Rose Bay Secondary College P&C Meeting 5 August 2014 – Draft Minutes (subject to confirmation)

Meeting opened 7.30 p.m.

Apologies: Susan Ardill, Claire Keating, Trish McAlary, Stephen Hayes

Attendance: Els Termaat (President), Craig Prosser (Treasurer), Richard Skinner (in attendance), Juliette McMurray, Ilana Cohen, Erika Goldbaum, Fiona Christensen, Kym Pottinger, Deb Walker, Alex France, Cindy Pittendreigh, Glenn Burns, Kelly Robinson

Minutes of last meeting:
Moved: Ilana Cohen, Erika Goldbaum. Approved

Presentation
Juliette McMurray gave a presentation on the evaluation of Year 7 Digital Literacy Day and BYOD week, a week when all Year 7 lessons used digital devices. This will be repeated for years 8 and 9.
The Literacy Day involved providing information to the students concerning digital literacy, information about the DET Portal, the Sentral Portal (this was demonstrated to the meeting), Edmodo, file management, word processing, SKWIRK and internet research. There was discussion concerning the need to cover the basics in things such as word processing, so that students actually have skills, rather than just being IT consumers. Discussion also covered issues with disadvantages for students whose device isn't working, and parent access to student work. Parents provided very positive feedback for the implementation of BYOD generally.

Business arising from last meeting: nil.

Principal's Report:
(This is a summary, full information is sent to parents via Enews)
New communication system in response to parent feedback concerning "too many emails". New system has regular alerts, and an eNews twice a term, with links to curriculum and other items that will appear on the website. A student journalism group will help prepare articles for the eNews. HSC Trials are now on, along with plans for all HSC practicals. Various achievements of music ensembles, individual students, and sporting and debating teams were reported. Students have continued excellent achievement in many areas. The Student Leadership Initiative proposal was presented to the meeting. This involves creating the roles of Arts Captains, Sports Captains and Environment Captains. Their roles will include: liaison and representation with staff and external visitors; reporting back to the school at assemblies and generally on achievements, and promoting upcoming events. The proposal is going to the SRC. It met with general approval.

President's Report
The President has been approached by someone willing to present to the P&C on Step-parenting. It was agreed that this is not a priority area for the P&C.
There is also a suggested presenter on teenage depression, via the Black Dog Institute. It was agreed this will be followed up for the next meeting.
There is information available online concerning the inner city secondary schooling demand issue, Kelly Robinson reported on the forum she attended. This was looking at solutions for future demand for an inner city high school. Happy to see that some of the suggestions have been included in a recent newsletter. A new primary school is about to open at Ultimo with 1000 students.
Thanks to Susan Ardill for her role as Secretary for the last two years. The position will now be filled by Clare Farnan.
Discussion concerning next year’s numbers for year 7. Richard reported that at present it appears that students from out of area will not be able to be accommodated in the non-selective classes, however he is waiting on acceptances and confirmations from “in area” parents.

**Treasurer’s Report**
There is about $24,000 profit from the Canteen so far, and about $22,000 from the Uniform Shop. This is on track for the usual commitment of the P&C to various items which will be approved at a later meeting. This will include measures to ensure equity in the BYOD program.

**Band Festival fundraiser**
Kelly R reported on the Band Festival progress. Thank you to all who have donated time and food and drinks. Donations are still needed for the next few weeks, especially baked goods, and helpers on the last weekend. Special thanks to the teachers as well who have put in their time at the festival. In addition the baked goods have been particularly popular.

Next meeting will be on 4 November.