P+C meeting April 1, 2014

Meeting is preceded by demonstration of 3D laser printer by Rob Thompson of Laser & Sign Technology

1. Apologies: Trish McAlary, Claire Keating, Gaby Munro, Debbie Dukes, Alison Kyling, Michele Aginsky, Fiona McCrossin

2. Minutes last meeting: correct Erika’s last name to Goldbaum: moved Erika, 2nd Ilana, accepted.

3. Business arising from last meeting: VP and secretary positions vacant – no one responds so Claire and Susan stay in those roles for now.

4. Els President report: Canteen – painted and menu boards painted on outside, Linda Janssen who did mural donated her time, which means kids can read it on the queues. Introducing some new foods, eg edamame, etc, possible slight pickup in turnover seen by Craig. Flexischools will start in Term 2, to make it easier to buy and collect food, to increase patronage and profits. Els has written an intro to go out to parents and staff later this week and at beginning T2. Question to Richard about whether money is coming in for P+C – answer: some coming in but it’s a separate item so a bit hard.

5. Treasurer’s report Craig: discuss Richard’s funding ‘wishlist’:

Wishlist distributed to meeting: how much do we have to spend? Depends on current commitments (oval, homework centre, magazine, debating). Possible wishlist:

- Laser cut about $20,000, also 3D printers = $28600
- $8700 6 iMacs for music special software
- $1400 for environmental plants etc
- musical $10,000
- Writers day enrichment $3600
- fitlab $2400 replace 2 rowing machines
- robotics $880 replace kits
- chess proposal $1730 competitions
- marine science $2970 extensions to lab
- Duke Ed $4000 resources for overnight camps etc.

Els says Trish McAlary wants to set up gardening group to target front area for new planter boxes etc and has asked for about $5000.

Total value is $92,000
Craig says we probably have $74,000 to spend.

Calre Farman and Els Termaat will meet with Richard Skinner to decide on what to propose at the next P&C meeting.
Motion from Craig, 2nd Steve Hayes: We put $7500 to Homework Centre; $8000 for oval maintenance and $5000 for the magazine (total $20,500) as these are ongoing commitments for the P&C. P&C has already approved $7000 for debating.

Which leaves some $50,000 for the ‘wishlist’.

6. Principal Richard Skinner’s report:
Y12 half year exams now on
HSC music performances last week – high quality
Working bee very successful. [Ilana comments on lack of directions about where to go.]
Y7, public speaking comp, gala day and camp coming up
Debating going very well
Duke of Edinburgh’s bronze training walk this week
Canteen and girls’ toilets will be renovated this holidays
Maths teacher panel, parent needed for two half days next term.

7. AOB: Craig proposal to have fewer meetings: thinks 9 meetings dilutes.
Keep March, April, May, miss June, have August, Nov, Dec. Use to promote special events
Moved Craig, 2nd David Hill
Catherine Tooher suggests that we say we can have an extra meeting if we want.
Steve Hayes volunteers to draft a communications policy for the P+C.

Proposal motion of minimum of 5 meetings a year with option of more if necessary. Passed.

AOB: Erika – suggests having assignments on the Internet.
Richard says assessments are on the documents sent out and Lucy says this is on the website.
Teacher Ry Clarke says it is intellectual property and any other teachers could pinch; also issues about timing - not advisable to put them up too early.
Possibility of using Edmodo for this.
As a start go to school website, look at assessment planner.
Els suggests referring to school council as it ties with broader technology issues for the school – via Steve Hayes.

Clare Farman asks if students can use their phones to get onto school network. Steve Hayes says they need to have a registered device – she says her son can – Steve says needs to be discussed by tech c’tee

Are HSC exams moving to online? Richard says yes but slowly – her concern is with BYOD, students will write less and they need writing practice for exams.

AOB: Susan McCalmont school currently pays around $15000 a month for energy use – summer break was $12-13000 – lots of money, lots of carbon. Is there a group discussing this? She’d like to join in. Recently went to solar energy workshop NFP, about how to get investment into turning solar.
Richard Skinner says environment c’tee also concerned. Money has been an issue. Tried to do this in Dubbo, DET was taking the energy for the grid, had issues he
needs answers to. Lights have to be left on for security, CCTV – no one has solution; there needs to be awareness raising. Steve Hayes also interested so will get together with Susan McClamont to discuss and liaise with the school Environment C’tee.

Adjourn to school marine lab for guided tour.

Next meeting 6 May.