AGM MINUTES
12 March 2013
6pm, School Library

ATTENDANCE
Staff: Peter Shields, Nilaufar Rajwar
Parents: Mark Rolfe, Donna Huggart, Terry Bail, Dennis Dumlao, Katie Mann, Abbi Clifford, John Caley, Rodney Monk, Lannen Stapleton, Kati Westlake, Ailsa Weaver, Joseph Bitti, Deb Helmrich, Emma Walters, Peter Denholm, Lisa McMurray, Briony Magoffin, Nicki Wilkinson, Daniella Sloman, Rony Ryan, Steve Brown, Kelly Burke


CHAIR
Darren Mitchell, president

Darren welcomed parents and staff and introduced the P & C executive.
The president's report was tabled.
Darren explained the role of the P & C and the projects undertaken in the past 12 months.
The principal means of fundraising is through the voluntary contribution fund, with much of it going towards the Studio Theatre upgrade in 2012.
The boundary changes for student intake take effect this year, which will help preserve the school's status as a specialist performing arts high school.
Last year the school, through the P & C, gained a school patron, NIDA CEO Lynne Williams.
It is a two year appointment. The patron will assist in the consultation process for the introduction of a national arts curriculum. There is also ongoing discussion about sharing technology and visiting artists. Stephen Gray will meet with Lynne next week.
The 2012 Master Class program sponsored by the P&C funded a visit by US choreographer Garfield Lemonius to conduct a series of master classes which were highly beneficial to the dance students and teachers, culminating in a polished performance at the Seymour Centre.
In 2012 the P & C matched funds with the SRC to install a water bottle filling station, ran the refreshments service for Showcase evenings and entrance auditions and continued to help organise the World Earth Festival and the Welcome Barbecue for new families.
The P & C made a significant contribution on two occasions to support student travel; Four drama students were assisted with travel costs for a state drama company tour to London and a further four students were assisted to compete in the national Tournament of the Minds finals in Western Australia.
This year's projects include finishing the Studio Theatre foyer, making improvements to the photography dark room, beginning a series of 'An Evening With…' performing arts industry talks for students and parents, further development of the patron model and the possible addition of a junior patron.

ENVIRONMENT SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT
John Caley: There were two working bees in 2012, one concentrating on the school grounds and front fence, the other on the area outside the Studio Theatre foyer. About 50 and 20 volunteers attended respectively.
The P & C matched the funds raised by the Student Environment Committee to complete the water bottle filling station. This year's first working bee is on 18 May. Some plants will be ordered, more paved areas will be cleaned. John will send out a form to gauge commitment.

BUILDING SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT
Terry Bail: A new storage area and a new box office has been created. Work still to do includes installing laser cut screens, installing a staircase to close off the staircase, repair roof leaks, concrete grinding, timber joinery and lighting. About $50,000 has been spent on the project to date. It is expected about $10,000 more will be required to finish the project. A new storage area by the kitchen garden and raising the water tank is also planned, work which could be done as part of the working bee.

FACULTY SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT
Kelly Burke: The faculty sub-committee has fallen into disrepair due to lack of members. It is hoped some of the new P & C members and/or the executive will join the sub-committee and get some ideas rolling for 2013.

TREASURERS REPORT
Darren tabled the Treasurer's report on behalf of Ross Moffat. Darren explained how the St George's Hall fund works. The voluntary contribution fund is now in its fourth year. So far $35,000 has been raised for 2013, it is hoped the figure will reach $60,000. The P & C is still looking for an independent auditor.

ELECTIONS
Darren Mitchell vacated the chair. Peter Shields assumed the chair and declared a spill of all executive positions. President: There were no nominations. Darren agreed to remain in the position for a further three months and was declared interim president. Deputy presidents: Terry Bail and Katie Mann were nominated and accepted. Secretary: Kelly Burke was re-elected. Treasurer: Ross Moffat was re-elected. Executive: John Caley, Mark Rolfe and Lisa Penlington were re-elected. Abbi Clifford, Dennis Dumlao and Kati Westlake were nominated and elected.

Darren resumed the chair.

7.05 Regular P & C meeting commenced

Minutes of February's meeting accepted: Mark and John

MATTERS ARISING
The year 7 contact list has about 70 names on it. Kelly to remind Stephen to send out a message to Year 7 parents willing to be on the contact list. The list is only circulated among people whose names are on the list. John will assist parents getting on to google groups.
CORRESPONDENCE
City of Sydney letter outlining planned changes to parking around the school's Erskineville boundaries.
P & C Federation 2013 information pack.
Dept Education & Communities information on NHSPA's global budget for 2013.
Australian Council of State Schools Organisation letter urging P & Cs to support the Gonski Report recommendations.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Darren thanked Donna and Terry for their WEF organisation, along with assistance from Briony and Mark. Thanks to Jenni, Katie and Dennis for organising the welcome barbecue.
A special thanks for Donna's eight-year contribution to the P & C. Donna was the driving force behind WEF, the architect of the VFC, and has served tirelessly as P & C vice president.
Darren described her as a quiet and industrious leader and a wise counsellor.

ADRIAN SHIPP’S REPORT
A mini iPad pilot program has begun in a randomly selected Year 8 class. If successful it may replace the Federal Government's Year 9 laptop program which is expected to end this year.
To gauge the pilot program’s success the results between years 7 and 8 will be examined. If the program is a success it will be offered to all Year 8 students next year.
Darren suggested Adrian to report back to the P & C at the beginning of term 4.

PETER SHIELDS’ REPORT
Peter thanked the P & C for its efforts during WEF and the welcome barbecue.
There will be a farewell concert in the Studio Theatre on 4 April at 6pm by the students travelling to China.
The school is trialling an online booking system for the parent teacher interview evenings which commence next week.
Peter congratulated Donna and Darren for their dedication and co-operation with school staff over the years. Staff look forward to working closely with the P & C executive this year.

GENERAL BUSINESS
There was no general business.

Meeting closed 7.50pm.
Next P & C meeting: 6pm, 9 April, school common room.