Meeting: Tuesday 13th March 2012
Meeting Opened: 19:30
Meeting Closed: 22:00
Chair: Jonathan Sanders – P&C President
Attendance: As per attendance book.
Next Meeting: Tuesday 8th May 2012

Part 1 Opening Session
Presentation by Glen Sawle – Relieving Principal.

Local schools – Local decisions. Don’t get too excited! DET is devolving greater management responsibility to schools, such as in the areas of staffing and maintenance. The reality is that this is not a revolution.

Explanation of how selective schools can be disadvantaged by having accelerated learning students.

School Plan.
2012-2014 School Plan to be completed by 01/04/12.
Glen requested and received feedback on “School Plan 2012 -2014” handout from P&C attendees.

In future, more specific requests for P&C support will be raised.

Tea Break: (~10 minutes)

Part 2 Business Session

Minutes of Last Meeting
Motion 2012-0005 to accept the minutes of the last meeting (14/02/2012).

Correspondence
Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW
- Annual Conference Information
- OH&S Update

Commonwealth Bank
- Merchant Statement issued 01/03/12. Cheque Account 06 2181 00908120. Total $49.70

Business arising from last minutes

Relieving Principal Glen Sawle:
Funding of debating and public speaking program... anything towards $5K requirement appreciated.
Athletic carnival $2,220 & Swim carnival $2,220 for Homebush rental.
Qualified referee and umpire $2800
Musical by NBHS this year - P&C contribution of $3,000 request.

Motion 2012-0006 to fund the above to $15,000.

NBHS to provide cost and income budget figures at next meeting. Jonathan Sanders requested detail on clothing shop earnings as P&C used to profit approx. $5,000 when running the clothing pool.
Principal’s Report
Relieving Principal Glen Sawle.
Will have fuller picture after school plan done.

President’s Report
Mr Jonathan Sanders

Attended Year7 evening. There was great assistance from P&C parents, which was much appreciated by all. It provided a great opportunity for the parents to meet. Gave the same presentation as per last P&C.

Regarding the Year7 night, Jasmine Madon offered congratulations to two Y7 parents, Ereshia de Silva & Leanne Walshaw, for their much appreciated contribution.

Also attended Y12 recognition award ceremony, which was well received.

The Grounds Day had a good representation of Year7 parents, as well as school Prefects. A good outcome.

Also held an Executive discussion prior to this meeting. Decided Mother/Son night to be on SAT 12/05/12. The date in June yet to be decided for the Joint School Family Social night.

We have quotes for both the new refrigerator and freezer, which were slightly less than expected. We need to also obtain a quote for the ZIP water heater.

The Web site development will be soon underway.

Vice-Presidents Report
< No Report>

Treasurers Report
< No Report>

Jonathan Sanders (President) suggested that Robert Liu (Treasurer) who was not present at this meeting, to send relevant financial reports to Sade Kalasabail (Assistant Treasurer) if not in attendance, to allow for such information to be minuted.

Fund Raising Committee Report
The Secretary is to send Robin Aitken fundraising emails addresses to provide start up activity steps for the fundraising committee.

Mai has started Entertainment Book process (refer email extract below):

I have asked the staff from the School Office to place two attached flyers of the ‘2012 Entertainment Book Order Form’ into the weekly newsletter of Normanhurst Boys High School on the school website until 5 April 2012.

If the Entertainment book is purchased before April 5th, bonus offers worth over $150 will be included (attached example) that can be used straight away!

This year, the Entertainment Publications have set up a secure online order and payment page for credit card payment.

The link is https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/200w444 which has an easy access.

For payment by cash or cheque, the order form needs to be completed and enclose with payment in an envelope and returned to the school office.

Function Committee
Audrey Chin Quan reported that the committee successfully catered for the Year7 evening function.

Canteen Report
The canteen renovation was discussed. It was noted that the airconditioning needed to be reviewed.

A cheque for $5,000 was given to Secretary Michael Miller for banking.

The canteen tends to keep approximately $20,000 in canteen running fund.

Lainie Kalnins reported that her first day on canteen was good experience.
Grounds Report

Jonathan Sanders reported approximately sixty people attended the last grounds day. The front garden is having less weed presence as it becomes well established. There was a clean up around the tennis courts. We have had good rain after planting. Bush regeneration activities yet to be done.

New Business

Student Insurance

Following on from the last P&C meeting, Relieving Principal Glen Sawle has noted that the department does not have insurance of this type; it simply indemnifies the school against risk of being sued etc. This student insurance is really to cover parents who may not have private health insurance and find that because of an accident at or during a school event they could end up with large medical bills which they would have to foot the costs.

Glen Sawle spoke to a number of other Principals who said their P&C does not bother. Jeff Bruce feels it is is still a good idea. It is the P&C’s call.

Following discussion among the P&C attendees, it was decided to pursue the student insurance cover.

Motion 2012-0007 to fund Student Insurance at $4.85 for 728 students, being a total of $3,530.80

New Business.

Glen Sawle, Relieving Principal, clarified that, with the new SMS system for student absenteeism, a parental/guardian SMS response with brief reason is acceptable. Otherwise a parental/guardian letter is required.

Should any errors or anomalies be found on the new NBHS web site, please notify Glen Sawle, Relieving Principal.

Members of the Executive Committee agreed the new CBA account signatories for 2012 to be President Jonathan Sanders, Assistant Treasurer Sade Kalasabail and Secretary Michael Miller.

The School Musical "Pirates of Penzance" rehearsals are well underway. Jasmine Madon asked how we can promote the production? How can P&C assist? Glen Sawle to raise with Pirates committee and respond. Regarding the method of seat booking, this can be does online via the school’s website.

Richard Simpson rasied the matter of the Year 12 Study Area. Glen Sawle responded that the Library is probably the best place. However, other areas might be considered.

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Meeting Closed

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