P+C meeting April 2, 2013

Apologies: Susan Ardill, Claire Keating, Lucy Andre, Di Featherston, David Hill

2. Minutes from last meeting (March)
   Issue arising: Late Bus issue: no response to date – Gaby Munro to follow-up.
   Minutes accepted: moved Di Adams, seconded Debbie Dukes

3. Correspondence: an email from Alison Kyling who is involved with the Coogee PS canteen. Alison would like to make a presentation to the May meeting of the P&C on the issue of the potential use of on-line ordering by the Rose Bay canteen.
   Australian Council of State School Organisations encouraging us to sign up for ‘I Give A Gonski’ campaign.

4. Presentation by Tania Viskovich and Alex France
   Tania and Alex are parents of a student in Year 7. They operate an advertising and design company ‘Vitamin X Creative’ and are prepared to offer their services to Rose Bay Secondary School pro bono.
   The services they are offering involve: improving the branding of the school; and enhancing the quality of school advertising and fundraising material.

   The P&C were impressed with the presentation and thanked Tania and Alex for their strong commitment to the School. It was agreed that a small P&C sub-committee would be formed to identify ways in which the proposal could be implemented. Any parent interested in participating should contact Richard or Tania and Alex.

   Action: Richard Skinner, in conjunction with Tania and Alex to establish the sub-committee (which should include executive, teacher parent and student representatives). Richard to report back to the P&C at an appropriate time.

5. No Presidents Report – as issues covered in the rest of the agenda

6. Principal’s report tabled - highlights:
   Successful Gala Day for Year 7 held at Moore Park.
   Di Featherston will be relieving Principal at Alkexandria Park Community School in Term 2 (Congratulations to Di). Juliette McMurray will act as Deputy Principal.
   Cheryl Russel is leaving the School having won a merit position at Port Hacking High School.
   Very successful working bee at the School on March 16. Thank you to all the participants.
   The inaugural Year 7 Michael Koutsoukis Memorial Public Speaking Competition was held on March 13. Very high standard of presentation and all participants are to be congratulated for their confident and polished performances.
   Year 12 half yearly exams have commenced.
   The planned Beijing International Student Summer Camp is likely to be cancelled due to the late notice of a significant increase in the cost of the camp.
   Selective High School Selection Committee is to meet on June 6 from 10am Level 15 l Oxford Street Darlinghurst. P&C parent representative required.
   Changes to bus departures has been agreed with State Transit. Buses will arrive two at a time.
   Students will remain inside the grounds and be brought out in groups when their respective buses arrive. Year 7 and 8 students will be given priority (at least in the initial stages of the process) access to the buses. The front foyer will be closed to students and students not leaving by bus will need to exit the school via Chaleyer Street.
School funding requests for the P&C. Discussion at the meeting indicated that the two main 2013 priorities should be technological teaching support and seating and shade. The former requires the school to decide on a formal plan of action in relation to the use of technology in teaching. Richard indicated that discussion on this issue would happen very soon. A number of funding requests have also been received from teachers.

Actions:
Els Termaat is the P&C Representative on the Selective High School Selection Committee
An expenditure Committee consisting of Richard Skinner, Craig Prosser, Gaby Munro and Debbie Dukes to meet following the completion of the teaching technology plan to develop a draft 2013 P&C expenditure program for consideration at a future P&C meeting

Issue raised from the floor

At a recent school ceremony not all students in all subjects received merit awards. The view was that either all subjects should have 1st, 2nd and 3rd places awarded or there should be no merit awards. Richard Skinner agreed to look into the issue.

7. No Treasurer’s report – as issues covered in rest of agenda

8. Duke OF Edinburgh Award

Agreed Motion: An amount of up to $1,000 be provided to Richard Skinner to assist the Duke of Edinburgh Committee to provide equipment support to students who are unable to afford the cost. Richard to decide whether the funds are used to supplement the school’s Needy Student fund or to buy shared equipment.

9. Eco School Grant

Steve Hayes agreed to draft grant application.


11. Next Meeting - 7 May.