

NBHS P & C Association

8th Meeting - Tuesday 14th October 2008
Meeting commenced: 8:00 pm, Chair: Helene Mountford

Part 1 - Opening Session

Principal's Report:

1. Year 12 end of term activities. Concert, Graduation Dinner. All went smoothly apart from some graffiti damage. An excellent group of students who left the school with a great deal of dignity. HSC commences this week
2. Year 11 have commenced their HSC courses. Meeting held on first day of term to outline HSC assessment requirements and to get them to focus on the year ahead.
3. Prefects elected at the end of last term. They have been given their badges by the outgoing prefect body. Formal Induction Ceremony to be held on October 17. Prefect Leadership Camp has been organized for end of October
4. Board of Studies Forum held at the school today. Consultative meeting (including parents) to get feedback on a range of proposals for the HSC to take effect from the 2010 exams.
5. Executive Conference this weekend. Main focus will be "Building The Future" Formulating the School Strategic Plan 2009-2011. Will incorporate the results of the forum that was held at the beginning of Term 2.
6. New Enrolments for Years 8-11. Thank you to Sally Kliffin and Margaret Walsh for giving up so much time to be part of the panels required for these positions.
7. Merit Selection Training. Workshops being held on October 30 at North Ryde. We are going to need several parents who we can draw on to be part of new staffing arrangements. (Johathon Sanders and Ganesh Luhrauka volunteered for the training. The school will pay any cost involved)
8. Interactive Whiteboard being installed this week. Will be a wonderful facility that gives many opportunities. Will include an interactive whiteboard, video cameras, microphones and a high definition TV. The lap top roll out has been put on hold because of continuing negotiations between the State and Federal governments.
9. Successful (band) trip to Japan. The group returns tomorrow.

10. In the process of putting together the school's budget. We are going to have to spend increased funds on maintenance and addressing the learning environment of the school.

Part 2 - Business Session

Attendance: As per sheet

Apologies: Pevlin Price and Mai Le

Special Presentation:

None

Minutes of last Meeting (August and September 2008)

The minutes were not published and therefore could not be approved.

Business arising from the Minutes:

A question was asked about how much money was approved for the Working Bee Session – the minutes of April 2008 meeting show that \$110 was approved for the Working Bee session.

President's Report:

1. Dr. Andrew Martin's presentation went very well. Year 7, 8 and 9 parents dominated the audience.
2. Loraine Yu has agreed to audit the P&C accounts for 2008.

Vice President's Report:

The deadline has been extended for the P&C Family organiser calendars by 1 week.

Treasurer's Report:

The current balance for the P&C is \$108,000. All the major approved expenses have been paid for the year.

A question was asked to check the money approved for the 50th Anniversary celebrations. Notes of the August meeting show that \$1700 was approved for the 50th Anniversary Book.

The P&C contribution has decreased this year. The contribution was \$54,000 in 2007 and reduced to \$45,000 in 2008. Steps need to be taken to improve the contribution rate.

It was proposed that the Treasurer develop a clear proposal for discussion at a future P&C meeting.

Correspondence:

Nil.

Canteen Report:

The canteen has reported a \$8000 annual profit.

Clothing Pool Report:

Nothing to report

Grounds Report:

Next Working Bee session is in early November.
A platform is being organized to lop a few dead trees.

General Business:

Sustainable Schools Program was discussed.

Motion: Robin Atkin proposed a motion for NBHS to investigate and conduct an energy audit

Second: Jonathan Sanders

The motion was carried

The invitation process for the Speech Day was discussed. The Speech Day is being organized for December 17 at the Hornsby RSL. The invitation is restricted to parents of award winners. The information will be available in the newsletters.

Further information was requested on the progress on Class Lists.

It was proposed that the Grounds Day list for next year should be prepared.

Orientation Day for year 7 is planned for December 4. It was suggested that the information pack should contain information from the P&C on P&C contributions, grounds days and class lists. Catering would be required for the event.

Any Other Business:

The P&C generally buys Christmas gifts for the Office Staff. A member suggested the P&C should buy gifts for the teaching staff, about 70, as well. It was suggested a fully costed proposal be brought to the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 9:30 pm. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 11th November.