Minutes NHSPA  AGM  P & C meeting
6.30pm, 11 March, 2014
Studio Theatre

CHAIR: Darren Mitchell
STAFF: Stephen Gray, Peter Shields, Betty Romeo.

APOLOGIES
Lyn Wise, Ailsa Weaver, Rachel Sarkodee, Lisa Penlington, Dennis Dumlao.

WELCOME
Darren welcomed the principal Stephen Gray, deputy principals Peter Shields and Nilaufa Rajwar and parents, particularly parents new to the school.

Minutes of 2013’s AGM meeting accepted.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Darren explained the roles of the sub-committees, the 11-member executive and the year co-ordinators.
He also explained the voluntary fund raising contribution requested from every family at the beginning of the year, making further fund raising by parents throughout the year unnecessary.
Contributions to the St Georges Hall fund are tax deductable as these funds go towards the creative arts.
Darren outlined the P&C’s refurbishment of the Studio Theatre foyer.
There are only a few small jobs left to complete the project – new garbage bins and fire door locks. It is expected these will be installed in time for the Term 2 Showcase season.
Darren invited all parents to participate in Showcase serving refreshments.

CREATIVE ARTS
The funding of masterclasses for drama, dance, music, visual arts and technical company was explained. The dance faculty has benefited greatly from the two masterclasses by US choreographer Lemonius Garfield in the past. The P&C has contributed financially to these visits.
The dance faculty also tours overseas every second year and will do so in 2014.
In the past the visual arts faculty has benefitted from visits from local artists, the drama faculty from acting professionals and the music faculty from local musicians.

BUILDING
In addition to the Studio Theatre project, late last year a program to replace school lockers began. Darren thanked Emma and Terry for their work.
ENVIRONMENT
The Environment Sub-committee focuses on working bees enhancing the school grounds, opportunities for sustainability and seeking environmental grants.

ST GEORGES HALL
This is the next challenging building project. The P&C is seeking architectural, building, heritage and performing arts space expertise from the parent body.

AFTERNOON TEA WITH
Darren thanked Lisa for introducing industry leaders to the school to talk to parents and students in the 2013 pilot program that presented two successful events.

SCHOOL PATRON
For the past two years NIDA CEO Lyn Williams has been the inaugural patron, a P&C initiative assisted by the school. The P&C has been exploring who might the next school patron and how they might connect to the school community.

TREASURER'S REPORT
At close of 2013 funds included $123,130.98 to support the school and $92,266.63 for the creative arts fund. There was also $9,000 set aside for the refurbishment of St Georges Hall – transferred from unused masterclass funds.
Voluntary school contributions totalled almost $64,000 in 2013 to benefit the performing arts. P&C membership payments totalled more than $5,800 in 2013, plus an additional $2,600 from catering at school events.
More than $82,000 was donated to the school in 2013, including $37,500 for the Studio Theatre foyer refurbishment and new speakers for the theatre. The P&C also donated $36,500 towards the non-creative arts faculties.
Masterclass funding totalled $6,100.
Financial commitments for 2014 so far included locker refurbishment and the purchase of two new fridges for the theatre foyer.

FACULTY SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT
The sub-committee is currently chaired by Katie Mann, assisted by Abbi Clifford, Emma Walters and Kelly Burke.
Katie explained how the $36,500 was disbursed to the non-creative arts faculties. It is hoped a similar program will be offered to the school this year.

ENVIRONMENT SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT
Sub-committee chair John Caley has coordinated one or two working bees each year to enhance the school grounds. It is hoped this year to spend about $1,000 on new plants and replace the rainwater system. Emma is examining a list of environmental grants the school may be eligible for.

The sub-committee reports were accepted by the meeting.

ELECTIONS
Darren thanked Stephen, Peter and Betty for their help over the past decade he has served on the P&C.
He also thanked Mark, Terry and Katie for their support and advice, Kelly for her organisation and record keeping as secretary, Ross for his outstanding financial management and John for his environmental work.
Kelly thanked Darren for his diligence, dedication and leadership over the past three and a half years as president.
Stephen praised Darren for his integrity, dedication to the school and thanked him for his support and advice over the years.

PRESIDENT
Darren declared nominations open for president.
No nominations were received. The position remains open.

VICE PRESIDENTS
Katie nominated Dennis, accepted.
Abbi nominated Katie, accepted.
There were no other nominations.
Dennis Dumlao and Katie Mann declared successful VPs.
Katie and Dennis to serve as acting Presidents in the meantime.

SECRETARY
There were no nominations, Kelly Burke elected unopposed.

TREASURER
There were no nominations, Ross Moffat elected unopposed.

EXECUTIVE
Kelly nominated Emma Walters, accepted.
Katie nominated Jill Dures, accepted.
Terry nominated John Caley, accepted.
Ross nominated Abbi Clifford, accepted.
Katie nominated Haryana Dhillon, accepted.
Kelly nominated Lisa Penlington, accepted.

There were no further nominations.
Darren declared the six executive positions filled.

BANK SIGNATORIES
The following executive members were nominated as bank account signatories:
Katie Mann – Vice President
Dennis Dumlao – Vice President
Ross Moffat - Treasurer

Meeting ended 7.30pm
Next meeting: 8 April, 6pm