Meeting: Tuesday 14th August 2012
Meeting Opened: 19:30
Location: School Library
Chair: Jonathan Sanders – P&C President
Apologies: Karen Campbell
Attendance: As per attendance book.
Meeting Closed: 21:55

Next Meeting: Tuesday 11th September 2012

Part 1 Opening Session
Three Presentations

Presentation by Doug Steed. Head of Science Dept. Teacher Federation Representative.

The Gonski Report.

The “Putting Students First” Charter.

Requested all present to contact local member to question 20% reduction across the State education system, and voice support for the Gonski measures.

Supported by Principal Jeff Bruce.

School Captain: Aresh Madon
Vice Captain: James McCabe

Outlined goals over the next 12 months discussed in a recent camp. These are in the process of being further developed.
They want to have a better communication and interaction between all year classes; bring together seniors and juniors. NBHS has a great sense of brotherhood and upon this they want to continue to build a strong school spirit.
They are examining a reformation of the house system.
The intention is to establish strong links between students and P&C. The aim is to give back to the school in a beneficial way and promote the NBHS holistic approach to education.
There are now twenty Prefects in the school, an increase on the previous eighteen.
Will keep up reports on progress.

Robin Aitken: Would like Prefects to help out with promoting events, via, for example Facebook and roll call.
Jonathan Sanders: Appreciate the Prefect assistance with canteen when short staffed.

Presentation by Paula Marsh. Autism Support Teacher.

Spoke on the “Positive Partnerships” three-day course, which was set up to promote information to teach and help students on the ASD spectrum, and foster a culture of acceptance and positive attitude.
The course participants were to develop a programme to put “Positive Partnerships” into play at school.
NBHS project is to skill up mainstream students in regards to assisting and understanding ASD students. This project will focus on year 10 students.

Tea Break: (~10 minutes)
Principal’s Report
Principal – Jeff Bruce

1. Very successful Jenolan Caves excursion. Excellent feedback from the public about the behaviour of the boys. Also outstanding reports back from Work Experience

2. Kay Elliott has joined our staff as Learning and Support Teacher. The appointment comes as a result of the Every Student Every School initiative which has reorganised the way in which support is provided to schools to assist students with learning issues. Kay works with us for 2 days a week. Other 2 days shared with Hornsby Girls.

3. Year 12 Trial HSC now complete teachers busy with the marking process. I will be meeting with the boys on Wednesday for the next Team Normo. Interviews

4. Subject selections have now been completed and we begin the difficult task of organising classes for next year. Interviews held to provide additional support for students having difficulties in making choices for Year 11/12 courses.

5. Our Learning Support Team, previously called Welfare Team, attended a conference last Friday at Gibberagong. First time we have held a conference for the year advisors and other key welfare staff. An outstanding opportunity to discuss a raft of welfare proposals

6. Timetable review. Proposal is for a change from the 8 period structure to either a 4, 5, or 6 period day. Two week A and B cycle.

7. Work has commenced on the embankment. Modified plan. Should be completed in the next 2 weeks.

8. Entrance examinations for Years 8-11 held last Saturday. Over 240 applications. We will require someone from the P&C to be a representative on the panel to decide the order of offers for possible placements next year.

   First round offers were sent out last month for Year 7 2013 placements. Very high standard for entry scores. Mrs Raj will be the Year Adviser. Waitara, Beecroft and Dural provide the largest number of students. Next highest is the non-govs. 8 students.

9. Social Science HT position. We have some options as to how we use this position. We can either retain and have HT History and HT Social Science or we can combine faculties into an HSIE faculty and use the HT position somewhere else in the school. Meeting with faculties tomorrow. Decision to be made soon.

10. A Team. We will be keeping our current intake of students for another 2 years. Class will become a 7-10.

11. The M60 Bus is causing problems. Large number of our students catching the bus. We have approached the transport department to ask for an additional bus or a dedicate school bus to serve us and Hornsby Girls. They are planning a review.

12. Discussion currently about Year 12 doing sport. We are looking at the option of allowing them to choose whether or do sport in Year 12. They could be given the option of using Wednesday afternoon to study. Possibly also assist with coaching junior teams as another credential to add to their CV’s

13. Original class that started at NBHS in 1958 is having their 50 year reunion on September 15. Will include a function in the hall and a debate against our senior debating team.

Regarding Point 8 above, Noel Christie-David can be a parent representative for selection of Y8 – Y12 applicants. Leanne Walshaw offered to be backup for Noel.
Part 2 Business Session

Minutes of Last Meeting

Motion 2012-0018 to accept the minutes of the last meeting (19/06/2012).

Correspondence

Federation of P&C Associations of New South Wales;
- Updated "Affiliation & Insurance Guide" for renewal period 01/08/2012 to 01/08/2013
- Federation periodic publication

ING Direct;
- Statement 32 (01/04/12 – 30/06/12) for Business Optimiser No: 18089026. Balance: $203,916.20 CR;

Commonwealth Bank;
- Statement 185 (06/04/12 – 05/07/12) Account 06 2291 10014089. Balance: $942.09 DR; (i.e. overdrawn)
- Letter regarding overdrawn Account 2291 10014089 for $942.09
- Statement 292 (01/04/12 – 30/06/12) Account 06 2181 00908120. Balance: $324.75 CR;
- Merchant Statement issued 01/06/12. Cheque Account 062181 00908120. Total: $49.70 DR;
- Merchant Statement issued 01/07/12. Cheque Account 062181 00908120. Total: $49.70 DR
- Merchant Statement issued 01/08/12. Cheque Account 062181 00908120. Total: $49.70 DR

Fundraising
- Letter from "Mini Melts": to be handed to fundraising team for review

Miscellaneous
- SITE Systems – Outdoor Furniture
- Oakhill College invitation to Annual Gala Day 21st July 2012

Motion 2012-019 to accept correspondence report.
Business arising from previous minutes

Motion 2012-0013 to reimburse NBHS for the $6229.09 payment for the replacement ZIP boiler and Dishwasher that have now been purchased.
Cheque to be raised by Treasurer at end of meeting.

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Competition Cost Assistance.
Peter J Hall – Class 10R2 has competed in the NSW Combined School Under 15 Water polo team, and a request to the P&C has been made by Mr Hall to possible assist with the related costs.

Motion 2012-0014 to pay registration, or other cost if no registration, up to $250.

Secretary awaiting response from Event Team Organiser as to the event registration amount. Once received, coordinate with Treasurer to raised cheque.

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Motion 2012-0015 for Social Card night to have up to $80 to reimburse Hornsby Girls High.

No longer required as reimbursement was done by Robin Aitken on the Social Card night from the evening’s contributions.

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School Budget
NBHS to provide cost and income budget figures at next meeting. Jonathan Sanders requested details on clothing shop earnings as P&C used to profit approx. $5,000 when running the clothing pool.

Principal Bruce to provide at next P&C meeting.

Outstanding approved payments to be addressed.
The following payments which had been agreed at previous meetings are still outstanding due to the cheques raised being dishonoured:

Motion 2012-0004 $270.00 – reimburse Audrey Chin Quan.
Motion 2012-0009 $200.00 – reimburse the registration fee for Enoch Chiu (Y10).

Cheques to be raised by Treasurer at end of meeting.

Update on progress regarding the closing of the Clothing Pool bank account (CBA 06 2181 00908120) and return of EFTPOS equipment which has an ongoing cost of approx $50 per month.
Secretary M Miller contacted Robert Liu on 01/08/2012. Robert said he would look for the EFTPOS equipment in a box in his garage. No further response has been received.

President Jonathan Sanders stated he was willing to collect the box and search it’s contents for the EFTpos machine.
Reports

President’s Report
P&C President – Jonathan Sanders


Remaining items:
1. New air conditioner (old air con not set up well for canteen; has cracks in it). One of the parents who is an air cond specialist has proposed air con above doorway to blow inside canteen.
2. Repaint with more cheerful colours.
3. Professional cleaning.

Best scheduling would be in the October 2012 school holidays. J Sanders knows good painter; will obtain a quote.

Motion 2012-0019 to approve in principle to spend funds on canteen air conditioning and painting. The spend will be up to $18,000 to finish off canteen, and be based on subsequently obtained detailed quotes. Proposed: Pauline Zhao. Seconded: Audrey Chin Quan. Carried.

Vice-Presidents Report
<No report>

Treasurers Report
P&C Treasurer – Sade Kalasabail

Previously had little visibility of CBA working account, hence dishonoured cheques.

Intend to present full financial year statement next meeting.

Motion 2012-0020 to provide and amount of $50 for filing equipment related to Treasurer activities. Proposed: Robin Aitken. Seconded: Jasmine Madon. Carried.

Fund Raising Committee Report
Robin Aitken. Regarding thoughts of term 4 activities, probably not a good time ... very busy. Suggested to look around for available grants as this can be a great return for effort expended. The suggestion was raised regarding a web page addition to provide a donation facility; general, building fund.

Function Committee Report
Audrey Chin Quan.
Two functions were catered for: Prefect induction & SRC induction.

Canteen Report

Grounds Report
Grounds day Co-ordinator - Jonathan Sanders
Grounds day this Sunday 19/08/12 09:00 – 12:00.

New Business
Asli Harman would like a parent on the anti-bullying policy initiative committee. Audrey Chin Quan to give it a go.

Social Card Night profit of $120 to be banked by Treasurer for P&C CBA Account. Thank you Robin Aitken.
Motion 2012-0017 to pay Entertainment Books their commission of $130.00.


Cheques raised by Treasurer Sade Kalasabail

- $270 to Audrey Chin Quan. CBA 000532.
- $200 to Enoch Chiu. CBA 000533
- $130 to Entertainment Books. CBA 000534
- $26,556.45 to NBHS CBA 000535 (Canteen Refurbishment)

Meeting Closed

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