Minutes RBSC P&C
April 3, 2012, 7:30pm

1. Welcome from Gaby Munro, President.

2. Apologies: Michael Palmer, Irene Ulman, Ann Arnold, Susan Ardill

2. Minutes of previous P&C meeting - Ilana Cohen concerned that section ‘requests’ and subsequent motion were unclear in their wording. Gaby suggested rewording the section and to defer approval of minutes pending changes till next meeting. Agreed.

3. Business arising from minutes: Lucy starting Monday homework club - second day to add to existing Thursday. Four tutors employed for each Monday and Thursday, 88 kids last week. Gaby very impressed when she visited - lots of teachers there on voluntary basis. Extra day starting Monday 2nd week term 2. Congrats to Lucy Andre.


5. Gaby talked about sharing running of future meetings with vice presidents

6. Treasurer’s report:
   Report attached. We have 3 accounts - canteen, uniform & general P&C account. Profits from canteen and uniform are paid into P&C account which we use to allocate funds. Craig advises to wait for oval upgrade before committing any more funds.

   It was pointed out that all income of P&C currently comes from canteen and uniform shop – other fundraising opportunities taken instead by specific groups, ie. music, sports committee, etc. which means they raise their own funds for certain projects or initiatives. Craig would like a consistent spending pattern preferably a plan from school executive outlining future desirable major projects with occasional ad hoc requests possible.

7. Principal’s report:
   School won Woollahra citizenship award - best buddies program. Opportunity for able-bodied people to work with disabled children. Students can be involved.

   -Guestspeaker Damian Mander from IAPF (International Anti-Poaching Foundation) - School looking to apply for NAB $15,000 grant to build relationship between RBSC geography department and IAPF, kids can skype, write to schools in Africa, etc. Money would go to Africa to purchase technology to communicate with us.

   -Last year’s annual report is a balanced account of what happened at RBSC in 2011. The report has been posted on the school’s website. Parents encouraged to look at it.

   -Thank you to P&C from science department - they have received the projectors P&C agreed to finance.

   -Thank you from music - grateful for computers and software.

   -Request from school executive: Would like students to participate in ‘Tournament of the Minds’ competition for yr 7-10. Comp involves problem solving, logic, social science, English, Maths Requesting a seeding grant $2316 for registration fees and materials, to hire a trainer - hoping to involve 50-60 kids, hopefully 4 teams. Open up to all, commit to

Comment [SA1]: Not sure what the third account is - unclear
once a week training. Craig questions small ad hoc funding requests, but Jim emphasizes executive would like school to get involved in this.

- Award for contribution to public school. RBSC’s submission in the ‘Parent Partnership’ section will be submitted tomorrow by Jim. Jim thinks we deserve it - find out next term if successful.

-Jim went to robotics workshop at UNSW

8. Gaby about request for Tournament of Minds. Puts to P&C whether to commit. Most wonder what else will be asked to fund - environment will ask re shade, seating, study tables- Craig says $15-20,000 max this year. Shade etc very expensive. Gaby points out that small ad hoc requests enable new programs to be introduced into the school. Motion to support TOM with the requested $2316. Proposed: Gaby. Accepted.

9. Any other business
   -Michael, ex-secretary, off as signatory on P&C bank accounts.
   -Separation of MEP from P&C (see minutes of last MEP meeting). Gaby was advised in writing by MEP of their wish to cease being a sub-committee. Gaby put forward motion that the MEP ceases to be a subcommittee of the P&C - all in favour. MEP are now independent entity
   We have a funding request from MEP: Would like to purchase recording equipment for new rock band program and to record school performances. Great for archives, benefits whole school. Requesting contribution from P&C. Craig would like this request to come through the school executive to ensure that this is a priority for them. He will email Celia accordingly.


11. Oval - general survey, hydraulic survey and soil sampling took place - no major contamination. Report presented on best soil composition for our conditions. Hydraulic checked out retaining basin – no major problems detected. Next step re oval upgrade: project manager is putting together tender package for approval by school and AMU. Jim will contact AMU and ask for time extension as project may not be finished by June - might ask Gabrielle Upton for support if needed.

12. Meeting closed 8.35pm.