NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS P & C

Minutes NHSPA P & C meeting
6.30 pm, 15 October, 2013
The Salisbury Hotel

CHAIR: Darren Mitchell
STAFF: No staff were present
ATTENDANCE: Hollis Scoggin, Kati Westlake, Donna Huggart, Briony Magoffin, Christine Williams, Nicki Wilkinson, Mark Rolfe, Tony Ryan, Jenni Wilkins, Dennis Dumlao, Susan Miles, Ross Moffat, Emma Walters, Kelly Burke.

APOLOGIES
Lyn Wise, John Caley, Katie Mann, Lisa Penlington

Minutes of September’s meeting accepted.

CORRESPONDENCE
Brochure from Dept Education sent to all NSW parents of Year 12 students on responsible consumption of alcohol.
Two P & C membership applications from new parents.
Various fundraising materials.

MATTERS ARISING
Donna outlined the changes to Spring Showcase, including use of multiple venues.
Senior students will perform twice and juniors once. The extended season will include three nights at the Seymour Centre, one for music and drama, one for dance and one night showcasing all performing arts.
Darren noted that students would have the opportunity of experiencing more professional staging with the use of the Seymour Centre facilities.

This year’s presentation day will be held on 12 December. Orientation days are 2 December for Year 11 and 4 December for Year 7.
Dennis will put a call out on google groups for assistance. Donna suggested a P & C presence for Year 11 orientation as well.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
In Stephen Gray’s absence, Darren welcomed Betty Romeo back from maternity leave as Acting Principal.

TREASURER’S REPORT
There is $63,000 in the general purpose account and $99,000 in the performing arts account after payment for Studio Theatre upgrade.
Ross is still finalising the most appropriate way to manage faculty grants disbursement.
The financial school year finishes on 30 November so accounts need to be finalised by then.

ENVIRONMENT SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT
There was no environment report.

PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT
Darren briefed on behalf of Lisa. The next Afternoon Tea With will not be until Term 1 of 2014, due to conflict with Spring Showcase dates. Kelly to notify Lisa. Darren noted around 60 students and parents attended last one. The possibility of holding the next event in school hours should be examined. It is likely a theatre composer will be one of the guest speakers at the next event.

BUILDING SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT
There was no report. Darren noted Terry is still in need of assistance on this sub-committee. Kelly to put a request for assistance in the next school newsletter.

FACULTY SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT
The sub-committee met on 8 October to endorse applications totalling $36,177 for non-creative arts faculties. Stephen has approved the grants. HSIE’s request for funding of two excursions was brought down to one. Welfare requested funding for three terms of yoga and one term of basketball coaching. It was suggested the faculty apply for the full $4,000 amount to provide more coaching. It was agreed installing bubblers near the gym came within the faculty grant criteria. Darren - only PAV donations through contributions are tax deductible. Tangible preferred over experiences. Only the grants to be spent in Term 4 will be distributed, with the remaining to be distributed early in 2014. Ross will meet with Betty to discuss disbursement. Darren thanked the committee. The grants will be announced in the next school newsletter.

GENERAL BUSINESS
The P & C is still waiting on a report from the dance faculty on Lemonius Garfield’s visit. Adrian Shipp will present a report on the Year 8 iPad pilot program at next month’s P & C meeting. Katie will be the parent representative on the merit selection panel to fill the Science faculty vacancy. Emma will contact Terry to obtain an inventory of the school’s locker, with a review to replacing them. Mark said Stephen gave a brilliant speech at the Year 12 graduation day and the student performances were excellent. Ross said the party, held at a private residence, was very well attended and all students were well behaved. Darren thanked Donna for organising the cake the P & C provides every year.

Meeting ended 7.10
Next meeting: 6pm, 19 November, school common room.