Newtown High School of the Performing Arts P&C Association

Minutes NHSPA P&C Meeting
6pm Tuesday 9th March 2010
School Library

Chair: Gina Richter (Acting president in chair’s absence)

Attendance: The meeting was attended by 18 parents, relieving Principal Peter Shields and Deputy Betty Romeo.

Apologies: Darren Mitchell and Michael Manuell.

Minutes of February Meeting: Read and accepted (moved by John Caley and seconded by Edi Condack).

Matters arising:
  o Student Injury Insurance Policy: Jeremy investigated the policy and reported back to the meeting. The insurance offered is for accident, loss of limbs and loss of life. The cost of the insurance would use a large part of our budget or would require the entire school community to pay a levy to cover costs. There for it is not viable for this P&C.

The meeting voted to accept Jeremy’s recommendation.
  o Security of Student Belongings: all students requesting lockers have had them allocated. Damaged lockers are being replaced and all lockers are to be located in areas of high visibility. Dance department do not want to lock the area due to the need for access to the toilet block. Students belongings are keep in view. Each student is asked to take responsibility for their valuables. The school executive have asked that students and teachers report any loss to a monitor as soon as practicable after the event. For P.E. clothing is locked up at the beginning of lessons.

Correspondence: Invoice for the basketball court passed on to the treasurer for payment.

President’s Report (Donna Huggart):
W.E.F:
  o The 2nd WEF and rain did not deter 140 entry tickets sold and
$4000 worth of tokens sold which is an increase on last year.

- The food lasted well. The canteen opened for food sales however this did not get communicated to the students.
- A great representation of the school community, teachers, students, parents and ex-students.
- Thanks to the students a great atmosphere was created.
- Thank you to Yvette, Donna, Bran, Chris, Jack, Lottie and Bell, Naifa, Jo and Brian. The maintenance people. the office staff.
- There will be a wrap up meeting this month.

Welcome BBQ:

- A solid turn out.
- A big thank you to Edi, Jackie, Mary, John and Peter for all their work.
- The new BBQ purchased by the P&C was able to be used on the day.
- Thank you to Peter and Betty and the year 7 and 11 advisors for attending

2010 Voluntary Fund Raising Contribution Proposal:

- This is the 2nd year of this initiative and the P&C executive would like to decide priorities for spending of funds to include with the letter to go out to families early in term two.
- Options: 1) Master classes- up to $25,000 budget across the 5 subject areas. P&C exec to meet with principal and heads of departments to explain and answer questions 23/3/10.
  2) Foyer of Studio Theatre - update to box office area.
  3) Technical Company - Communication System.

The meeting agreed that the P&C executive proceed with these priorities.

Bugs:

- The musical- 6 performances every night Mon-Fri and one Matinee on Tuesday. Tickets on sale.

**Principal's Report (Peter Shields):**

- email received from Stephen Gray who is in the United States with the senior dance students. They have encountered some transport mishaps and are currently visiting a High School in Dallas and off to New York in two days.
- Peter thanked the P&C and the P&C executive for their hard work and valuable contribution.
- Year 11 and 7 camps have been great successes.
Swimming Carnival- over 500 students attended. Thanks to L. Bivona and the valentines' day theme.

The official opening of the school year in Angel Place included performances by Drama, Dance, the choir, technical crew and musicians. A proud day for NHSPA.

Parent Teacher night for years 7,9 &12 is on 29th march and booking sheets coming home and on the web-site.

Parent teacher night for years 8,10 & 11 on 27th April and booking sheets will be available the first week back from the break.

In September 2010 the orchestra, percussion ensemble and drama company will go to China to perform at the World EXPO.

Treasurer's Report (Jeremy Challen):
This report was tabled at the AGM.

P&C Sub-Committees: Involvement in the following committees is welcome;
- Environment Sub-Committee.
- PVAC - next meeting Wed 24th march 6.30pm Studio Theatre.
- Core Curricula Committee- Gina is meeting with the heads of departments to get feed back from the faculties.

Year Parent reps - usually two per year.

We encourage all parents/carers to get involved in whatever way they feel they can. Attending working bees is another great way to contribute.

Meeting Closed 7.25pm

Next meeting Tuesday 11th May at 6pm in the staff common room.