requested tours of the school for prospective parents.

**President’s Report:** Darren Mitchell

Due to pressures of front of house for show case Darren has deferred his report.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Jeremy Challen

- Income from Voluntary Fundraising Contribution to date is $9,450.00. The Fundraising Contribution letter and payment form is on the school web-site.
P&C Sub-Committee Reports:

- Environment Committee - no report
- Performing and Visual Arts- Next meeting Thursday 17th June at 6.30pm.
- Faculty Committee- no report

Next meeting Tuesday 10th August at 6pm in the staff common room.