

MINUTES OF THE DAVIDSON HIGH SCHOOL P & C MEETING HELD 24th February 2009

Meeting opened 7.40pm

Present: Chris Garvan Chairperson, and others as per Attendance Book

Apologies: Phil Smith, Alan Turner-Morris, Gavin Cahill, Deborah Cullen

Listing Matters for General Business:

- 1 Assistance with Servicing of Sewing Machine
- 2 Trivia Night
- 3 Common Room Year 12

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion: The minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.

Proposed: Carolyn Watters

Seconded: Sharon Lorge

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Nil

Guest Speaker

Ms Elina Sly, Acting Head English Teacher, addressed the meeting, Ms Sly spoke about the future plans the English Department have at DHS. The faculty has identified a need to focus on Public Speaking of all Junior Classes. The teaching staff has devised a module which will see students “compete” within their year classes then against other classes. The teacher of each class will act as “judges”.

A focus on Reading will also be on the agenda. Students will be able to choose their own text from a wide ranging list of novels.

The English Department want to be able to teach the same units of work at the same time eg all classes studying the same novel. This will give the teaching staff a diagnostic tool in which to seek out strengths and weaknesses in the units. For the students it will give them an opportunity to engage in discussion and explore each others different perspectives outside the class room.

The organisation of classes will have a more standardised approach, which will enable students to be moved into classes more appropriate for the skill level and learning style.

The employment of Mr Moran has been a valuable addition to the English Department as he has a strong insight into boy’s education and how boys learn.

Correspondence In/Out:

As tabled and circulated.

Adoption of Correspondence Register:

Motion: The correspondence register be accepted.

Proposed: Lianne Stephens

Seconded: Jacquie Donn

Carried

Principal's Report

Mr Cawsey reported on:

Vision of the School

The Vision for the next five years has been formalised and allows the school community to think strategically about the future, to set appropriate goals and targets for all the school's programs.

The vision statement and supporting beliefs have been detailed in the February 2009 edition of The Dispatch.

The vision is accompanied by a set of beliefs and values which encompasses, fostering personal responsibility in students to accept the consequences for their actions, self confidence fosters an environment in which a culture of success can grow .and global citizenship i.e. relationships with neighbours both domestic and international is very important, as it leads to the understanding of how to solve complex problems across many areas.

Presentation Night

Generally the evening went well given the shortness of time for rehearsal

Open Night

Need helpers for the BBQ

Donation of Projection Screen

Parent Mr Beveridge kindly donated an electronic projection screen which will be operational for Open Night.

Maebashi Co-ordinator

Need to find a parent who will take on this role for 2009.

Guest Speaker Andrew Lillico

Mr Lillico an acknowledged authority on learning initiatives for students will be speaking on the 9/3/09 at 7pm in the MPC. An invitation has been extended to the Community of Schools to attend, as small entry fee will be charged to cover Mr Lillico's costs.

Year 7 enrichment

Classes are going well. The students have been set a task which integrates Maths, Geography, History, English and Science.

Other Matters

Currently Davidson High School employs a computer Engineer two days per week to attend to the computer technology related needs within the school. With the advent of the Federal Government's Computers in School project DHS will need to extend the days of employment by one day per week. This amount would be \$4,000.00 per term. Mr Cawsey requested the DHS P&C consider funding this for a period of 2 terms.

Motion That DHSP&C make a donation to DHS from the trust account for \$8,000.00

Proposed Lianne Stephens

Seconded Graham Johnson

Carried

To compliment the school's efforts in saving water Mr Cawsey has requested DHS P&C consider funding spring loaded taps at a cost of \$5000.00.

A group of 17 students and 2 teachers are travelling to France in April 09 as part of their Modern History course in which there is a World War 1 component. The cost of this trip has risen due to economic climate and the falling Australian dollar. Mr Casey has request DHS P&C consider contributing \$1500.00 to this trip to help alleviate the additional financial burden.

Treasurers Report

Sharon Lorge tabled the treasurer's report, main points as follows:

Contributions to date are \$3517.00.

There have been no enquiries regarding the small rise in the voluntary P&C contribution for 2009.

Wine fund raiser raised \$405.40

The P&C have \$20,000.00 of unallocated funds

Motion: DHS P&C make a donation to DHS from the trust account for \$6500.00.

Proposed: Sharon Lorge **Seconded:** Lianne Stephens **Carried**

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Proposed Linda Cahill **Seconded:** Carolyn Musik **Carried**

Presidents Report

Chris Garvan reported on:

Called for Volunteers for Open Night 3 March 2009

A gift from DHS P&C to Mr McNaughton on his retirement.

Regarding future guest speakers, could questions be asked at the end of the speakers address so as not to have the time allowed for the guest speaker be taken up with questions before they have finished their address.

Subcommittee Reports

Canteen Report

Coralie Turner-Morris tabled the Canteen Report, main points as follows;

Thank you to staff and volunteers. More volunteers are needed especially on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Canteen Committee meetings are held once a month and the current committee welcome any one interested in joining them.

Uniforms

Reminder, from the end of this term, only the new school jumper may be worn.

On behalf of the canteen Coralie presented DHS P&C with a cheque for \$5000.00

Grounds Report

Sam Phillips tabled the Grounds Report, main points as follows,

The Grounds Committee have been busy over the holidays.

December saw the sandstone retaining wall constructed with the use of a bobcat. This cost a little more than initially indicated due to one extra hours work for the bob cat operator and a

few extra boulders which will be used in the next project. This will be the area around the redundant incinerator chimney which needs to be removed

Some tree management work has been undertaken.

Many thanks to all who have volunteered their time, this has included Fusae Harada and seven ICET students. An offer of help has come from members of St Stephens's church. This will be facilitated by Tim McCleod ex DHS student.

Performing Arts

Carolyn Watters tabled the Performing Arts report the main points as follows:

First committee meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday 4th March at 7.30pm in the main staff room. An invitation was extended to all who would like to attend.

Social Committee

No formal report

Sport Report

In Phil Smith's absence his report was read by Linda Cahill, the main points as follows;

Swimming Carnival was held 12 February 2009 at Pymble Pool

KP Cup winners: Boys James Cahill. Girls: Celeste Berger.

Age Champions: Courtney Burgess, Joshua McMillan, Sharna Barras, Ben Georgas, Lexie Montague, Bradley Hughes, Emily Lemlin, Toby Williams, Hilary Montague, William Elliot, Mallory Watters and James Cahill

Zone Swimming Carnival will be held on the 9th March 2009.

Students have been involved in school trials for knockout Teams.

Individual successes, Jamie Burges gained selection CHS under 15years boys Water Polo Team and will tour New Zealand. Ethan Collett made the Sydney North Boys Cricket Team and is competing in Coffs Harbour at State Trails.

Shannon Heath made the Sydney North Girls Cricket Team and has also gained selection to the NSW CHS Girls Cricket Second Team.

Performances outside of school include the Brewer siblings in sailing and James Cahill in Open Water ocean swimming. James will compete in the National Open Water Championships 10 and 5 Kilometre events this weekend at Penrith Regatta Centre

Maebashi Report

No report

District, Regional and State Councils

No report

Regional News

Next Regional Council Meeting will be held 30/03/09.

<http://members.optushome.com.au/pandc-nsregion/agenda.htm>

for further information.

Dispatch Report

No report

General Business

Servicing of Sewing Machine

Mrs Karen Muir addressed the meeting requesting reimbursement for the servicing of her sewing machine and overlocker. Mrs Muir explained she uses her sewing machine to sew the Rock Eisteddfod and SOPA costumes and has been involved in the other behind the scenes costume sewing. It was noted that other parents use Mrs Muir's sewing machine to sew for the school when their own machines are out of order.

Motion: That DHS P&C reimburse Mrs Karen Muir \$350.00, the cost of servicing her sewing machine and overlocker.

Proposed: Lianne Stephens

Seconded: Caroline Musik

Carried

Trivia Night

Caroline Musik reminded us that she and Coralie are organising a Trivia Night scheduled for Friday 13 March at 7.pm in the MPC. There will be a professional MC hosting the evening. Prizes, auctions and a supper of chicken and salad, tea and coffee will be served.

The cost is \$20.00 all most welcome to attend, bring a friend or many.

Common Room for Year 12

Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of resurrecting a Common Room for Year 12 students. Mr Cawsey explained that the school has grown and space is a premium. Currently a suitable space is not available, an alternative to a common room is the school library, where the students can utilise their "free" periods.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 10.00pm

Minutes taken by Linda Cahill