

## NBHS P & C Association

6th Meeting - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2008  
Meeting commenced : 8:00 pm, Chair: Pevlin Price

### Part 1 - Opening Session

#### Principal's Report:

1. Some time since my last P&C Report. Frank Johnson gave the last one during my absence at the State Principal's Conference
2. New Regional Director, Jane Simmons. Formerly School Education Director for Northern Beaches and before that Principal of Ku-ring-gai High School.
3. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary arrangements. Outline of the 3 days. Friday a day of celebration for the boys – Fairground, birthday cake, sporting contests. Saturday, school open during the day for tours, gala night with fireworks and then drinks and food. Sunday a picnic atmosphere with Old Boys vs current students games in football and rugby and international food fair.
4. Solar Schools Program. Approached by Rob Phillips principal of HGHS about submitting a joint proposal. Helps both schools with cost. Will explore this further.
5. Year 12 Trial HSC. Students completed final exams before the HSC. Teachers currently in process of marking them and giving feedback to students to prepare them for the final stages of the courses.
6. Year 10 Work Experience. Successful program that has many benefits. Huge effort to coordinate. Thanks to our careers adviser Mrs. Packham.
7. Year 7 Jenolan Caves Camp. Wonderful excursion. 50<sup>th</sup> visit this year by NBHS. Gala dinner held on the final night. Extraordinary relationship that has developed over the years between the staff at the caves and our school. I enjoyed being able to spend a few days down there with the boys and staff.
8. Reports currently being compiled for Year 8,9.
9. TARS. Annual review of teacher performance. Head Teachers are working through a process with each of the staff members that they supervise.
10. SMS messaging. Still in the final stages of development. Hope to get this operating in the next week or two.
11. Air conditioning in Library. Disappointed that the promised air conditioning upgrade has been overturned. Seeking advice as to where we proceed from here.

12. New phone system has been installed. Possible for staff to receive voice mail messages if unable to take calls during the day.

## **Part 2 - Business Session**

### **Attendance: As per sheet**

Apologies:

### **Special Presentation:**

None

### **Minutes of last Meeting (April 2008)**

Moved by Helene Mountford and seconded by Julie Churton. Passed.

### **Business arising from the Minutes:**

The issue of class lists was discussed. The president provided further information on the issue.

- a. Some data has been recovered from the start of 2008
- b. Year 7 forms have been sent out
- c. Year 8 and 9 are being sent out
- d. Some forms have been received back through the School office.

### **President's Report:**

The President raised the following points during his presentation:

1. There was a need to make the P&C meetings a two way discussion. There is also the need to better manage people's (volunteering for the P&C) time for in and outside the meeting.
2. The state of toilets was raised for discussion. The President had an opportunity to check the boy's toilets during one of the visits. It was agreed that further investigations should be undertaken to collate more feedback on the depth of the issue.
3. P&C should examine the opportunity to support boys that participate in state level competitions.
4. The structure of the Student Representative Council was raised.
  - a. The P&C Federation requires a representative SRC.
  - b. The SRC has to link in with the School Management
  - c. The existing SRC at NBHS has been mainly focused on Social events and Dances.
5. NBHS is developing an Environmental Management plan and will include the following:
  - a. Upgrading and greening of embankments
  - b. Improving the energy efficiency of the school
  - c. Opportunity to seek federal funds for solar panels as part of the National Solar Schools program.

### **Vice President's Report:**

Regional P&C Council meeting was held at North Sydney. The new Regional Director attended the meeting.

Annual P&C conference was held in Albury. The secretary attended on behalf of NBHS.

P&C's have been encouraged to help the schools join the National Solar Schools program.

*A motion was presented to "Investigate the opportunity for joining National Solar Schools Program"*

*Proposed: Garry Lawler*  
*Seconded: Jasmine Madan*  
*The motion was carried.*

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Bank Balance at the end of July was \$107,000. We received collections from fundraising. Parent contributions were less than last year. We received good contributions from the Raffle and Entertainment books. The P&C need to identify further ideas to raise funds for the P&C.

### **Correspondence:**

Tax forms and Bank Statements

### **Grounds Report:**

Working Bee is organized for August 24 starting at 9 am.  
A \$35 donation is encouraged if people cannot participate in the Working Bee.

### **Clothing Pool Report:**

Scarves are now available at the Clothing Pool Crested Scarves are \$8.00 each while the plain black scarves are \$5.00 each.

### **Canteen Report:**

Nothing new to report.

### **General Business:**

No issues were raised for General Business

### **Other Business:**

1. A suggestion was presented to increase the after school activities. The principal will discuss the options with the staff for support of after school activities like Chess, Debating etc.
2. The school's 50th Anniversary Committee presented a case to the meeting that the P&C should assist the celebrations by paying for the souvenir booklet.  
A motion was presented to allocate \$1700 towards the cost of Anniversary Book.

*Presented by: Gaynor Lawler*  
*Proposed by: Helene Mountford*  
*Seconded: Robyn*  
*The motion was carried*

The meeting was closed at 10:10 PM  
Next meeting is on 9<sup>th</sup> September.