

## MINUTES OF THE DAVIDSON HIGH SCHOOL P&C MEETING HELD 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2009

*Meeting opened 7.45pm*

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

**Apologies:** Phil Smith, Gavin Cahill, Lesley Snell, and Caroline Musik, Kos Psaltis.

Welcome new members Heena Patel and Karen Muir.

### **Listing Matters for General Business:**

- 1 Assistance through Apex for Public Speaking within the School.
- 2 Toilet Beautification Update.
- 3 Request for Student Assistance from Jamie Burgess.

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**Motion:** The minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.

**Proposed:** Lianne Stephens      **Seconded:** Carolyn Watters      **Carried**

### **Business Arising from the Minutes:**

Nil

### **Correspondence In/Out:**

As tabled and circulated.

### **Adoption of Correspondence Register:**

**Motion:** The correspondence register be accepted.

**Proposed:** Sharon Lorge      **Seconded:** Carolyn Watters      **Carried**

### **Principal's Report**

Mr Cawsey reported on:

**Open night.** Thanks to all parents involved in the various activities that helped make the night a success. An estimated 400 people toured the school.

Thanks also to the prefects, SRC and students who all gave an excellent impression of how the school operates.

### **Ian Lillico presentation**

**"Dealing with Boys Education" held on 9<sup>th</sup> March.** Two sessions were conducted one for parents and one for staff. This was promoted through the community of schools, which proved to be a great success. Mr Lillico's costs were covered by the modest entry fee charged.

### **Congratulations to:**

Shannon Heath year 12, who has been selected CHS Girls Cricket Team captain.

Guy Maestri ex-student who won this year's Archibald Prize.

Caroline and Coralie who organised the Trivia Night held on Friday the 13th March.

## **Maebashi Co-ordinator**

**Urgently needed.** Davidson High School is preparing to host 36 students and we are in desperate need of a person to step forward to take on the role of co-ordinator.

## **Anita Curtis Head Teacher Teaching and Learning**

Has implemented a course on Thinking and Learning for years 7-12 which will be taught independent from the students other subjects.

## **SRC leadership program**

**Going well.** There will be a group of five students attending leadership training this week at HMAS Penguin.

## **Treasurers Report**

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

Contributions are "trickling" in.

Due to a change of personnel in the accounts office the accounts for this meeting were a little behind and will be up to date for our next meeting.

The P&C have \$25,000.00 of unallocated funds.

Trivia Night raised \$1800.00.

The additional entry to the Statement of Income and Expenditure Statement is "*Promised Funds for ongoing projects in the future*" currently totalling \$11,200.00. This is for amounts promised per previous meeting requests and not yet spent or put aside.

We have received invoices for the Notice Board at Glenrose, Grounds and other expenditure including Dispatch posting. Due to the uncertainty of the future of the Glenrose Shopping Centre it was decided to further investigate the viability of continuing with the noticeboard.

**Motion:** DHS P&C make a donation to DHS from the trust account for \$3300.00.

**Proposed:** Sharon Lorge                      **Seconded:** Virginia Penrose                      **Carried**

We have received the Student Accident Insurance Renewal, the cost \$4.85 per student. After some discussion the following was proposed.

**Motion:** That DHS P&C pay the Student Accident Insurance renewal for 2009 and review this again in 2010.

**Proposed** Linda Cahill                      **Seconded** Marcia Garvan                      **Carried**

**Motion:** That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

**Proposed** Coralie Turner-Morris                      **Seconded:** Virginia Penrose                      **Carried**

## **Presidents Report**

Chris Garvan reported on:

Reinforced Mr Cawsey's request for a person to take on the co-ordination of the Maebashi Committee. In the event of not being able to find a person Chris has approached Bill Ackhurst who will undertake the role. Chris did mention that it would be preferable to keep this role as part of the P&C as this would mean the P&C maintains control of the process, additionally it would mean more funds for the P&C as we would have to pay Mr Ackhurst.

Chris reiterated that Maebashi is very important to the school as a major source of funds.

Discussion followed regarding the merits of continuing with the Maebashi program. The general view was that the program should be retained and needs more people to be involved to ensure its future.

Annual Conference this year will be held at Penrith 31<sup>st</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> August. David Hope and Phyll Morris will be attending as delegates from DHS P&C. Alan Turner-Morris expressed an interest to attend selected sessions but did not wish to be an official delegate. Linda Cahill to investigate if this is possible.

Thanks to Caroline and Coralie for their efforts with the Trivia Night, Sharon for her detailed work on the accounts and Marcia for providing the supper each meeting.

## **Subcommittee Reports**

### ***Canteen Report***

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

Thank you to staff and volunteers. Still need helpers.

Canteen busy even though there have been a few fundraisers lately.

School should ensure fundraisers are limited as Red days are only available twice per term (NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy).

The committee is formulating a student survey seeking views about the canteen and food provided.

### ***Uniforms***

Winter uniform is to be worn in Term 2. Check that your children have their school tie.

### ***Grounds Report***

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

Working bee was held 21<sup>st</sup> March which saw 18 ICET students arrive to help out.

Undertook much ground maintenance including weeding and planting the beds in the Maths/HSIE courtyard.

Thanks to Tim McLeod (ex student) and father Phil and those who attended to lend a hand along with Rosalind Wallis, Lesley Snell and Graham Johnson.

Chimney Stack

Sam presented to the meeting photos she has taken of the now defunct chimney stack. Sam believes this structure is unsound and has requested that the school look into having it removed. Discussion ensued with a resolution that a letter from DHS P&C be written to Mr Cawsey outlining these concerns which could then be forwarded to the appropriate person in the Assets Management Department for their professional assessment, Linda Cahill to write letter.

### ***Performing Arts***

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

#### ***SOPA***

Performing Arts committee had their first meeting where nine people attended.

The committee are busy coordinating the program and events for the Season of Performing Arts (SOPA) with the relevant teachers.

SOPA will be held 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June.

Flyers are being sent out to the local primary schools next week.

### **Rock Eisteddfod**

Entertainment books are being sent home soon. They will also be available from the accounts office.

### **Social Committee**

No report

### **Sport Report**

No report

### **Maebashi Report**

No report

### **District, Regional and State Councils**

Kos Psaltis report was tabled in his absence, main points as follows:

**Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2009.** A presentation was given by Sandip Bhattachjee from Dee Why PS entitled *Dee Why Schools as Community Centres Project*. This project engages the whole community offering various courses in such topics as nutrition, English and computer skills.

Next meeting will be 4<sup>th</sup> May 2009. Guest speaker will be Warringah Mayor, Michael Regan.

It was noted that all P&C's will soon have their own email addresses.

Affiliate fees will be posted soon.

Next Annual Conference will be at Penrith Panthers Club 31<sup>st</sup> Jul 09 to 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug 09.

Date for future District P&C Meetings are as follows.

4<sup>th</sup> May 09, 22<sup>nd</sup> Jun 09, 10<sup>th</sup> Aug 09 and 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 09.

### **Regional News**

Next Regional Council Meeting will be held 30/03/09 at Gordon West PS. Guest speaker Maurice Brunning, who is a School Education Director and Steve Martens, Regional Assets Management.

This meeting is also the Regions AGM

### **Council News**

Our District is resubmitting the reform motions that were proposed last year but were not passed. There is hope that the need for reform of the parent organisation will now be more obvious to the delegates who attend the Annual Conference

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

### **Dispatch Report**

Alan Turner-Morris reported:

There were seven people helping at last mail out, all went well.

## **General Business**

### ***APEX***

*David Stephens* addressed the meeting on the assistance Apex offers students who would like to compete in public speaking competitions. He outlined the various levels of competitions from Club through to National level. He offered to be the liaison person for those who would like additional information.

### ***Toilet Beautification Project***

Virginia Penrose gave the meeting an update on the Toilet Beautification Project.

Currently, DHS have a funding request for infrastructure project to use government contractors to re-fit the toilets.

The process thus far has been very slow due to lack of volunteers.

Virginia has ordered the toilet seats, mirrors, and toilet roll holders ready for installation in the toilet near the Drama room.

Mr Crowley and his art students are doing the art work. Colour and design selected by the SRC.

If all goes well the grant should cover the cost of refurbishing all the toilets. However, we may have to look at some additional fundraising from within the school.

### ***Request for Student Support Funding***

DHS P&C have received a letter from Jamie Burges, Year 9 who has been selected to represent NSW in the CHS under 15 years Water Polo Team, who will be touring New Zealand in July 2009. Jamie requested some financial assistance from the P&C to help cover the cost of this trip.

**Motion:** That DHS P&C, through the Student Support Model provide Jamie Burgess with \$500.00 to assist with the cost of the trip to New Zealand to represent NSW as part of the CHS under 15 Years Boys Water Polo Touring Team.

**Proposed:** Linda Cahill

**Seconded:** Lianne Stephens

**Carried**

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.10 pm

Minutes taken by Linda Cahill