Chair: Darren Mitchell

Attendance: Stephen Gray, Peter Shields, Betty Romeo and Nicki Wilkinson and 14 parents

Welcome and Introduction: Darren Mitchell welcomed the School Executive and parents and thanked them for attending.

Review of the School Report by the Principal Stephen Gray: Mr Gray reviewed the school report and distributed the handout of Progress on 2010 targets and Targets for 2011. Questions from parents were then answered.

Principal’s report: HSC trials are over. 25 students are going to Beijing from 12/8/11 to the 22/8/11, at the invitation of a TV Channel in China. 7-8 countries will be performing. Our students include the Intermediate Dance company, String ensemble and vocalist.

Major Announcement: Proposal by DEC to change school boundaries
The school population has increased over the last 4-5 years and the demographics for the local area have grown and the number of local students enrolling has increased significantly. The issue of maintaining the Performing Arts nature of the school has been raised. Discussion is moving forward with the Regional Director on a proposal to move the boundaries. This will affect student from Stanmore and Camdenville Public. Siblings of students already enrolled at NHSPA will still be able to attend.

Paul Parks will be attending the next P&C Meeting in September to discuss this issue.

Following Stephen’s announcement of the proposed change to boundaries he had to leave the meeting to attend the Y12 subject evening. There was some further discussion particularly around the ability of NHSPA performing arts teachers to provide time to support the development of PA programs at Marrickville HS given they are already stretched with their co-curricular commitments at Newtown. It was noted that it would certainly be possible to share programs/curriculum. It was suggested that DEC make a commitment to Marrickville HS and the affected primary schools to provide PA support to build up the PA curriculum. It was also suggested that a study be done of the increasing local enrolments and their involvement in the co-curricular programs.

Apologies: Lyn Wise, Michael Manuell, Jacqui Fine, Therese Hanrahan, Kelly Burke, Di Solomon, Mark Rolfe, Bettina Pearson and Glen Schofield.

Minutes of June Meeting:
Accepted

Matters Arising:
The basketball court has been reopened.

Working Bee Update (John Caley):
RSVP’s have been received. The plan is to concentrate on the front of the school. Paint the fence, weed and remove rubbish from garden beds, mulch garden beds, put up shade cloth on boundary with the Greek Welfare Centre. There will be a BBQ for helpers at 2pm with refreshments along the way. Children attending are to have a
signed permission note from the school. If wet weather, it will be rescheduled to the following Saturday. Jenny Wilkins to create a ‘sign in’ sheet for the day.

**President’s Report (Darren Mitchell):**
School Plan 2012 – 2014
Parents, students and staff will be involved in a planning forum on Tuesday 23rd August in the library. Up to 25 in each of the representative groups. Currently 15 parent nominations have been received.

**Treasurer’s Report (Jeremy Challen):**
The 2011 Voluntary Fundraising Contribution has reached just over $61,000. This is approaching 3 times the funds received in 2010. P&C priorities with these funds have been:
- Master Classes for PA/VA faculties and Technical Company
- Studio Theatre foyer upgrade (waiting on final plans and quotes)

The P&C is considering a 21st birthday gift to the school.

**Performing and Visual Arts Sub-committee Report (Lisa Penlington):**
A PVASC meeting was held on 4th August. Reviewed plans for the studio theatre foyer upgrade. Waiting for reports back from the faculties on where they are at with spending from the P&C funds allocated (up to $1500 each to Music, Drama, Dance, Visual Arts and Technical Company).

A query was received from a Y7 parent regarding information available around ensembles/companies and their performances, uniform requirements, rehearsals etc.

Discussions continue around the concept of the school patron.

**Faculty Support Committee Report (Jenny Shay):**
Faculty admin support whereby a volunteering parent is matched with a faculty to provide admin support for a day will occur in Term 4. Stephen Gray will confirm partnering of parents and faculties at a later date.

Parent supervision for exams will be deferred until 2012.

**21st Birthday Committee (Donna Huggart):**
A celebration of the school’s 21 years will culminate in a concert at the Seymour Centre on Wed 30th November. There will be an invited guest list of dignitaries, ex teachers and ex P&C presidents. The heads of the performing arts faculties are working on what items will be performed and they have invited selected ex teachers and students to be involved.

A list of previous P&C presidents and executive members has been compiled from available records. This is not complete for the whole 21 years. Ruth in the school office may have some old P&C files that may be of use. Also, Robin Amm (founding principal) has offered to review the list and fill any gaps where she can.

**Meeting closed at 7:35pm**
**Next meeting Tues 13th September 2011 at 6pm in the Staff Common Room**