

NBHS P & C Association

2nd Meeting - Tuesday 10 March 2009

Meeting commenced: 8:00 pm, Chair: Pevlin Price

Apologies: Ganesh Luharuka, Jonathan Sanders, Helene Mountford, Geoff Egan

Part 1 - Opening Session

Principal's Report:

1. Building the Education Revolution (BER) is part of the Commonwealth Government's economic stimulus package.

Majority of funds are going to primary schools. Each primary school is able to apply for 3.2million. Each high school allocation will be approximately \$200,000.

All projects need to be completed by the end of March 2011.

We need to submit our proposals by March 16.

Our 3 Priority areas are: 1) upgrade of toilets 2) provision of permanent covered shade area 3) painting of school buildings

We can also nominate other projects. Suggestions are: refurbishment of admin area and school foyer, construction of change facilities for PE, upgrade of sporting facilities including oval and installation of tiered seating, improved storm water drainage, extension of school hall, building a gymnasium/multipurpose centre.

2. By the end of 2009 all year 9 students in NSW public schools will be allocated a laptop for their individual use.

- Transfer of ownership will occur for these students upon completion of year 12.
- Students will take their laptops with them if they transfer to another public school.
- Laptops will be returned for school use if the students leaves schooling or to attend a non government school.
- Wireless will be installed in two stages. Stage one will cover a set of classrooms (in close proximity) and the library. Stage two will provide coverage of all classrooms. Stage two is to be completed by the end of term 1, 2010.
- Curriculum Support materials will be developed as well as training in hardware and software.

Time Line:

April 2009 - Rollout of wireless commences

May 2009 - Teacher professional learning commences

May 2009 - Laptop devices trialed

June 2009 - Stage 1 rollout of teacher laptops

Late July - Round 1 and Year 9 laptop rollout commences.

3. Apologies for still not being able to provide you with the final draft of the School Plan. Times are very fluid at the moment with all the state and federal initiatives impacting upon our short and long term planning. Draft plan being modified and will be presented shortly

4. Fence measured up. Extensive boundary. This is scheduled for completion in the 2009/2010 financial year. Problem with the RTA sign and school noticeboard

5. Staffing issues.
New science position has been advertised. Hope to be able to finalise this within a fortnight.

HT TAS was conducted last week. Waiting for 10 days appeal period to finish before we can announce successful candidate

Vacancy in English still waiting for staffing to indicate what the status of this position will be

Our GA, Alex Tumkavin left last week to take up a position in private industry. Still waiting to hear about his replacement

6. English Faculty. Faculty Review day last Friday. Very productive. Explored a wide range of issues concerning our English results and ways in which we can improve them. Very confident that strategies have been put in place to improve these. I will continue to work closely with teachers in monitoring progress. Already indications of improvement as evident in the increased amount of HSC style writing that is being done.

7. New committee structure commenced this week. Staff now participate on one of 9 committees: These are
Teacher Professional Learning
Quality Teaching
Technology
Environment
GATS
Assessment and Reporting
OH&S
School Promotion
Learning Support

8. 4th Term SDD. As part of the agreement reached on salaries and staffing, schools are to have 2 additional school development days which have been scheduled for Term 4. We are looking at options in terms of how this can be facilitated. One option is to have a development day on a Saturday, or a day in one of the other holiday periods in lieu of the last day/s of Term 4. We will notify parents asap so that arrangements for travel etc can be made.
Next school development day at start of Term 2 will be held with Hornsby Girls and the 2 Asquith schools. Major focus will be on technology and implementation of the digital education revolution.

9. Year 12 Parent Teacher night well attended. Lots of very positive comments. Particularly happy with the way Year 12 are travelling. Staff are generally happy with them. Year 12 will be commencing their Half-Yearly exams in 2 weeks. Be on the lookout for stress.

10. Northern Explorer. Spoke to Mr Rumbelow this morning and all going well. Only problem is bad weather.

11. Student Leadership Forum. To be held during last week of term.

12. Success of Sherwin Bagheri. Youngest student to be granted full time enrolment at Macquarie University. Martin McCarthy reached the zone final of the Lions Youth of the Year.

13. Year 7 dinner on 17th March

14. New uniform. We need to have a look at updating the sports uniform. Also, introducing a senior jumper. Would be very happy to hear comments. Could we have a parent committee look at options?

Questions Raised during the Principal's Report:

- It was suggested that the Oval refurbishment be added to the BER project list. Mr. Bruce stated that the project will be on the list, but not as a top 3 item.
- What is Barker's responsibility in the maintenance of the oval. Mr. Bruce advised that Barker have spent money on the upkeep of the oval.
- Is there any concern about asbestos in the proposed project for the BER scheme? Mr. Bruce informed that Asbestos is not a concern if it is not disturbed.
- Why a new School Hall cannot be built over 2 years using the BER funds? Mr. Bruce informed that the BER funds have to be used according to a strict time line proposed by the government.
- What can the P&C do to help the school in the BER process? Mr. Bruce responded that not much help is required at this stage. The list of projects is being provided to DET and they will choose which project gets funding.
- Will year 10 and 11 not get any laptops? Year 10 and 11 students in 2009 will not receive any laptops. Each year, year 9 students will receive laptops. P&C can help in educating the parent community about responsibility for the new laptops.
- Parents expressed support for the proposed changes to the English program in the school.

Part 2 - Business Session

Attendance: As per sheet

Special Presentation:

None

Minutes of last Meeting (March 2009)

Helene presented the minutes of March 2009 meeting. .

Motion proposed: Rob Attard proposed that the December minutes be accepted.

Seconded: Tracey Wong

The motion was carried.

Business arising from the Minutes:

- No Calendars will be printed in 2009 due to lack of resources. The 2010 Calendars will be printed.
- We should investigate the possibility of publishing the P&C contact details on the school Website. We should also investigate the possibility of an email address for the P&C.

President's Report:

1. The school annual plan has been delayed for 3 weeks due to federal government BER fund requirements. The P&C will work with the school on the draft plans.
2. The P&C need to develop a strategy and view on how to support the school's short term and long term operational needs and projects. The feedback from the parents is that we need to balance need to support and fund the short term and long term needs.
3. In the next meeting, we will have a list from the school on the funding priorities for 2008.

Vice President's Report:

Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report:

The 2008 P&C and Canteen accounts are presently being audited.

There was no significant movement of funds in the two months since December 2008. The current balance for the P&C is \$111,800 (\$2,800 in CBA account and \$109,000 in ING account).

Last year the parent contributions to the P&C increased by 5.5% and the P&C contributed \$77,000 to the school.

Fundraising Report:

Entertainment books are now available for 2009.

H2Go forms have been distributed in the school.

Tracey Wong gave a detailed presentation on the choice of Fundraising raffles. The choice is between Rotary Raffle (organized at a state level) or a NBHS in house raffle organized by the NBHS P&C community. The parents supported the in house NBHS Raffle organized by the P&C.

Motion proposed: Tracey Wong proposed that up to \$2000 be allocated for organizational expenses and prizes for a NBHS in house raffle.

Seconded: Helen Brophy

The motion was carried.

Correspondence:

In coming correspondence

- Bank statements from Commonwealth Bank and ING Bank
- Documentation for P&C Injury Insurance
- Information for P&C Annual Conference
- 2 issues of P&C Monthly Journals

Out going correspondence

- None

Canteen Report and Clothing Pool:

The school Canteen and Clothing Pool is extremely short of volunteers. Help is urgently required – especially for the Clothing Pool on Tuesday Morning.

A process has been initiated for a change in school uniform. The P&C needs parents to get involved in the process.

Grounds Report:

Next Working Bee session is planned for 21/3/09.

A form will be sent to each family to participate in the Working Bee sessions.

New Business:

No new issues were raised

Vice President's Election:

The two positions for Vice Presidents are vacant. An election was held for these positions.

Pevlin Price proposed Jonathan Sanders for Vice President's role.

Seconded: Helen Brophy

The motion was carried.

General Business:

- Forms were Class Lists were sent home with the boys. The due date has been extended by 1 week to allow for more participation.
- A question was raised if the P&C minutes should be published on the school website. The parent community supported the publication of P&C minutes on the school website to encourage more parent participation..

Any Other Business:

No other business was raised.

Meeting closed at 10:10 pm. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 12 May.