Minutes NHSPA P & C meeting 6pm, 13 August, 2013 School Common Room

CHAIR: Darren Mitchell
STAFF: Stephen Gray, Peter Shields
ATTENDANCE
Mark Rolfe, Katie Mann, Alison Orme, Jake Lloyd Jones, Peter Denholm, Nicki Wilkinson, Tony Ryan, Terry Bail, Kelly Burke

APOLOGIES

Minutes of June meeting accepted by Mark and Katie

MATTERS ARISING
Katie to consult with John on which projects to target in City of Sydney sustainability grant application.
Darren thanked Mark for managing the roster over the past two years. The orientation days are 2 December for Year 11 and 4 December for Year 7. Terry has a breakdown of locker numbers, now needs to obtain quotes. The department’s approved lockers are not suitable as the locks are flimsy. Nilaufier will give Terry a breakdown on how many lockers are needed, how many are broken.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Stephen will explain the new drama acceleration pilot program to next week’s Year 8 into Year 9 information evening.
Students selected would begin studying preliminary Year 11 drama in Year 10, and sit the HSC exam in Year 11.
Stephen said he expected 30 to 40 students to be interested, based on how many usually take drama extension in Year 9. Up to 20 of these students would probably be acceptable for acceleration.
Students must take 6 periods of drama in Year 9 to be eligible.

First round of enrolment offers have been made to 2014 Year 11 and Year 7 intake. Stephen was impressed by the calibre of students.

The Year 12 trial exams have been completed. HSC practicals for dance, drama and music will take place in the next two weeks, followed by textiles, design, visual arts and English extension.

Michael Fischer is retiring at the end of this term, following his success with Year 7 and Year 11 debating teams. Recruitment process is underway. John Caley is the P & C representative.
Brett Stone is to take up a position in the department. Recruitment for his replacement will take place in Term 4. Darren acknowledged the leadership both teachers had given the school over the years.
Showcase changes teachers Donna, Lisa, solve issue of waning enthusiasm ticket sales in second semester showcase, always significantly down.
More events competing
A different model will be trialled for spring Showcase to address waning attendances. There will be a 3-week season instead of 5, with an opening night offering multi-venue performances including outdoor drama and music, performances in St George's Hall and a visual arts exhibition.
Hospitality will supply refreshments.
There will be no performances in Week 8 due to the Schools Spectacular.
Stephen to confirm dates P & C will be required.
A review of the co-curricula program will take place next year.
Darren thanked Lisa and Donna for assisting in the review.
Stephen said scheduling a third night of performances in the Seymour Centre was an experiment. Donna said its success would be dependent on how parents get the message. Stephen will explain the rationale for the change and how it will work in the school newsletter.

Presentation day will take place on 12 December at the Seymour Centre.
Darren to discuss with Stephen a list of invitees for this and Showcase at Seymour evenings.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
There was no President’s report

TREASURER’S REPORT
There was no Treasurer’s report

FACULTY SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT
All but one non-creative arts faculty have applied for P & C funding. Stephen will forward the details to Katie.

PERFORMING/VISUAL ARTS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT
The next Afternoon Tea With event will take place on 10 September, with the P & C meeting following at 6.30 where Stephen will present the annual report.

Kelly to obtain details from Lisa and send out on googlegroups ASAP.

BUILDING SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT
Jake Lloyd Jones has offered to join the building sub-committee and assist Terry in the locker refurbishment.
The P & C has paid for the fire doors, Terry to organise part-reimbursement from the school.
Abbi’s husband may be able to assist with Studio Theatre toilet refurbishment.
Terry will notify Stephen of water damage in the sports hall.
Terry is consulting on seating options for St George’s Hall. Once he has obtained quotes to discuss with Stephen.
A master plan done 12 years ago for St George’s Hall will be tabled at the next meeting. The P & C will pay to have copies printed.
A committee for the project needs to be formed, with Terry and Michael representing the P & C.

Meeting ended 7.15
Next meeting: 10 September, 6.30pm, Studio Theatre.