

MINUTES OF THE DAVIDSON HIGH SCHOOL P & C MEETING HELD 26th MAY 2009

Meeting opened 7.40pm

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

Apologies: Gavin Cahill, Brian Donn

Listing Matters for General Business:

1 50th Birthday celebration gift/acknowledgement for Lyneham High School.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion: The minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.

Proposed: Sharon Lorge **Seconded:** Coralie Turner-Morris **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:** Jacquie Donn **Carried**

Prior to the Scheduled reports Chris Garvan informed the Meeting that the 2009 Maebashi visit has been cancelled due to the economic climate and the Swine Flu issue. The Treasure's Report followed.

Treasurers Report

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

Student Accident Insurance has been paid.

Statement received for Dispatch posting \$656.63 and Glenrose Notice Board \$249.90.

Motion: That DHS P&C make a donation to DHS from the trust account for \$800.00.

Proposed: Sharon Lorge **Seconded:** Sam Phillips **Carried**

Currently DHS P&C have \$27,000.00 of unallocated funds.

\$30,000.00 is being kept aside to cover the 2010 Maebashi and SOPA commitments.

Discussion ensued regarding the various Fundraising ideas to make up the short fall from Maebashi. This included a rise in Parent Contributions and payments made to a Building Fund.

Motion That the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Proposed: Sharon Lorge **Seconded:** Sam Phillips **Carried**

Principal's Report

Mr Cawsey reported on:

Maebashi

As earlier mentioned the 2009 Maebashi visit has been cancelled. The primary reason is the Swine flu outbreak. The Maebashi Visit for 2010 is due to go ahead with 55 students expected to take part.

Building Education Revolution Update (BER)

Federal Government funding of \$200.000 has been received and will be spent on the following areas:

Carpeting the school with Industrial Quality carpet (includes underlay).

Four toilets to be upgrade (2 girls and 2 boys).

Waterless urinals.

Fixing tripping hazards.

Roofing on Social Science block and the block nearest the oval.

25 new science tables and plans to re vamp the science labs.

It is hoped that these projects will lift the environment of the school and will be completed in the next 6 months.

Parent/Teacher Night

The recent Parent/Teacher night was a success and a valuable form of communication between parents and teachers. Mrs Ferguson had organised the distribution of a leaflet designed to gauge the Parent's response to having the Dispatch emailed rather than posted, Results are to be tabulated soon.

General discussion ensued regarding the merits of posting verses email.

Connected Class Rooms

A Smart Board has been installed in the Languages room. There has been a 6 month wait for this. Jan Jones room has been fitted out with a Smart Board, Plasma TV and Cameras.

Laptops are due to be issued to all year 9 students in August this year.

Year 12 in France

The Modern History students who travelled to France have returned safe and well.

They represented the school admirably.

HMAS Penguin

Mrs Anderson took a number of students to Leadership training at HMAS Penguin. DHS have been invited to attend the annual Naval Youth Dinner. Mr Cawsey will attend with two DHS students. There will also be a number of schools participating.

P&C Requests

Mr Cawsey presented the following requests to for the P&C to consider:

Science. Additional probes for the NOVA Data Loggers (a previous P&C donation)

\$1782.00

Languages Facility. Speakers for the Smart Board and Cabinet to house computer equipment **\$1150.00**

Wall mounted Porcelain Board for Smart Board **\$553.50**

History. New Text books to compliment Syllabus topic of the Conflicts in Europe, from 1935 to 1945. **\$1296.00**

Audio Visual Resources for Room 52 LCD TV with extras. **\$633.00**

Metal Cutting Machine. New metal cutting machine for Metal Work. **\$1990.00**

Discussion ensued regarding an alternative to this piece of equipment. It was decided that a more substantial machine, eg a Cold Saw, at a higher cost, approx \$4000.00, could be a better choice. Mr Cawsey will discuss the alternatives with Mr Secomb. If the alternative cutting machine is found to be the preferred machine then the Executive should make the decision regarding the additional funds required.

Motion

The DHS Executive make the decision on behalf of the DHS P&C for the additional funds needed to purchase an alternative piece of equipment to that originally requested by Mr Secomb.

Proposed: Linda Cahill **Seconded:** Lianne Stephens **Carried**

Motion: DHS P&C make a donation to DHS from the trust account for \$6000.00.

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

Presidents Report

No formal report.

Reiterated the Maebashi visit cancellation.

Subcommittee Reports

Canteen Report

Results of a recent survey were presented:

96% of students rated canteen good.

78% happy with the variety of food available.

83% happy about the service.

Thank you to staff and volunteers.

The canteen has a few items identified, which are being looked at, commercial oven, new drink line and hanging signage.

Continuing lack of volunteers will see limited food available.

Helpers still needed.

Canteen was inspected by council and passed "with flying colours".

Uniforms

No report

Grounds Report

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

Working bee was held 16 May.

Bush regeneration activities in island bed between Mimosa St entrance and secondary pathway.

Thanks to Monika Johnston, Rosalind Wallis, Lesley Snell and Graham Johnson.

A joint application with Warringah Council for an Urban Sustainability Grant from the Dept. of Environment and Climate change has been lodged.

Next working bee will be 30 May 9.30 to 11.30 am.

Performing Arts

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

SOPA

Will be held at Glen St theatre 25-26 June.

Flyer was included in the most recent Dispatch and posters have been put around the school.

Computation of the program is underway.

Ticket prices the same as last year.

Local Primary schools have been invited.

A note has been sent home to parents of Band/Drama/Dance to request their help in taking equipment to and from the venue.

Rock Eisteddfod

Entertainment books have been sent home and are also be available from the accounts office.

Sunday nights are busy with rehearsals, sewing and set building.

BBQ and cake day fundraiser will be held 19/6/09.

Social Committee

No report

Sport Report

No report

Maebashi Report

No report

District, Regional and State Councils

District

Phyll Morris advised that the next meeting will be held 22 June at Dee Why Public School at 7.30pm.

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

10/8/09 and 9/11/09.

Regional News

David Hope advised the next meeting will be held on the 29 June at Roseville Public School. Topics up for discussion will include the new regime of Canteen Inspections.

Next Annual Conference will be at Penrith Panthers Club 31/7.09 to 2/8/09.

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

for further information.

General Business

Birthday celebration gift/acknowledgement for Lyneham High School

Caroline Musik suggested DHS send a salutation to Lyneham High School who are celebrating the school's 50th birthday. DHS and Lyneham High have had a long association and Caroline thought it would be appropriate to acknowledge Lyneham High's milestone. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that Caroline send a "certificate" style greeting card on behalf of DHS.

Toilet Beautification Project

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

With the advent of the BER, Virginia has handed this entire task over to DHS, (see Principals Report).

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.35pm.

Minutes taken by Linda Cahill