Newtown High School of the Performing Arts
P & C Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Held in the Library
Tuesday 8th March 2011

Meeting Opened 7.06pm

Attendances Meeting attended by 27 parents, Principal Stephen Gray and Deputy Principal Peter Shields.

Apologies Betty Romeo, Yvette Vamos, Deborah Charlton, Lyn Wise, Beth Daly, Jacqui Fine

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, March 2010
Motion: The Minutes of the March 2010 Annual General Meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record. Moved by Donna Huggart, seconded by Jenny Shay. Carried.

President’s Report
2010 was a tremendous year of commitment and involvement by various members of the P&C committee and the wider NHSPA parent community. During the year there were 30 occasions where a roster of 3 or more parents were involved with Front of House refreshments at Showcase, auditions and orientations. It may look like a small number at P&C meetings but the number is much larger behind the scenes.

The P&C’s Voluntary Fundraising Contribution ($21,574) enabled the P&C to fund Master Classes for the first time and to purchase a sound-mixing desk for the Studio Theatre.

The Faculty Support committee was established. The P&C had previously focussed on the performing and visual arts faculties but felt it was time to support other faculties with financial assistance. We wish to thank Gina Richter for her efforts in initially convening the committee.

The second World Earth Festival was held in March 2010 and was followed by the Welcome BBQ for new families.

Google Groups continues as a communication tool between parents and the P&C. Many thanks to Edi Condack for her successful management of google groups.

The Environment Committee completed the Basketball court refurbishment via a Communities NSW grant (50% jointly funded by the P&C).

A Volunteers Grant was also awarded to the P&C for $4000, with general items of practical use being purchased (eg. BBQ, shade structures, folding tables, chairs, wheelbarrow, ladders etc).
A pilot scheme for Guest Company Directors was established for the drama co-curricular program. Students of drama teaching from University of Western Sydney have been enticed to direct drama companies which frees up teaching staff for more strategic tasks. The P&C hopes to extend this program into other faculties at the school with the support of other universities.

The extensive co-curricular program requires enormous leadership, direction and time, mostly out of hours from the PA heads of department, other teachers, Technical company and Design company. Thank you to Mary Mooney and the PVASC committee for their commitment to the co-curricular program.

The co-curricular program culminated in two showcase seasons during the year. We wish to thank Bettina Pearson for her coordination of the showcase front of house rosters and for always having supplies stocked for refreshments.

Treasurer’s Report
See Newtown High School of the Performing Arts Parents and Citizens Association

Appointment of Auditor
No auditor appointed. Jeremy Challen (Treasurer) asked for a parent to consider volunteering one hour to audit the accounts.

Election of Office Bearers
Stephen Gray, Principal, chaired the election process for the President.

President
Darren Mitchell, nominated by Michael Manuell, seconded by Jake Lloyd Jones

President – Darren Mitchell

Darren Mitchell, newly elected president chaired the election process for other office bearers all of whom were elected unopposed

Two Vice Presidents
Donna Huggart, nominated by Darren Mitchell, seconded by John Caley
John Caley, nominated by Jenny Shay, seconded by Mark Rolfe

Vice Presidents – Donna Huggart and John Caley

Secretary
Jenny Shay, nominated by Donna Huggart, seconded by Mary Mooney

Secretary – Jenny Shay

Treasurer
Jeremy Challen, nominated by Darren Mitchell, seconded by Glen Schofield
Treasurer – Jeremy Challen

**Elected Officers**
Di Solomon  
Jenni Wilkins  
Hector Abrahams  
Mark Rolfe  
Bettina Pearson

**Sub Committee Convenors**

Environment Committee - John Caley  
Performing and Visual Arts Committee - vacant  
Building Committee - Hector Abrahams  
Faculty Support - Jenny Shay

**Two Delegates to Sydney Regional Council of P & C's**
No delegates were selected

**Three Delegates of NSW Federation of P & C's Annual Conference**
No delegates were selected

Meeting closed 7:45pm

Minutes taken by Donna Huggart, Vice President