

NHSPA P&C Minutes

8/9/15

Location: School common room

Present: Stephen Gray, Peter Shields, Ross Moffat, Tony Ryan, John Caley, Jane Prince

Apologies: Emma Walters, Maya Saric, Anna Nettheim

Chairperson : Nicki Wilkinson

Minute taker: Kelly Burke

Meeting began: 6.05pm

Meeting finished: 7.25pm

Documents tabled: Treasurer's report, school safety letter from NPS, Letter to DEC by P&C and response re school maintenance, letter of thanks to OA, PVAS update

ISSUE	SPEAKER	DISCUSSION	ACTION
WELCOME & INTRODUCTION	Nicki Wilkinson		
JUNE & AUGUST MINUTES	Nicki Wilkinson	June minutes: TR & NW August minutes: NW & TR	
CORRESPONDENCE	Kelly Burke	Road safety report Signage examples Letter to DEC by P&C and response re school maintenance OA letter of thanks Advertising for student travel	
MATTERS ARISING	Nicki Wilkinson	Road Safety report: Endorsed with the exception of traffic lights on Erskineville Road. Re Whitehorse Street drop off zone, concerned about lack of parking for school staff. Yes to no double parking and no parking signs in Whitehorse Street outside the basketball courts.	NW to notify EW of decision

		<p>School maintenance letter has received positive feedback from parents via Googlegroups. SG met with DEC officers last week. Sticking point is the collapse retaining wall. Insurance assessor believes this is not a result of storm damage but long-term neglect. An engineer's report has been requested. SG is concerned with throwing good money after bad, using St Georges Hall as an example. The hall's floor and ceiling, also gym and office area are covered but the school may have to contribute. SG acknowledged pressured brought by P&C has contributed to the DEC's action.</p>	
<p>PRINCIPAL'S REPORT</p>	<p>Stephen Gray</p>	<p>Graduation has been moved to Seymour Centre's York theatre and date moved to Friday 18 September, due to St Georges Hall situation. Notification of shorter days next week for years 7 to 11 sent to parents.</p> <p>The school sign will be installed over the spring holidays. The unveiling will happen during the November P&C meeting. SG thanked MS and the P&C.</p> <p>The toilets are now open.</p> <p>PS is taking 8 weeks leave next term. Nilaufa Rajwar will take over from PS and Leisa Munns will return as co deputy principal.</p> <p>On 31 August the school communication committee met. Priorities were set in chronological order: Info pack for new parents, info on co-curricular activities, parent teacher nights and webpage upgrade.</p> <p>SG has discussed with TR teacher performance and development. Karl Pico will come to October P&C to update.</p>	
<p>PRESIDENT'S REPORT</p>	<p>Nicki Wilkinson</p>	<p>Year 7 & 8 parent reps are Tammy Moir and Viola Morris NW thanked EW for her preparation for the meeting.</p>	
<p>TREASURER'S REPORT</p>	<p>Ross Moffat</p>	<p>Totals in \$64,000, \$55,000 \$5,900 and other fundraising \$2,000 Donations?</p>	

		Looking to contribute another \$40,000 this year. Faculty grants of \$10,000 have gone out. Left: \$226,480. NW thanked RM	
SRC REPORT	TBC	There was no student rep present	
ENVIRONMENT SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT	John Caley	November 1 date of next working bee confirmed. KB to put in newsletter. SG asked old school sign to be moved to Newman Street during the working bee. The solar power proposal has been rejected by DEC. The only option now is the school to install a system itself. Est cost: \$30,000 - \$40,000. RM said there were not enough funds in the general contribution fund. SG suggested with the new split in parent contributions next year, the proposal could be revisited.	JC to speak to Justin Meehan re moving the old school sign.
PAVAS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT	Nick Wilkinson	Met on 4 September. Drumkit: The preferred drumkit is \$6,080 inc. GST. It is high quality and a parent will donate the cymbals. Initial quotes for sound systems for drama and dance and rostra for music have been sent. Second quotes pending. No submission from visual arts. NW thanked JP for progress on archives project, producing a 25 th anniversary CD. Interview with past students could be done by current film students. NW thanked PVAS and Karl Pico for his contribution	Drumkit moved and seconded by JC & TR PVAS will meet 16 October to obtain second quotes and discuss archives project further JP to obtain a ball park figure on completing the project
BUILDING SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT	Justin Meehan	There was no building sub-committee report	
COMMUNICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT	Tony Ryan/Nicki Wilkinson	Electronic signed as previously discussed. See Principals report for comms committee update.	

<p>FACULTY SUPPORT SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT</p>	<p>Katie Mann</p>	<p>There was no Faculty SC report. RM said faculty grants of \$10,000 have gone out.</p>	
<p>GENERAL BUSINESS</p>	<p>Nicki Wilknsn</p>	<p>Positive psychology training for parents to take place Tuesday 10 November 7pm after P&C in school library.</p> <p>Westconnex: JC says King Street will get busier, contrary to Duncan Gay's statement.</p> <p>SG said the art exhibition in the former Reclaim store has brought about the proposal of the school using the premises as a performance and exhibition space, with the inclusion of a staff learning centre. A trial will be conducted for the next 2 years and if optimal use does not result it will be converted back to a revenue-raising retail space that brings in around \$40,000 per annum. \$100,000 per year including Corelli's.</p> <p>SG said discussions have happened re building more retail space facing king Street between the gym and the oval carpark. This is a long term project.</p> <p>JC said the team from NHSPA won the Hunter Valley electric vehicle design competition and race. SG will include a congratulatory message in the next newsletter.</p>	<p>Westconnex to be discussed at a later date.</p>

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 13 October, 5.15 P&C executive walkabout prior to 6pm meeting.
