Rose Bay Secondary College School Council

Minutes 9 November 2010

Present: Jim Linton, Denise Lofts, David Abulafia, Steven Hayes, Evelyn Mike, Gaby Munro, Irene Ulman, Billie Hobbs, Rodney Plashchik

Apologies: Judy Koerber, Louise Hawkins, Chris Hughes, Phil Horrell

Meeting commenced: 7.35pm

Last meeting’s Minutes: adopted

1. Languages position paper
   - Jim Linton presented the Position Paper to primary schools as planned. Reactions were positive.
   - It appears that we may need to get one teacher who would teach Italian and Japanese. We would then have one Italian teacher (Nella Leontieva) and one Italian/Japanese teacher.
   - The Position Paper will go on the RBSC website with a few modifications made by Jim.
   - There is still no notification on the grant application lodged by RBSC (to introduce Japanese)

2) Vision and Values Project
   - Good feedback from students,
   - “FBI Radio” is incorporated in the project and it’s dealing with the graffiti issues. Arising theme from the project – ethos of the school is “kindness and learning”.
   -A report on the Vision and Values program will be available, hopefully by the end of 2010.
   - There are Sydney Region behaviour specialists currently doing a project at RBSC. Jim would like the program to reinforce shared responsibility for behavior, among students, parents and teachers. Tim Connell is a behaviour teacher heading up the team. He was invited by Jim and he is at the school until the end of the term but may come back next year.
   - Steven and Gaby offered to write to the regional office to ask for support, so that Tim is able to come back next year. The School Council regards this to be really important for the school.
3) Website
- Discussion about using names of students in photo captions on the school website.
- Some felt that extreme caution was unnecessary and that it was fine to use names on rare occasions. However this was overridden because of the possibility of bullying and abuse.
- Jim's and Council's support sought and given for teacher profiles with photos to be inserted in the Staff section of the website. This is something that school parents have been asking for.
- Agreed Denise will raise it with Staff and Irene will follow with an email.

4. School Council
- Jim is happy with the improvements this year. Meeting more frequently is good and the timing (week after the P&C meeting) also works well. A few specific goals have been achieved (CCTV policy, LOTE Position Paper)
- Evelyn Mike suggested that all parent representatives (or other members of the School Council, if they wish) take on an area of activity that they could help with on an ongoing basis.
- Reviving parent contact with GAT (Gifted and Talented program) could be revived, for instance.
- SRC could get more involved.
- Jim thanked Steven Hayes for his leadership. Jim and the Council also thanked the teachers who took time to participate in the School Council this year.
- Thank you to Denise Lofts who is leaving RSBC to become Principal of Marsden College (Ryde).

Meeting ended at 9.20pm