Minutes RBSC P+C meeting December 4, 2012

Apologies: Craig Prosser (Treasurer), Claire Keating, Irene Ulman

1. Thank you gifts presented to teachers and P+C Exec members.

2. Sheridan Brown, new Head Teacher English, addressed the meeting. He is very happy to be part of the RBSC environment – very impressed by the school spirit he saw on the working bee.

Re English – Sheridan has three main foci:

1. Absolutely loves English; it has gone from being Shakespeare to a more diverse subject; media now a massive part of English; Internet must be acknowledged as part of day to day, technology is a part of kids' lives; the curriculum is very rich.

2. Wants to lift our results, special focus on HSC results; has been an HSC marker for several years…

3. Wants his faculty to help make the kids discerning responders, not just passive responders; he wants English to contribute to students becoming a better
person – that’s his goal and why he’s in teaching.

4. Gaby asks people to pay P+C membership at this meeting so that next year they can be paid-up members and therefore vote at AGM in March 2013. Mark that on attendance sheet. Also to happen at February meeting.

5. Minutes of previous meeting accepted – moved Michael, seconded Ilana Cohen.


7. Gaby shows photo of Action Day against education cuts. All the different school systems have now banded together to oppose the NSW state cuts.

Went to 'Little Shop of Horrors', superb, professional, now have had first request from school in Melbourne for the plant.
The oval: kids still not using, turf went on 9 weeks ago during holidays. Ian Godby and Gaby had inspection with landscaper who did the work, not quite happy, surface still quite bumpy. Another inspection on December 14; going to make sure it’s to their satisfaction before letting kids on it.

Orientation tomorrow night – Gaby ordered leaflets from P+C Fed about why to join; Heidi has them. Gaby has list of roles of president, etc. Her three-year term runs out in March and Di (VP) will also be leaving.

8. Lucy Andre’s report (acting principal): ably supported this term by Heidi and Ian. If she had to pick 2 deputies, she’d pick them. Thanks for the working bee and the musical. Three deaths in school in past 6 months; first cleaner, then teacher. then a student. Good life lesson for the students. Gaby comments on very good communication from Lucy about this, very prompt and well written. Maddy’s funeral tomorrow, memorial service on 14th. Will be a significant event with 100 extra people, plant a tree in principal’s garden at front, have a plaque and release balloons. Sprung floor has been taken piece by piece over to performing arts in order to create support unit in former dance room. Today interviewed for head teacher position for support unit. Staffing issues finalised: 3 teachers,
3 TAs, 3 classrooms. Max possible 27 students, will have 12 to start 2013. Will be Y7-9, Y10-12 and autism class.
Y7 Surf school going really well.

$7700 unallocated funds left for this year. Spent $119,000 this year. Has done a draft budget. But waiting for new principal before deciding what to spend in 2013.

12. Next meeting: Tuesday 5 February 2013.
School council meeting: Steve Hayes brings up to not have a December meeting on Tuesday 20th – so it’s cancelled.
Gaby mentions that Irene Ulman has gone from the school after 9-10 years, has been an amazing enthusiastic parent. Gaby suggests a dinner…

Have a great holiday!