



ERSKINE PARK HIGH SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

Minutes of General Meeting

Date: 29th August 2011

Attendance: Tracy Smith (minutes), Debbie Coates, Vicki Goldsmith, Karen Judge, Amanda Foster, Terri White, Greg Smith, Christine Gregory, Tim McCallum

Apologies: Kerri Bradbury, Jennifer Schembri

Meeting opened: 7.07pm

Treasurers Report:

- \$3927.50 to add to last months reported total.

Correspondence In:

- Year 12 graduation correspondence
- CDSE response – application unsuccessful
- Free websites for P&C association, (P&C Federation advise they do not endorse this and recommend not to use).
- P&C Journal

Correspondence Out:

- Nil

Principal's Report:

- Congratulations to Karen Judge who received prestigious award – DEC Public School Parent of the Year Award, 2011.
- CDSE funding not approved – application was submitted to support funding of school students training café. Work has already commenced on café and coffee machine sourced from Panarotti's in Penrith. Discussions and links with Gloria Jeans and Chocolate Pot re training students to industry standards.
- Mandy and Terri now trained as Merit Selection Panelists – 75 applicants for recent Science position – Trina Chambers is the successful applicant.
- ECHO recently sent out by email to parents
- Changes announced recently with Year 10 School Certificate being stopped as of next year (2012+). Announcement still to be made as to what the credentialing process will be next year. Curriculum structure will remain the same at this stage.
- Year 10 Formal will continue due to popularity and being the only chance that some students will get at attending a formal. Work Experience programme continues. Year 11 Enrolment Day interviews will also continue as they are currently. Later dates in Term 4 will be scheduled.
- Arts in the Park – held 24th August, fabulous display of talent from across the school.
- Uniform Shop not yet up and running, samples of uniform to be presented to Mr McCallum before being presented to Uniform Committee (discussion re slight changes to uniform by new supplier). Licensing agreement has been finalised and sent.
- School oval – agreement is now with the council regarding repairing, parking, coffee and ice cream vendors etc Council entering into a rejuvenation project with the school to re-turf, irrigate and drain. School will then be able to expand the school field to a more useable space. Non intrusive lighting to be installed (funded by Penrith Council). Once levelled, this would also give the option of the oval being used as a possible cricket pitch – to discuss further with NSW Cricket re nets etc.
- Playground seating areas being expanded, Year 11 area is now complete. Premier's Volunteering Challenge students will lay turf (2/9) and railings are being installed soon (3/9). More covered areas to be installed during the Christmas holidays.
- Year 10 scholarships – 16 x \$250 scholarships available In addition to this there will also be a number of St Marys RSL Sub Branch scholarships available.
- Beth Nowland (TAS teacher) has made additional graduation gowns due to the increase in retention into senior school/ student numbers.

Fundraising Report:

- All chocolates have now been sold and most of the money has now been received, approx \$150 still to be returned

Deputy Principals' Report:

- Drama night 30/8, ticketed event, tickets available for purchase on the night
- Arts in the park – 24/8, successful event
- HSC Music performance – 31/8
- Dad's and Lad's BBQ event – 2/9
- Gold assembly to be held in week 9
- Year 10 and 11 exams
- Year 12 Graduation
- Year 7 vaccinations will be given at the end of Term 3
- School has won "Dare to Lead" award – certificate for work with aboriginal community (EPH currently has 55 aboriginal students)
- Canteen – discussion re covering, flooring and seating for this area, discussion around P&C possibly funding seating area for senior students in canteen area. This could also be used as a function area for assemblies etc
- Boys Ed – walk and talk activity for targeted group of male students within the school, good bonding program for students and teachers. Group recently walked to Penrith for rock climbing activity. Speakers from UWS will be attending on Thurs 1/9. Upcoming city walk.
- One to one laptop program – still running for current year 8 students however funding is unclear after that, still to be announced by government.
- Biodiversity month
- Contest to come up with a name for student café

Reports accepted:

Amanda Foster, Terri White

General Business:

- Report from concerned parent regarding an incident in school with aerosol can, Mr McCallum to follow up.
- Parent requested information on students catching up with work missed whilst representing the school in events. Advice given to all students and parents is to provide teacher with notice of upcoming event to allow work to be given where possible, other options are to discuss with teacher on return for handouts or borrow another students book to copy the work missed. Students in year 9, 10, 11 or 12 are able to request an extension for assessments through the Assessment Appeal form (from Year Advisers and Head Teachers). If any student or parent is still concerned they certainly have the option not to attend the event.
- Parent & student feedback received that the school gardens are looking great!
- Discussion around what is a reasonable length of time to wait on results/feedback on a student assignment. 2 weeks was agreed as a reasonable timeframe however it was recognised that this could sometimes be longer depending on other factors such as length of assignment, number of assignments to be marked, other activities going on throughout school eg. Trial HSC examination marking (could be 200 essays for example in English). If results or feedback is not received within 2 weeks, it would be reasonable for a student to follow this up with their teacher. Mr McCallum to raise at school Executive Meeting for discussion and thoughts on 1/9.
- NAPLAN results due back soon – issue during testing where some students did not receive the full paper in its correct printed form. All parents/ carers notified by note at this time. This was rectified quickly and those students' results will be monitored by ACARA/ DEC to ensure those students were not negatively impacted due to this.
- Public Education Concert (Education Week 2011) Event – attended by Amanda, Terri and Karen.

Meeting Closed: 9.02pm

Next Meeting: 31st October 2011 @ 7pm