Newtown High School of the Performing Arts P&C Association

Minutes NHSPA P&C Meeting
6pm Tuesday 11th October 2011
Staff Common Room

Chair: Darren Mitchell

Attendance: Stephen Gray, Peter Shields, Paul Parks, Roz Moxham and 14 parents

Welcome and Introduction: Paul Parks and Roz Moxham (relieving School Education Director – Inner City Network) were introduced and welcomed.

Address by Mr Paul Parks School Education Director - Inner City Network

Mr Parks explained the proposed changes to the boundaries of NHSPA from 2013, as a way to manage the increase in enrolments, and the consultation process that will be followed before any changes are put in place. Maps showing the areas involved in the proposal were tabled. Current local NHSPA families affected by the boundary changes will be granted sibling rights while they have a child at the school.

Questions were answered and a discussion held.

The letter from Mr Parks to the P&C and the Maps are on the website.

Written feedback on the proposal is required by the 28th October 2011.

The P&C will provide a response to the proposal to Paul Parks by the end of October.

Parent input from a NHSPA P&C perspective is encouraged and can be directed to Darren.Mitchell@veterans.nsw.gov.au

Personal viewpoints can be sent to Paul Parks at paul.parks@det.nsw.edu.au and phone enquiries to Beth on 9217 3446.

Dr Phil Lambert, Regional Director, will make a decision by the end of the year and the P&C will be informed.

Terry Bail –Architect/Parent presented Plans for the Studio Theatre Upgrade to the meeting –the process is up to documentation for pricing with the aim to minimise changes and work with the existing structure. The entries will be updated and improved and a new storage area created on the Newman street side incorporating signage. Sections will be priced separately to allow for staging of costs and building time to fit with school term and theatre commitments.

Reimbursement for the student architect, working with Terry, has been approved. The aim is to have costs for 2011 allocation of funds.

Darren thanked Terry Bail and Michael Manuell for volunteering their involvement.

Apologies: Read and Noted
Minutes of the Sept Meeting: Accepted as true and accurate.

Correspondence: Receipt for P&C Federation Affiliation Fees and Certificate of Currency
RTA Bike Week advice
Marrickville Council Sport a Month Promotion -Dance/October

Treasurers Report: Jeremy Challen
Report was tabled and arrangements made for a meeting with school administration officer Ruth Smith, Stephen Gray, Jeremy Challen and Jenny Shay to finalise payment of donations to the school.

Principal’s report: Stephen Gray
The year 12 graduation week went off well. Thanks to the P&C for the cake with year photo on it.
The school is looking a trial a new system of ticketing for showcase, possibly for a week of semester 2 showcase. Purchases will still be made through the office at this stage. Stephen Gray will be on leave from the 4th to the 28th of November and Peter Shields will be Acting Principal.
Showcase starts on Tuesday the 1st of November and the last show in the studio theatre will be Thursday the 24th with the Dance Concert at the Seymour centre on the 29th and the 21st Celebration concert on the 30th, also at the Seymour centre.

21st Birthday Celebration Report: Peter Shields
Peter thanked Donna Huggart for her contribution to the committee.
There will be 10-15 past senior P&C Executive members invited and also past Head teachers of PVA faculties. Unfortunately no partners are included due to seating limitations.

To answer Donna’s question regarding addresses, they are available back to 1999.

The show has been put together by the Head teachers of the PVA faculties.
The invitation is in draft form at the moment and will be finalised on Tuesday and sent out in the coming weeks. There will be a private celebration for invitees after the show on the 30th in the Seymour centre foyer with finger food and drinks supplied by the Seymour Centre. Donna and other helpers are invited to get involved with the decorations.
There will be several more meetings before the event and tickets should be on sale by the end of October from the Seymour centre box office.

Environment committee report: Darren Mitchell
Most mulch has been utilised around the school and John Caley will report on the plans for the fence repairs at the next meeting.

Presidents Report: Darren Mitchell
Showcase season front of house -parents are encouraged to volunteer for this worthy activity and respond to the call when it is put out on google group later in the month, by coordinator Mark Rolfe.
YR 9 hospitality elective class will be providing food for the opening night show and the 24th of November show when the Glee yr 9 elective and the music soloists are performing.

Meeting closed: 7.20
Next Meeting: Staff Common Room on the 8th of November at 6pm. All Welcome