

Katie welcomed new parents

Apologies, as on agenda

Attendance – PS & NR

Nilaufer Rajwar

MATTERS ARISING

Refurbishment of toilets: Peter has received some builders' quotes and spoken to the Dept's school asset manager. It is hoped the refurbishment will go ahead in the next school holidays.

Summer school uniform: The SRC needs to bring more samples of the shorts to the executive. Peter said he would look at the proposal favourably, as the push has come from the students. Katie explained the SRC's involvement in the P&C. A parent has requested Kelly to bring up the issue of a lightweight dress/skirt alternative as the kilt fabric is too heavy for summer. She will contact the parent and refer her to the SRC.

Audit: Jill will audit the P&C's books for 2013 and 2014. Rodd has sent her the files and documents.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nikki will speak to schools that have used Comedy for a Cause as a fundraising option.

Advertising material on outdoor furniture was given to John.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Betty Romeo has been appointed St George Girls' principal. Peter thanked the P&C for funds used to purchase drinks for the farewell party. There is now a have DP position to fill. The merit selection will begin in 2 weeks with advertising midway through March. It is hoped the new DP will start the first day of term 2. Katie will recruit a parent rep.

HSC results: Peter was pleased with the results. Once again students achieved results for which the school can feel very proud. Jessica Goodfellow was awarded 1st in the state in dance, 2 students - William Bartolo and Isabella Fulton - will receive a Premier's Award for gaining marks of 90+ in 10 or more units. 71 students were placed on the NSW Distinguished Achievers list for receiving 90+ in at least one course. 33 students achieved marks of 80 or more in 10 or more units. More detailed HSC results are in the January newsletter.

School plan: This should be finalised at the end of this term. Peter thanked the P&C for its help. The final draft will be given to the P&C at the first meeting in term 2.

Enrolments: The student numbers have been finalised at 1,060, showing a rapid growth rate. A pattern of about 40 additional students each year over the past five years means it will be likely the school will get another generalist classroom and will have to start considering the creation of another permanent building.

Admin block: The Dept has provided new railing to support disabled people, but there is no ramp. The outdoor lighting has also been improved. Nilaufer said there may be a phase 2. Tony asked about a review of school boundaries slated for 2016. Peter will ask Paul Parkes' replacement about this.

Peter thanked the P&C for the funds contributing to the Canberra trip and its efforts planning WEF

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Katie congratulated Betty on her appointment. She explained what was involved in parent training for the merit selection process. She will sit on DP interviews.

Those interested in training can contact Kelly for more information. A parent is still needed for the recruitment of a music teacher.

Year reps: Katie is hoping a few new year 7 parents might volunteer at the welcome barbecue. The P&C should look further into the necessity for year reps and if they are continued a more formal arrangement should be created.

Nilaufer will provide a contact list that can be used to email parents.

AGM : Katie explained the sub-committees. Nikki explained that PVAS was working with Lisa to communicate with teachers to see what their priorities were.

President: Katie officially resigned, Kelly to include in next newsletter that the position is vacant

Canberra: The P&C paid \$4,000 for the Canberra excursion. The school needs to come back with formal request. Emma and John moved approval.

Work experience: Peter is happy to consider allowing students to community service instead. He said the careers development program could be part of this. Nilaufer said a small group of students had already started a program. The Duke of Edinburgh program may be offered to year 10 students. This was part of previous school plan.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ross said usually about \$60,000 is raised through parent contributions each year and explained how the levy relieves parents of other fundraising work. There is now \$22,000 in the general purposes account and \$151,489 in the St Georges Hall account.

Although the P&C budgeted to spend \$46,000 last year it only spent about \$7,000, mainly on the locker program.

ENVIRONMENT REPORT

John has set the date at 21 March, from 9am to mid-afternoon. John will send a message through google groups. He is also looking at the school's energy use. A solar system is recommended. He will get installers' quotes. He expects it may cost about \$20,000 but there are no available grants. Another working bee will be scheduled in spring.

PVAS REPORT

The PVAS sub-committee will meet after the AGM.

BUILDING REPORT

There was no building report. Katie explained the St Georges Hall refurbishment plan. Peter is liaising with the Dept. over heritage issues to give advice. It would be ideal to find a parent with experience in heritage architecture.

SRC REPORT

There was no SRC report

FACULTY REPORT

Katie explained the sub-committee's function. The proposal to upgrade the science labs is being considered.

OTHER BUSINESS

To commemorate the school's 25th birthday, the showcase season will have a silver theme.

WEF: Dennis is on track and now working through the rosters. He urged all parents to attend. Flyers will go into neighbours' letterboxes warning about the noise. A parent questioned why WEF is held during school hours. It was explained that it was an internal school event. Whatever funds are raised will be used for new rubbish bins with recycling facilities.

A parent complained raised the issue of timetable conflicts in audition times. Peter said all students are made aware of the audition schedule and there will be another chance for student to audition in term 2.

Meeting ended 7.20pm

Next meeting: AGM, 6pm, 10 March, school library