Meeting: Tuesday 11th September 2012
Meeting Start Time: 19:45
Location: School Library
Chair: Jonathan Sanders – P&C President
Apologies: Helmut Hiebl, Noel Christie-David, Leanne Walshaw, Robin Aitken, Richard Simpson, Jasmine Madon, Prefect Representation (... due to exams)
Attendance: As per attendance book.
Meeting Closed: 21:15
Next Meeting: Tuesday 9th October 2012

Part 1 Opening Session

Principal’s Report
Principal Jeff Bruce

1. Statement released today by the Minister about significant cuts to be put in place for education budget. Government schools will have state and regional bureaucracy reduced. Funding to non-government schools will be capped for 4 years at current rate. Fees in TAFE will rise by 9%. The announcement also indicated that there would be a realignment of regions.

2. Gonski Review. Government has announced it’s response. Not a great deal will be happening on this front in the near future. It will be at least until 2014 that announcement will be made.

3. New timetable will operate from Term 1 2013. Five period day on a two week cycle. School will commence at 8.40 and conclude at 3.05.

4. Final days for Year 12. I had a meeting with Year 12 last week to outline my expectations. They will have a breakfast next Tuesday followed by concerts in the hall. In the evening is the Graduation Ceremony.

5. Interviews will be held early next term for the new HT Social Science position. Mr Graeme Lockwood has also indicated that he will not be returning after Term 3 this year. We are waiting to hear from staffing about how we can proceed with this.

6. Executive Conference being held this weekend. We will be reviewing progress on the School Plan 2012-2014 and identifying targets for next year.

7. Interviews held today for Years 8-11 vacancies for 2012. We interviewed 8 boys for positions in Year 11 and 1 boy for the only vacancy we currently have in Year 9. Others have been placed on reserve list. Thank you to Noel Christie-David for being the parent representative on the panel.

8. NAPLAN results will be announced next week.

9. Work almost complete on the landscaping adjoining the oval.

10. 50th Reunion for the Old Boys this weekend.
Part 2 Business Session

Minutes of Last Meeting

Motion 2012-0021 to accept the minutes of the last meeting (14/08/2012).

Correspondence

Federation of P&C Associations of New South Wales;
- “Turning 18” sample magazine and covering letter.
- Reminder for Membership Renewal (Affiliation and Insurance)

Commonwealth Bank;
- Merchant Statement issued 01/09/2012. Cheque Account 062181 00908120. Total: $49.70 DR;

NSN Air Pty Ltd
- Quotation No: 12455 for 4kw Mitsubishi Hi-wall split system ($2,330), 8kw Mitsubishi Hi-wall split system ($3,598), 1 x window exhaust fan ($500)

Business arising from previous minutes

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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.

Previously motion 2012-0014 was carried to pay registration, or other cost if no registration, up to $250.

Secretary received a response from Event Team Organiser with the event registration amount being $185.00. Coordinated with Treasurer, cheque raised and given to Office to pass on to Adam Hall (son).

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School Budget
Jonathan Sanders requested details on clothing shop earnings as P&C used to profit approx. $5,000 when running the clothing pool.

Principal Bruce has subsequently provided the following figures:
2010-2011 - $9219
2011-2012 - $8601 (so far, but more to come before roll over in November)

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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.

EFTPOS equipment returned to NBHS, collected by Secretary M Miller and returned to CBA at Burwood in order to stop the monthly rental cost deduction. To fully close the account, a letter requesting closure is required and needs to be signed by two of the three Account signatories, those being Jeffrey Bruce, Frank Johnson and John Fielding.
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President’s Report
Jonathan Sanders

Jonathan reflected on the whole way funding from the State Government has changed since the introduction of the GST, and how NSW gets less back in GST than it contributes. He believed that the NSW state finances will not be in very good condition for years to come and that it is important that the Government be kept aware that parents are conscience of the need for education funding to not be part of short term cost cutting measures.

He noted that we have a good P&C, which is vital to fill gaps in funding shortfalls. We need to find ways to grow the involvement of parents in supporting the school through our P&C.

Vice-Presidents Report
<No Report>

Treasurers Report
Sade Kalasabail.

Sade presented current figures via an Excel Spreadsheet, which will be updated for the next P&C meeting for inclusion in the Minutes.

Motion 2012-0023 to accept Treasury Report.

Fund Raising Committee Report
Robin Aitken to do a handover to current committee.

Function Committee Report
Audrey Chin Quan.
No functions since our last meeting.

Canteen Report
Karen Campbell

A new canteen Treasurer, Deepthi Nanayakkara, will be working 6hr per week. Annette Phillips is to remain on committee, and as a signatory.

Currently considering the possibility of three casual paid persons to cover for sickness and suchlike.
Noted the primary reason for our canteen is to provide good food for our boys.

Grounds Report
Jonathan Sanders

Grounds day was good. Further planting along the front fence was carried out.
Principal Bruce suggested that trimming of vegetation along the fence around the entrance driveway be undertaken to enhance driveway exit and entrance traffic visibility.

New Business
Renewal of P&C Affiliation & Insurance for the period 01/08/2012 to 01/08/2013.
The similar level of cover has been selected as last year, as noted below, with an increase from $961 to $1,009.

Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW – Affiliation Insurance cost of $1,009.00, consisting of:
$520 Affiliation Fee – High Schools – 651-900 Students
$ 66 Liability $20Mil
$270 Death Benefit $40K
$153 Directors and Officers Liability
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$1009 Total
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Regarding the canteen air conditioning, a quote of $3,600 has been obtained.  
**Motion 2012-0022** to go ahead with quote with possible installation in Term 3 holiday period.  

**Motion 2012-0024** to renew P&C Affiliation and Insurance for 1/08/2012 – 1/08/2013 for amount of $1009.00  

**Motion 2012-0025** to pay Mai Brett the sum of $104 for Entertainment Book purchase reimbursement.  

Jonathan Sanders expressed thanks to Mai for all her Entertainment Book activity.

Cheques written:  
$104 to Mai Brett. CBA 000537.  
$1009 to Federation of Parent and Citizens’ Associations of NSW. CBA 000539

Note initial cheque 000538 for Federation of Parent and Citizens’ was cancelled due to writing error.

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**Close of Meeting**

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