Meeting: Tuesday 9th October 2012
Meeting Start Time: 19:45
Location: School Library
Chair: Jonathan Sanders – P&C President
Apologies: Jo Jennis
Attendance: As per attendance book.
Meeting Closed: 21:00
Next Meeting: Tuesday 13th November 2012

Part 1 Opening Session

Principal’s Report
Principal Jeff Bruce

1. Smooth start to the term. Year 12 commence their HSC exams next week. First exam will be Paper 1 of English on Monday afternoon. 70,000 students will be sitting the exam this year. 126 cohort from NBHS.

2. Wonderful conclusion to Year 12’s final days at the school. Breakfast, concerts and graduation ceremony. Unfortunate incidents in other local schools not repeated here.

3. Year 11 students have now commenced the HSC courses. Meeting held with them all yesterday to discuss the requirements of both the BOS and of our school.

4. NAPLAN results received at the end of last term. Outstanding results, particularly in Year 9 Literacy. Communication from Regional Office during the holidays to let me know that they were the best results in the region.

5. Landscaping on the oval now complete. Looks wonderful. During the holidays the surface of the oval was dressed and fertilised. Seems to have withstood its first season of winter sports really well.

6. Exec Conference held at the end of Term 3 was very successful. Range of topics discussed and plans made for the priorities for 2013. We will be having a strong focus on differentiation of the curriculum.

7. Decision has been made to reintroduce diaries for all years from next year. Asli Harmon has been working upon an improved model and this will be available from next year at a cost of $16. Would like to ask for P&C to subsidise the purchase of the diaries to the extent of $5000.

8. The first of the groups of Year 10 boys began training this week in the Positive Partnerships Program. Will start working with the boys in the A Team shortly.

9. We currently have 2 HT vacancies – Social Science and Administration. Graeme Lockwood retired as HT Admin yesterday after 12 years at the school. Graham Lockwood’s position as HT Social Science has still not been filled. We have decided to readvertise.

10. CAPA Tour to Italy reaching final stages of organisation. Lots of paperwork needs to be done to satisfy Region’s requirements.

11. PSA Stopwork meeting held yesterday. Most of our SASS staff attended a meeting in the city to discuss cuts to the public service. Unable to run class for our A Team.

12. Large turn-out for the Year 7 2014 Information Morning held this week. The visitors were very impressed with the school with lots of very positive comments.
Part 2 Business Session

Minutes of Last Meeting

Motion 2012-0026 to accept the minutes of the last meeting (11/09/2012).

Correspondence

Commonwealth Bank;
- Statement 293 (01/07/12 - 19/09/12). Cheque Account 062181 00908120. Total: $Nil

Mark Virgona
- Funding request for attendance at the Australian Science Olympiad Summer School. Mark was one of only 24 students in Australia who will be offered this opportunity and may lead to representing Australia at the Asian and International Physics Olympiads. Contribution towards the cost of $1800 Summer School cost is requested.

Motion 2012-0027 to contribute $250 towards Mark’s summer school costs

Business arising from previous minutes

Canteen air conditioning update – covered under Canteen Report

Update on progress regarding the closing of the Clothing Pool bank account (CBA 06 2181 00908120) and return of EFTPOS equipment which had an ongoing cost of approx $50 per month.

Account has now been closed and statement 293 received showing Nil balance.

REPORTS

President’s Report
Jonathan Sanders

Jonathan attended the Y12 graduation for the first time as a Y12 parent and commented that it was a great night.

Canteen has been painted. Once the air conditioning has been installed, the Canteen refurbishment project will be complete.

Vice-Presidents Report
<No Report>

Treasurers Report
Sade Kalasabail.

Sade presented current figures via an Excel Spreadsheet. Balances as follows:
Commonwealth Bank cheque account: $ 20,758.39
ING Direct Business Optimiser account: $203,916.20

Jonathan discussed the balancing act for the P&C funds:
   a) Parents have an expectation to see money they contribute to be spent to benefit their boys
   b) Conserve sufficient funds for “big” projects

Jeff mentioned that the following projects were still the top priorities for P&C funding:
   a) Refurbishment of teaching kitchen
   b) Insulation of A and B blocks
   c) Covered area near hall
Motion 2012-0028 to accept Treasury Report.

Fund Raising Committee Report
Robin Aitken to organise a handover meeting prior to AGM.
Advised that she had several “how-to” documents that could go on website.

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

Canteen Report
Karen Campbell
Karen passed on Canteen committee’s thanks for the kitchen refurbishments.
The canteen has been repainted.
Air conditioning is being re-quoted due to misunderstanding. We want additional unit rather than replace existing
and this will likely increase the quote due to extra ducting etc.
There have been some small price increases on the menu.
Fiona has resigned so looking for a replacement. Have had one interested person, but will advertise position via
newsletter and all-parent email. Extend to newspaper ad if required.
Proposed that it would be beneficial to have professional cleaners to do a proper clean once per term.

Grounds Report
Jonathan Sanders
Term 4 grounds day will be on Saturday 24-Nov-2012.
Requested to engage professional landscapers to do some preparation work prior to grounds day.

Motion 2012-0029 to approve expenditure up to $2000 for engagement of professional landscapers to improve school
grounds.

New Business

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Close of Meeting

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Next meeting: Tuesday 13th November 2012.
AGM, followed by General Meeting

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