NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS P & C ASSOCIATION

Minutes NHSPA P & C Meeting
6pm June 12 2012
Staff Common Room

Chair: Darren Mitchell

ATTENDANCE
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Staff: Deputy principals Betty Romeo and Peter Shields.
Parents: Ailsa Weaver, Glen Schofield, Ross Moffat, Lisa Penlington, Peter Denholm, Donna Huggart, Jenny Shay, Mark Rolfe, Terry Bail, Nick Wilkinson, Jake Lloyd-Jones, Kelly Burke.
Apologies: Michael Manuell, Katie Mann, Jenni Wilkins.

Welcome and introduction: Darren Mitchell welcomed all parents and the deputy principals.

Minutes of May’s meeting: Accepted (Donna Huggart, Lisa Penlington).

MATTERS ARISING
Glen Schofield will attend the NSW P & C Federation's annual conference, July 27-29.
Three of the four drama students selected to represent the state at London's cultural olympiad have accepted $500 grants from the P & C.
Up to $3000 with be provided to the school to contribute to the cost of Garfield Lemonius' trip.
The Googlegroups address on the school newsletter is incorrect. Kelly Burke to rectify.

CORRESPONDENCE
A letter from the Dept of Education's Paul Parks has confirmed the new boundary changes, to take effect from 2013.
P & C journals.
P & C membership application, forwarded to Mark Rolfe.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT: Peter Shields
The online booking system for showcase has proved very efficient. The season was well-attended and highly successful. Preparations are underway for the Seymour Centre concert on June 23 and The Chapel Perilous at end of the month.
The annual school report has been posted on the school's website. Questions will be taken August's meeting.
Year 11 reports will go out next week (week 9), Year 12 reports have already been sent. Teachers will meet with Year 9 students this week to discuss their reports and set goals.
This process is to be extended to Year 10.
Auditions for Years 7 and 11 places will be held in weeks nine and 10 of this term.
A series of Tuesday night curriculum information evenings will start next term for students moving into Years 10, 11 and 12 in 2013. The first evening session will be on August 7.
Stephen Gray will be on leave for nine weeks of Term 3. Betty Romeo will be relieving principal, Peter Shields will continue to supervise Year 12.
Brett Stone, the head of science, will will act as relieving deputy principal.
PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Darren Mitchell.
All gaps have been filled in the roster for showcase front of house. Many thanks to Mark for organising the roster and supervising front of house activities. Recognition also goes to the hospitality class for its contribution.
Mark and Donna will speak to Peter Shields about access to St George's Hall to inspect the facilities for The Chapel Perilous. Mark will begin organising a roster when showcase has finished.
It has been decided that the P & C will serve cake and beverages at the musical's performances on June 25-28 instead of the Year 7 and 11 auditions.
John Caley will supervise the annual working bee on Saturday, August 25. Participation from Newtown Public School to be confirmed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Ross Moffat
Funds raised from voluntary contributions now stand at $61,025, a slight increase on last year's total. As the new treasurer, Ross Moffat now has access to the P & C accounts, along with Darren Mitchell and Donna Huggart.
One of the four families offered $500 to contribute towards the cost of the drama tour to London has yet to claim the money.

ENVIRONMENT SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT
There was no report from the environment subcommittee.

PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT
There was no report from the performing and visual arts subcommittee.

BUILDING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT: Terry Bail
$32,740 of the $47,000 set aside from 2011 funds for the Studio Theatre foyer upgrade has been spent. A new storage area has been added, the entrance has been brightened up, a box office installed and new lighting. There remains some work to be done on the ceiling, patching and painting.
The fire doors are in disrepair. This needs to be rectified through the school's budget.
A further $15,000 to $20,000 could complete the foyer project, with the addition of vinyl pronsts on the doors, waterproofing the stairwell area and the curtaining of the back area.
A motion was passed to approve $20,000 from 2012 funds to finish the foyer project (Moved: Terry Bail and Ross Moffat).
The photo lab's darkroom will be connected to the school's rain water tank. The subcommittee will examine sourcing the funds from the school's environment budget.

FACULTY SUPPORT SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT
Kelly will send an email to Betty Romeo, offering parents' administrative support to the heads of departments, to be discussed at next Tuesday's teachers' meeting.
Terry suggested the offer be extended to technical and maintenance work.

GENERAL BUSINESS
There was no general business.

Meeting closed 6.45pm
Next meeting: Tuesday, August 14, 6pm.