Newtown High School of the Performing Arts P&C Association

Minutes NHSPA P&C Meeting
6pm Tuesday 13th September 2011
Staff Common Room

Chair: Donna Huggart/Darren Mitchell

Attendance: Stephen Gray, Paul Parks, Betty Romeo and 11 parents

Apologies: Read and Noted

Welcome and Introduction: Donna Huggart apologized for Darren Mitchell’s delay due to work commitments, then welcomed Paul Parks, the School Executive and parents and thanked them for attending.

Address by Mr. Paul Parks School Education Director - Inner City Network (to be repeated at the next P&C Meeting on the 11th October).

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

Written feedback on the proposal is required by the end of Term 4.

The letter from Mr Parks to the P&C and the maps will be placed on the website for discussion at the Oct 11th meeting.

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

Principal’s report: Stephen Gray

Raw data from the School 3 year plan was supplied in a handout with an initial collation of strategies put forward and the interest shown in each. There were no extreme or major objectives in the data such as bolder visions to work towards e.g. a new performance space that can accommodate the whole school. These may still emerge during other stages of the planning process. The raw data will be on the website and it will also be collated into categories to give a more definitive result.

Yr 12 leaving events planned for the last week of school meant there would be limited playground supervision for those students whose parents wished them to remain at school.

The School Pilot Program that NHSPA has been involved in, ends at the end of the year. The human resource benefits will end, with 2012 being a transition year. The school population will increase and staffing decrease meaning there may need to be curriculum changes and possibly class size changes.

Darren Mitchell thanked Stephen Gray on behalf of the P&C for organising and leading the School 3 year plan forum.
Minutes of Aug 2011 Meeting:
Accepted

President’s Report (Darren Mitchell):
The working bee held in September was a great success and thanks go to John Caley for his leadership and inspiring helpers. Thanks also to Jenni Wilkins for running the BBQ.

Environment (John Caley):
There was a lot done in a great atmosphere. Thanks to the coordinators and helpers, some who came back on Sunday. There is a follow up to be planned and quotes obtained for fence repainting. 4 out of 17 panels of fencing were worked on over 13 hours work. Less than $2000 spent and a lot of green waste has been removed from the grounds.
John has spoken with Mr Lazendich re moving mulch with student help.
Many thanks to Mr Lazendich and Mr Shields from the P&C.

Treasurer’s Report (Jeremy Challen):
The report was tabled. Affiliation and Insurance fees have been paid. Working bee costs are still outstanding.

Performing and Visual Arts Sub-committee Report :
No report tabled. Darren reported that it is moving forward with spending on Master classes and Studio Theatre Upgrade. Approval has been given for payment to an intern for the basic work on the plans.

Faculty Support Committee Report (Jenny Shay):
Faculty admin support will be arranged with the Maths Department Head Ms Pearms to be carried out at a suitable time in term 4.

21st Birthday Committee (Donna Huggart):
The P&C will help where needed and will pay for a celebration cake.
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.
Peter Shields will report more at the October P&C meeting

General Business: John Caley tabled a petition for The Greenway Canal Project, a walk cycleway corridor, for any interested locals to sign.

Meeting closed at 7:35pm
Next meeting Tues 11th October 2011 at 6pm in the Staff Common Room