Rose Bay Secondary College P&C

Minutes of Meeting Held: 6 August 2013

1. Apologies

Jules Bastable      Trevor Graham
Lee and Spencer Shaberman   Susan Ardill

2. Review of minutes from February 2013 meeting

Minutes approved pending correction of Mr Skinner’s name
Moved: David Hill
Seconded: Misty Waters

3. Review minutes of last meeting (June)

Minutes approved
Moved: Alyson Kyling
Seconded: Claire Farnan

4. Business arising from last meeting.

Flexischools

A Canteen Committee has been established consisting of: Els Termaat; Alyson Kyling; Jules Bastable; and Catherine Tooher. The Committee along with Patrice Remnant, Acting Canteen Manager, will visit at least one primary and one secondary school which currently use Flexischools and seek a meeting with Flexischools to discuss how the process might work at Rose Bay. A report will be prepared for consideration at the November meeting of the P&C.

Uniforms

Mr Skinner indicated that the School was currently undergoing a process of enforcing the wearing of the existing uniform, including the use of after school detention for recalcitrants. He indicated that this process was having a significant effect.

In relation to a new uniform he indicated that a committee would be formed in the near future to commence the review process. A request from the floor that the process include a school bag was accepted.

The casual nature of the existing uniform and how it is perceived at formal functions led to a discussion of the need for students representing the School to have access to blazers and button up shirts. Ms Munro noted that the P&C has already provided blazers for members of the student executive but offered to discuss the cost of additional blazers and the availability of appropriate shorts for boys, with the Uniform Shop Manager, and bring back a funding proposal to the P&C.

5. BYOD technology policy for 2014 – Juliet McMurray

BYOD is a proposal for replacing the existing Computers in Schools Program which ceases in 2013. Under BYOD the School is considering three options: a one device option; a panel of preferred devices; and allowing students to bring whatever device they desire.
At this stage the Schools preferred option is a panel of acceptable devices. The School is also in discussion with suppliers about the possibility of the devices being available for sale through the School at discount prices. There is more work to be done on this issue.

The School is planning to undertake a survey of stakeholders and use the information to form a School technology in teaching policy. The meeting suggested that rather than including all options in the survey the School should specify its position and seek feedback on whether that position is supported. Ms McMurray agreed to take this suggestion into consideration.

Ms McMurray indicated that the School would be:
- Looking to accommodate the needs of students with or without devices
- Maintaining a suite of devices that would be available to students genuinely unable to afford their own device;
- Extending the new program to all years (7-12); and
- Examining the viability of using smart sync software to assist in the management of inappropriate use of devices during class.

Ms McMurray indicated that she would be happy to receive appropriate feedback on juliette.mcmurray@det.nsw.edu.au

6. P+C President’s report

Ms Munro thanked the P&C for flowers she received while in hospital.

Ms Munro also informed the meeting that:
- Mr Linton the former Principal had advised that he recently completed the helicopter lessons that were a gift from the School and that he was grateful to the School for the opportunity.
- The Sydney District Council of P&Cs is not currently operational as Ministerial approval is yet to be given;
- The P&C Conference was held recently though Rose Bay did not have any representatives in attendance. Anyone wishing to know what happened can check the P&C Federation web site;
- Ms Featherstone has accepted a full time Principal’s role and will not be returning to the School. The School will be looking to fill the vacancy and Steven Hayes will be the P&C representative on the selection panel.

7. Principal’s report

Mr Skinner advised the meeting:
- That Cabaret on Hardy was a major success. It was well attended and the performances were outstanding;
- The School was awarded 3 gold and one silver award at the NSW Bands Festival held at UNSW;
- Year 12 trials are being held in weeks 3 and 4 of term;
- Year 8 and 10 subject selections evenings were held in week 2 and the School is urging students to make their choices on time so that it can finalise next year’s elective program;
• Ms Kite’s Year 8 Geography class should be congratulated for raising $1,700 for UNICEF activities in Asia;
• Assessment calendars will be sent out to parents each term
• The School participated in last week’s Education Week launch at Bondi Pavilion
• The School is in the process of advertising for a new Head Teacher CAPA

Mr Skinner also requested feedback on whether parents wanted individual or group photos. There was some different views expressed but in general there was no overwhelming view either way.

8. **Treasurer's report**

Mr Prosser advised that as at the end of term 2 the Canteen had achieved a profit of $16,242 and the Uniform Shop a profit of $35,890.

He indicated that these figures had the P&C on track to generate around $60k to fund 2014 school initiatives. It was likely however that the bulk of that allocation would come from the Uniform Shop as Canteen activity is slightly down on previous years and a significant long service leave payment is due to be paid later this year.

In response to a suggestion that the P&C open an investment account with a view to increasing its interest returns Mr Prosser agreed to look into the issue and report back to the P&C.

9. **Any other business**

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

Mr Skinner was asked whether future parent teacher interviews could be held after the half yearly reports are received and whether there was something that could be done to enforce the timetable on the night.

Mr Skinner indicated that he would look at the timing of the interviews but did not have a solution to the timetabling issue. He indicated that if anyone had a solution he would happy to receive feedback.

**Library Closures**

Mr Skinner responded to a question about unforeseen library closures by indicating that while there might be the odd occasion where there is no qualified staff able to keep the library open this should rarely happen and that he had introduced changes which will assist in ensuring the library remains open as advertised.

**After Hours Bicycle Access**

In response to a concern that students attending after school events can no longer ride their bikes due to locked gates, Mr Skinner indicated that a solution might be to install bike racks at the front of the School. Els Termaat offered to contact Waverley Council to see if they could assist.
Corner of Murriverie and Murray Streets

Rick Harasty raised concerns about safety issues at the corner of Murriverie Road and Hardy Streets, especially before and after school when many students need to cross that intersection.

The meeting decided to pass the following motion:

That the Rose Bay Secondary College P&C expresses its concerns about the safety of students crossing the intersection of Murriverie Road and Hardy Street and would like Waverly Council to look into the problem, along with the relevant authorities, and take measure to improve the level of safety for students and other stakeholders.

Moved: David Hill
Seconded: Rick Harasty

It was agreed that Mr Harasty contact Waverley Council in respect of this issue.

Next Meeting   Tuesday 3 September 7.30pm