



# **ERSKINE PARK HIGH SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of General Meeting**

**Date: 31 October 2011**

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**Meeting Opened:** 7.07pm

**Attendance:** Kerri Bradbury (minute taker), Debbie Coates, Janette Warton, Toni Hutchins, Tracy Smith, Karen Judge, Vicki Goldsmith, Tim McCallum, Chris Gregory, Amanda Foster, Terri White, Greg Smith.

**Apologies:** Linda Brown, Nola Young.

**Previous Minutes:**

**Business Arising from Previous Minutes:**

Nil

**Treasurer's Report:**

October 2012 Report received.

Balance \$10,563.07

- Cadbury paid \$13,018.50 paid by cheque on 12 September 2011.

**Correspondence In:**

- Treasurer's report October 2011
- Bank Statement 1 July – 30 September 2011.
- Invites to members for Annual Presentation
- 22 August 2011 - P&C School Mail Out - handbook & CD for 2011, Annual Conference 2011, NSW P&C Annual Report.
- 5 Sep 2011 - Cadbury Invoice \$14,998.50
- 6 Sep 2011 – Cadbury Invoice amount due \$13,018.70
- From the NSW P&C – a copy of the magazine Turning 18 - Drugs, Alcohol, and Celebrating Safely 2011 – all Year 12 students receive this as well as parents.
- 20 Sep 2011 – St Clair Youth and Neighbourhood Team Inc. AGM notice
- 21 Sep 2011 – From RTA re: NSW Bike Week. RTA has sent information packs to schools.
- 6 Oct 2011 – From the DEC - \$40 million program from the State government to renovate or upgrade school facilities. Maximum a school can apply for is \$200,000.
- 10 October 2011 - Copy of letter from DEC. Erskine Park HS has been selected to receive the 2011 Director General's School Achievement Award for the Student Welfare Program.
- 20 October 2011 - Letter from School Captains Jack Ault and Alex Zarha asking for a donation to the SRC Christmas Wish Appeal.
- 2012 School Calendar Poster.

**Correspondence Out:**

- C.B.P (Community Building Partnership Program) grant application sent in.

### Principal's Report:

- Magnetic Calendars have arrived. In the school foyer and given to all Year 7 and 11 parents of 2012 – and others.
- Uniform shop will be open on 15 November. There will be 3 ways to purchase – shop front, online and also taking bookings for fitting times on the Vestio website. The uniform shop will be available at the Yr 7 Orientation Day 23 November and Yr 10 Enrolment Day 2 December. Amanda Foster will be the manager of the uniform shop and Terri White the assistant manager.
- Just had an afternoon for the Gifted and Talented Roll Call to present/ showcase their projects. Great turnout from parents.
- *Local Schools, Local Decisions* (New DEC direction and approach) – Mr McCallum raised that local decisions with no resourcing are a concern. However, decisions locally made are typically flexible, responsive and strategic to the school's betterment. Consultation update meeting was held on Friday 28 October.
- \$40 Million State Government grants – the school has put in for \$250,000 over 4 years. These are for: works on ball courts, railings, concreting, guttering and carpeting. They will allow you to use own providers or we can manage. Carpet will be managed by DEC only. The rest will be managed by the school.
- Staffing update – Mrs Marion Jones is leaving after 16 years at EPHS. STLA position is not being replaced as yet. DEC and other delays to any STLA appointments at this stage. HSIE vacancy – ad out soon. Mandy and Karen will be on the panel. Anyone interested in being on a panel, please see Mr McCallum. He will train them (approx. 1 hour). Brent Parkhill has been appointed in HSIE.
- What's happening at school – 1. We have opened the CAFÉ in the TAS 1 block. It is all finished and looks great! Gives a greater learning facility for senior students. Students are very excited!! 2. Shade areas to be extended across front of the hall and on the PE Hill area. 3. Will try to turn the awning under the hall to cafeteria style seating which will be for senior students as an extra study space. Hoping P&C will help to fund the seating. Can the P&C help school with cafeteria seating?
- The school is getting bigger. Smaller Yr 9 next year, however we have a large Yr 7 (200+ students). The school has knocked back about 70 out of area families. Yr 11 is growing due to school leaving age being changed. The cafeteria and a bigger Year 12 study area will give more space for senior students.
- Science – area in front of the Preparation Room will become a small senior classroom. The Ceramic room has become a new classroom as well.
- Ball courts – P&C and the school have put in an application for a grant for surfacing/netting.
- Mr McCallum rang local member Andrew Rohan to show him the school and ball court area. (basketball/netball courts). Mr Rohan is aware of the application for the ball courts and is very supportive of our goals.
- Works outside of school – lots of negotiating having to be done. New light poles are ready to be fitted. Mr McCallum wants concrete replaced, clean fence, new turf down and levelled, plus all paint marks removed from concrete. This is to be completed by Penrith Council/ Endeavour Energy.
- Director General Achievement Award for Student Welfare (programs on Student leadership, Gifted & Talented, Peer Support, Peer Mediation, Peer Tutoring, Multicultural Education, Learning Support and many others). This award is for the Student Welfare Program. Well done to Peter Munsie and all staff involved.
- Waiting for P&C audited financial statement. This helps with grant applications. Who is arranging and how can this be finalised annually?

### **Deputy Principal's Report:**

From Mrs Chris Gregory

- Yr 10 Online Computer Skills Assessment is on Thursday 10 November.
- Yr 10 release date and Graduation Friday 2 December.
- ESSA online Science test for Yr 8 is on Tuesday 22 November.
- Yr 7 Orientation day Wednesday 23 November.
- Aquatic Week for Yr 7 is in Wk 7. (formally Swim School)
- Multicultural Day is coming up on Thursday 17 November. Food is organised and there will be a concert in the afternoon.
- Mufti Day will be moved from the 18 November to 17 November to coincide with Multicultural Day.

From Mr Greg Smith

- Reported on T4L (Technology for Learning) grants from DEC for 2012.
- This year's Yr 8 will get laptops for 2012. Planning for 2013 underway. No other details are available yet.
- Mr Smith has visited the Procurement Office in the DEC to see a new Interactive Whiteboard. The school gets to trial one or two of these. When one arrives it will be demonstrated. The new boards allow teachers to write on them.
- Looking at doing Teachers' Interview Times online so parents can organise times with all children. Members thought this was a good idea.

### **Fundraising Report:**

- Big Day In discussed for next year. Discussions as to where it will be located ensued. It was decided it would be located on the flat area near P.E area around the bollards.

### **Reports Accepted:**

Moved by: Vicki Goldsmith and seconded by Toni Hutchens.

### **General Business:**

- A question from a parent: If your child is going to get a Gold Award, do they bring in their silver certificates? No, not necessary as the assistant Year Adviser keeps a record of this. However, they can go up to the asst. Yr Adviser to check if they are down to get it.
- Question from parent: If a full day strike occurs, are children marked absent? Everyone is marked present. However, for a half day stop work meeting like this Wednesday morning, the student must come for the rest of the day to be marked present.
- Question from parent: Is there Lost Property? Yes, in the office.
- Issue raised by a parent: Facebook comments not very pleasant. Discussions ensued.
- Question asked re comments on Facebook: are parents encouraged to give feedback or speak about problems and do they know who/where to go to? Information is advertised in newsletters and on the website. Who to contact - Yr Advisers and assistant Yr Advisers, teachers, Head Teachers, and Deputy Principals - Mr Greg Smith for the odd years I.E. Yr 7, 9, 11 and Mrs Christine Gregory for the even years Yrs 8, 10,12.
- Question by parent asking: does school know about smoking in Boys toilets? School is aware of problem and is being actioned.
- Nola Young contacted Mr McCallum and has sent apologies that she hasn't been able to attend any meetings as her husband has been very sick.

**Meeting Closed:** 9.06pm

**Next Meeting:** Monday 28 November 2011

**Future Meetings:** AGM/ GM Monday 28 February 2011