Meeting: Tuesday 14th October 2014
Meeting Start Time: 7:40 pm
Meeting End Time: 9:00 pm
Location: School Library
Chair: Sade Kalasabail – P&C President
Attendance: 11 as per the sign-in book
Apologies: Philippa Stewart, Mohsina Rahman

Part 1 Opening Session:

Principal’s Report (Mark Anderson)

Summary of recent works at the school (Mark provided slideshow)

P&C funded works
- TAS kitchen upgrade
- SRC booth (incl. relocation of coffee machine)
- Hall projector upgrade
- Sentral server replacement

School funded works:
- Flooring outside canteen area re-surfaced
- Quad podium rendered and painted
- Toilets re-surfaced and painted
- Paths and walls have had surfaces cleaned
- Various smaller maintenance jobs as a result of following up with DEC maintenance contract

Strengths and weaknesses feedback

Feedback from parents was very broad and has been grouped to support the following proposed strategic direction areas for the school:
- Academic Excellence
- Holistic Education
- Citizenship

Additional feedback related to
- Communication and administration
- Environment

It was acknowledged that the school could improve self-promotion; e.g. various school bands.

Based on student numbers, approval has been given for an additional head teacher. The school has decided that this position will have a focus on welfare. Hiring of new head teacher HSIE and head teacher science is under way.
Parent presentation (Michael Fisher)
Michael reflected on his son Oliver’s time at NBHS and reminded us of the excellence of the school in providing our boys with a holistic educational experience. He also outlined the tremendous achievement of Oliver (5th) and another Australian student (1st) in competing against the powerhouses of USA and China in the International Olympiad held in Taiwan in July 2014.

Part 2 Business Session

Minutes of Last Meeting

- Motion 2014-10A to accept the minutes of the last meeting.
  Proposed: Henry Liong, Seconded: Praveen Aranha, Carried

Correspondence

  Incoming

- Request from parents of Keita Richardson for P & C assistance for Keita’s attendance at the International Biology Olympiad 2015
  Motion 2014-10B to provide $250 to assist Keita’s attendance at the International Biology Olympiad.
  Proposed: Ross Horsburgh, Seconded: Denise Pivetta, Carried

- CBA Statement for account 06 2291 10014089 for 1-Jun-14 to 30-Sep-14, closing balance: $905.63

REPORTS

- President’s Report (Sade Kalasabail)
  Continuing work on the canteen focus group and preparation of survey.

- Treasurer’s Report (Helmut Hiebl)
  Statement for Period 1st – 30th September
  • The trading account began with a balance of approximately $1690. Major transactions were receipt of $2530 in parent contributions and $1066 for P&C affiliation and insurance, leaving just over $900.
  • $20K donation was received from the canteen which was deposited into the ING account, leaving it with approx. $103K
  • After commitments we have approximately $97.5K in available funds
  • Yearly financial reports have been prepared and provided for audit

  Motion 2014-10C to adopt the Financial Report for September
  Proposed: Helmut Hiebl, Seconded: Praveen Aranha. Carried

- Fund Raising Committee Report (Eresha de Silva)
  Continuing to work on SYMTA. Over 200 old boys have joined the P&C LinkedIn page. There have been a number of offers to assist the school and it was suggested that we hold an event; e.g. bbq evening to engage with this group of ex-students.
- Function Committee Report (Audrey Chin Quan)
  Provided supper for Y11 parent information evening last Thursday.

- Canteen Report (Karen Campbell)
  Book packs for Y7 orientation have been ordered. Canteen is currently quiet with Y12 away.
  Karen asked if Mark could provide any direction on what was likely to happen with the canteen in 2015.
  Mark suggested that if there were to be a move to outsource the canteen, the tender process and involvement of DEC would take most of the year and as such it would be unlikely to see an operational change in 2015.

- Grounds Report
  Mark advised the result of the recent tree audit had identified 20 trees to be lopped. The mulch would be available for future grounds days.

New Business

  SRC are considering purchase and installation of outdoor fitness stations. Denise (and her husband who are physiotherapists and whose son is a member of SRC) offered to provide input into selection of appropriate equipment.

  Mark advised he is engaging with TAFE to install 5 outdoor covered seating areas (approx. $20K)

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Next meeting (AGM followed by general meeting): Tuesday 11th November 2014.

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