Meeting: Tuesday 9th April 2013
Meeting Start Time: 19:45
Location: School Library
Chair: Michael Miller – P&C President
Apologies: Eresha de Silva, Jasmine Madon

Part 1 Opening Session:

- **Special Religions Education teacher, Jeremy Dunne,** will be giving a 15 minute outline of the work that he does with the boys

  Jeremy gave us an insight into the thought provoking content and approach that he uses with the boys. He explores common ground across belief systems: origin, meaning, morality and destiny.

- **Principal’s Report**

  1. School Development Days to be held on first 2 days of next term. We will be working with Hornsby Girls on 21st Century learning skills. Guest presentation from Andrew Churches. On the 2nd day our staff will be working on programming for the introduction of the National Curriculum
  2. Very successful Year Camps for Years 8, 9 and 11.
  3. Still waiting to hear on what the bus company is going to do about the bus issue on Pennant Hills Road.
  4. Work to commence on The Glass House next week. Will be completed by the time school resumes for Term 2. Also hope to commence insulation project.
  5. Excellent ESSA results 87% of our boys in Year 8 achieved in the top 2 bands with 33% in the top band.
  6. Interviews held today for vacant Social Science position. Thank you to Noel Christy-David for being the parent representative on the panel.
  7. Still waiting to hear about our counsellor appointment
  8. Proposal to introduce another autism class.
  9. Welfare policy currently under review. We would like parent input. Are there any parents interested in being on the committee? If interested, contact Mrs Harman.
  10. Harmony Day this Thursday.
  11. Parent required to be on panel for Selective Schools Entry on June 4 at Selective Schools Office which is now located in Oxford St Sydney.
  12. Reminder about the Gonski Morning Tea that is being held at the school this Thursday morning.
  13. Annual Report has been completed and will be on the school website from the beginning of next term.

Tea Break: (~10 minutes)

Part 2 Business Session

Minutes of Last Meeting
- **Motion 2013-04A** to accept the minutes of the last meeting.
  Proposed: Pauline Zhao, Seconded: Audrey Chin Quan, Carried
Correspondence
- Hillsbus re: Pennant Hills Rd bus stop
- Local MPs re: Pennant Hills Rd bus stop (response from Barry O’Farrell)
- Request for financial assistance from Aleks Vukic for representing NSW at the Australian All Schools Tennis Competition in Adelaide (4-12 May)

Business arising from previous minutes and correspondence
- Motion 2013-04B to provide $250 to assist Aleks Vukic with costs associated with representing NSW at the Australian All Schools Tennis Competition
  Proposed: Audrey Chin Quan, Seconded: Pauline Zhao, Carried
- Pennant Hills Rd bus stop: refer to Principal’s and President’s reports
- Student injury insurance
  o Review of benefits/cover (to be added to P&C website)
  o Motion 2013-04C to purchase student injury insurance for 729 students @$4.40 (up to $3300)
    Proposed: Helmut Hiebl, Seconded: Sade Kalasabail, Carried
- Second hand uniforms – refer to President’s report
- Social evening with Hornsby Girls HS (Crazy Whist Night): Sade/Ross proposed we hold the night on the same day as last year.
- Access to ING account: Ganesh has been able to login to the ingdirect website. We assume this indicates that he is an authorised user and have requested him to initiate the change of authorised users

REPORTS
- President’s Report

Thank you all for your attendance tonight.

The rescheduled first term’s Grounds Day occurred last Sunday with an attendance of around eighteen participants. The Church group that uses the Hall had previously offered to provide morning tea refreshments to our Grounds Day volunteers and did just that last Sunday. On behalf of the P&C I gave Alison Page from the Church a call to thank them for their kind assistance and appreciative note. A thanks also of course to Jonathan along with the Parents, children and Prefects in attendance.

Regarding the Pennant Hills Rd bus stop, the P&C have expressed the after school safety concerns, along with possible solutions, for consideration to Hillbus as well as local members Matt Kean and Barry O’Farrell. Hillbus have responded with discounting the suggested solutions and noting that the Transport for NSW is the authority that directs them. Barry O’Farrell responded that he had made direct representation to the Minister of Transport and awaits a response from the Minister. No response from Matt Kean, but I believe that he has responded to the School.

As Hillbus are directed by the Transport for NSW department, as suggested by our Secretary, our next correspondence should be made to them, after consulting with Principal Bruce as to the schools previous correspondence with TfNSW.

As part of the second hand uniform trade discussions previous had, I have climbed the Gumtree, figuratively speaking, in that I placed an ad for a Normanhurst junior jumper (size 20) on the generally free Gumtree website. By prefixing the item, or items, description with “NBHS” it allows any prospective NBHS uniform hunters to just enter “NBHS” in the “Find a” text box, then select ”Search”. This brings up all NBHS items offered for sale, which currently is just one. If further delineation is required the format could be adopted as “NBHS Jumper”, “NBHS Shirt” etc. **

There have been some suggestions made for possible grants and suchlike from Felicity McDonnell which need to be discussed further with Jeff and the Executive.

**Mr Bruce suggested an alternative for the second hand clothing topic. Instead of using Gumtree, he proposed that we include a list of second-hand clothing items in the NBHS newsletter. Michael will trial this and share the process with the broader parent community.

- Vice-President’s Report
  Jasmine is working to create a list of potential local sponsors that the P&C could contact
- **Treasurer’s Report**
  Sade presented financial reports for March
  
  **Motion 2013-04D** to accept financial reports for March
  Proposed: Ganesh Luharuka, Seconded: Audrey Chin Quan, Carried

  Recent version of MYOB provided to canteen treasurer

- **Fund Raising Committee Report**
  Still looking to fill the vacant fund raising coordinator role. Current activities:
  - Crazy Whist Night (Sade)
  - Entertainment Book sales (Francis Fok)

- **Function Committee Report**
  Harmony Day – several parents have volunteered to cook and help at this event
  Next Term – prefect induction and SRC induction end of Term 2

- **Canteen Report**
  Advised that no prepared food available on Harmony Day
  Recent power outage resulted in approx. $800 food spoilage in freezer
  Current P&C insurance does not cover this loss. Suggest we include this component next year
  Replacement stove (gas/electric fan forced) working well

- **Grounds Report**
  Great weather, lots of weeding, approx. 120 new plants, garden beds extended
  Jonathan proposed that we look into purchase of tools and locate onsite storage for these.

**New Business**

- **Motion 2013-04E** – to reimburse NBHS for woodchip used at the T1 working bee ($286.50 inc. GST)
  Proposed: Helmut Hiebl, Seconded: Ganesh Luharuka, Carried

- **Motion 2013-04F** – to reimburse Michael Miller for water crystals used at working bee ($20.99)
  Proposed: Audrey Chin Quan, Seconded: Ganesh Luharuka, Carried

- Request for P&C to fund printed swimming caps for Zone Swimming Carnival
  Mr Bruce to investigate and present costs to P&C

- Lost property – seek information about current policy eg; maintenance and access
  Named items that are handed in to the office should find their way back to their owners. Remaining items
  get added to storage tubs in laundry. There is limited space for boys to search through this bulk of items

- Ganesh proposed that school staff be included as authorised signatories to P&C bank accounts to assist
  with continuity of access. It was concluded that this would not be pursued.

- NAPLAN tutoring leaflets – some boys were coming home with these. Mr Bruce confirmed that they were
  not from the school and suggested that they may be being distributed at train/bus stops

- Audrey advised that the hall kitchenette is in need of a good clean out. Also that P&C items in locked
  cupboards had gone missing and cupboards left unlocked. Mr Bruce advised that this area would be
  included in the pest control activities during the school holidays. He suggested we clearly label cupboards
  and contents as P&C. Access to keys to be reviewed.

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Next meeting: Tuesday 14th May 2013.

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