Meeting: Tuesday 9 August

P&C MEETING START TIME: 7.45 pm  Meeting End Time: 10.15 pm

LOCATION: School Library

CHAIR: Sade Kalasabail – P&C President

ATTENDANCE: 11 as per the Attendance sign-on List

APOLOGIES: Mark Anderson (attending Year 7 Jenolan Camp), Deepti, Nalika Badmasena, Ross Horsburgh, Prefects Jacob (School Captain) and Eddy (both attending Year 7 Camp, Peer Support Team)

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PART 1 OPENING SESSION

Presentation by five of the new NBHS 2016/2017 Prefects: Goals for the Year

The prefect representatives shared with the P&C parents some of the ideas they have been considering as a group.

1. Assist students and staff to embody and understand the NBHS Motto, ‘Know Thyself’.

2. Establish improved inter-school communications.

The importance of using social media for communication was highlighted, for example the recent 40 hour famine fundraiser and teams plaques. The social media presence has the potential for increasing student participation via FACEBOOK, SNAPCHAT (new) and INSTAGRAM (also new) and they would like to modernise and repopularise the website having already had 600 ‘likes’.

3. Enliven ‘school spirit’ via a new or revamped school song competition.

3. Review the regular Peer Mentoring Sessions (currently on Thursdays) and increase involvement and more clearly define the roles of the other student leadership groups in the school including the house captains, with possible future events such as ‘school Olympics’.

The P&C parents thanked the new prefect representatives for attending the meeting, voiced their appreciation for their enthusiasm and commitment, and wished them well with their endeavours for the year ahead.

Presentation: NBHS Policy and Implementation Strategies for the Education of Gifted and Talented Students

The NBHS Policy will continue to accord with NSW Department of Education Policy, is currently being revised and copies of the DRAFT were provided.

‘Gifted’ refers to natural ability, roughly the top 10% of students. ‘Talented’ implies superior mastery and having to work hard. All of our boys can be identified in this range or distribution within four domains: Creative, Social / Emotional, Physical and Intellectual, as outlined in the draft document provided and power-point presentation.

Pages 4-8 provides definitions of key terms

On page 10 the Key Elements of the NBHS Policy are listed, including provisions for ensuring high quality teaching and learning such as professional learning for staff and fostering wellbeing, support and assistance.
Pages 11-15: development of the home-school partnership and making provision for a range of learning opportunities in each activity in each faculty, e.g. excursions and incursions (>100 activities) across the four domains. The steps to identify the range of high or profound giftedness – there is a school-wide program to identify giftedness in all domains – include: initial observations, referral (by anyone: the GATS Team, School Counsellor, Principal or Deputy Principal), by screening and/or monitoring, with input from all stakeholders.

Acceleration is considered, e.g. to place the student a grade higher and if not possible, an Individual Education Plan is implemented for enrichment, with regular monitoring.

The procedures are found on pages 21-25 of the draft document.

Welfare and wellbeing are a significant consideration since gifted under-achievers may be at risk and need to be identified via personal and learning behaviours.

Ms Harmon invited parent feedback on the draft document.

**PART 2: BUSINESS SESSION**

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:** Ms Asli Harman, Deputy Principal

**Year 12 Trials** are now almost complete.

**Year 10 Work Experience** – students are all out, some for 2 weeks.

**The Student Parent Portal** - there is an ‘Access Key’ for confidential information, initially very basic with reports, timetables and attendance. Eventually merits will also be available. (SENTRAL is the Student Portal).

**The NBHS Staff Executive Conference** – attended by the principal, deputies and head teachers over Friday afternoon and all day Saturday was a very productive meeting with the theme of ‘Head Teacher Leadership and Changing Roles’. Sessions included: Profile/survey (Dr Margaret Farriday), Goal Setting, Reporting Reviewing Profile Setting (in a ‘growth mindset’) and a Sharing Session – Using Data to bring Change in Faculty.

**The NBHS Leadership Model (under review)** is almost ready for a trial run with the student reward systems (more about this next meeting).

**Drama Performance Years 10 and 11** was exceptionally well produced and conducted and well attended.

Declan McDonald competing in the Informatics Olympiad – Mr Davis is the link person.

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

- **Motion 2016-08A** to accept the minutes of the last meeting.
  proposed: Praveen, seconded: Bindi. **Motion Carried**

**Correspondence**

- **Request** from Mr Sakarin regarding a Basketball Coach, a former Normo Student who now teaches at Kings was highly recommended and could be engaged for one year for $2k, possibly funded by P&C. Questions: 1 year or following on? What about soccer and cricket? One team of 12 or 14 boys or 2 teams might benefit, compared with 30 in other sports. The equity issue was raised by Ms Harman, considered fair to ask the school executive about hiring a coach across all years to promote the sport.

- **Request** from a parent who works for Westpac to make a presentation at P&C referring a percentage of any new loans made by Westpac to school parents back to the school as
donated funds and to promote Westpac as a supporter of the school. A concern was raised that such activities may be viewed as the school and/or P&C promoting a specific business. Discussed and agreed to request further details in writing.

REPORTS

- President’s Report (Sade Kalasabail)

- Web Based 2nd Hand Uniform Trading is under way in more than 200 schools. Sam to assist Sade to request further information.

- P&C Annual Federation Insurance Renewal

P&C Federation membership fee (includes public liability insurance of $50 million) is $533 for our size school. The insurance package that we typically purchased, includes:

- cash and property for up to $5k. (e.g. canteen food spoilage due to equip failure)
- personal accident cover for volunteers (benefit 2 of $60K)
- association liability cover

- Motion 2016-08B to purchase P&C Federation membership and insurance cover for $983.
proposed: Helmut, seconded: Sam, **Motion Carried**

- Careers Fair on the professions, Law Society etc. discussed, careers information is already provided at a very high level (to saturation) by Ms Woodhams.

- Treasurer’s Report (Helmut Hiebl) as tabled for two months, 1 June to 31 July:
Available funds as at 31-Jul-16 are $94,380

- Motion 2016-08C: To approve the Financial Statements for June to July
proposed Helmut, seconded Praveen, **Motion Carried**

- Motion 2016-08D: To approve funding for Administration Staff Recognition Annual Morning Tea to the amount $150.
proposed Helmut, seconded Sam, **Motion Carried**

- Fundraising Committee Report (Denise)

- Entertainment Books to be advised.

- Community Building Partnerships Invitation (via Julie and Lisa)
A Program Grant for Outdoor Gym Equipment for strengthening activities and surfacing has been submitted for 50% partial funding (rough quote obtained $29k). Decision September. Reference: CBP163098.

- Function Committee Report (Ian)

- Ian and Ash valiantly provided suppers for the Parent Teacher Nights with demand experienced as ‘sporadic’. Cash was obtained from the float. Receipts to be provided.

- 18 August: Musical Evening: catering is ‘bring a plate’.

- 1 September: Year 9 Parent Information Evening.
- **Canteen Report** (Bindi)
  - OH&S Audit: move boxes off the floor.
  - New Shelves Storage: working bee, tba.
  - 4 Door Freezer: leak since 2012. The new company call-out fee is $75 and maintenance is $75. Still investigating overheating, may improve with the new shutters.
  - End of Financial Year: Stock count and pricing meeting for 2017 tba.

- **Grounds Report** (Julie)
  - The next Grounds Day is planned for Sunday 21 August, plants purchased, ‘plum gorgeous’ to go around the oval, also weeding, planting, mulching. Newsletter insert done.
  - $520 in the Financial Report plus $290 in May for tube stock plus $100 for August plants with $100 remaining.

- **Motion 2016-08E:** To approve Grounds Day Expenses $1000.
  proposed Helmut, seconded Praveen, **Motion Carried**

**NEW BUSINESS**

nil

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**Next meeting:** Tuesday 13 September 2016

7.30 pm in the School Library

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