CARLINGFORD HIGH SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION INC.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE 2005

Opening by President – B. Rooney: Meeting declared open at 7.50 pm.

Present: T. Apollonov; M. Cochrane; J. Dilworth; V. Gorman; K. Mould; S. Murray; N. Philip; J. Roberts; B. Rooney; N. Stoneman; L. Taylor; G. Trau; W. Whittaker; J. Wong; N. Wood; (15)

Staff: R. Clarke; D. Barron and D. Halloran (part)

Apologies: P. Gorman; M. Lewis; A. Simpson; G. Thomson

Motion 1: The President asked that the meeting be suspended in order for the guest presentation to take place.

Moved: J. Wong Seconded: M. Cochrane Carried.

Guest Presentation – Deb Barron:

B Rooney welcomed Deb Barron (Science Teacher) to the meeting; Deb presented an overview of the environmental planning for the school including:

• To date year7 took part in a scavenger hunt for world Environment day there was a great response by the students.
• A year 11 student Bia won the State competition with a superb poster
• In term 3 National Tree days will be observed with the planting of trees around the school. There will need to be two tree planting days organised, one to be Friday 22 July and the second day to be advised.
• Year 11 students have built a retaining wall planted trees and mulched area between canteen and learning centre
• This term year 11,10 & 8 students have taken part in Stream Watch (during sport time)
• Planting has started in the new ramp areas.
• A working bee to be organised with parents in term 3,B Rooney suggested that his idea to be promoted would be discussed later in the meeting.
• An Environment News 2005 information sheet was tabled at the meeting, which outlines all projects currently or planned for the school coordinated by Deb Barron in conjunction with other staff.

Welfare Report – D Halloran (presented early so that D. Halloran could leave the meeting):

1. There has been a new Chinese Ethnic Liaison officer appointed
2. Students are linked with TAFE (hairdressing)
3. Study skills program for year 11 scheduled for 22nd June.
4. GP program has medical students taking part as well.
5. GP talk for Parents scheduled for next Wednesday 15th June, Adolescent Health Issues; year 7 parents invited to attend as well.
6. “Mind matters” training course; on Staff development Day staff will be participating in “Build resilience in the Young”.
7. Anti bullying program and role of bystander for year 7 to take place shortly. Often issues arise following this session
8. Miss Halloran mentioned that she would be developing/writing the Strategic plan for Welfare over the long weekend.

Previous Minutes:

Minutes of meeting 11-MAY-2005 were circulated.

9. Minor amendment made to those present Jan Dilworth added.

N. Philip moved that Minutes of the Previous Meeting be accepted
Seconded: J. Wong Carried.

Business Arising:

10. J. Chivers has withdrawn as parent representative to the School Council; M. Cochrane offered to attend these meetings.

Motion 2: That M. Cochrane take up the position of parent representative to the School Council.

Moved: J. Dilworth Seconded: N. Philip Carried.
Motion 3:  That T. Apollonov take up the position Auditor.
Moved: N. Wood  Seconded: V. Gorman  Carried.

12. The final tally for the Carlingford Public School fete in March was $13,000.

Correspondence In:

13. 4-May-05 Email - EBM Insurance Brokers: Student Accident Insurance
14. 12-May-05 Email - DET (Trevor Fletcher): Student's Injury Insurance
15. 23-May-05 Email – ACSSO: Update on National Review of Music Education in Australian Schools
16. 24-May-05 Email - Sock Monster: Fundraising Promotion
17. 26-May-05 Email – Futureminds - Issue 9 - 26-MAY-05
18. 26-May-05 Email – ACSSO: "Families Matter" Initiative - Revised Schedule of Training Days May-Oct 05
20. 26-May-05 Email – ACSSO: Announcement of Values Education "Good Practice" Project Cluster Schools in 2005
21. 26-May-05 Email – “President P&C Northern Sydney Region (David Hope)”: Federal Government's "Investing in Schools" Grants - Out Now
22. 27-May-05 Federation of P&C: P&C Journal Term 2, 2005 – Vol 56 No 2
23. 1-Jun-05 Knard Training Services: Book Offer - 'The Road to Graduation: Essential Skills for University Success'

Correspondence Out:

24. 1-Jun-05 P&C President - Brigid Rooney: Letter to CHS Teaching Staff inviting Faculties to make a presentation at a future P&C

REPORTS:

Principal's Report – R. Clarke:

25. See attached copy of Principal’s Report.
26. Cabaret night very successful healthy rollup of parents and staff
27. Year 7 area is almost ready for use again
28. Arts North Festival of Music 30 May 05 - congratulations to Agnes Chan, John Alexander and students who participated in the festival at the Opera House.
29. School Development day term 3 day 1
30. Workshops for "Mind Matters and Gifted and Talented Consultant identifying strategies for students with talent and special abilities.
31. Curriculum Committee
32. Curriculum choice evening for 2006
33. New software for ELLA, SNAP, SC and HSC result date.

Welfare Report – D. Halloran:

(As recorded earlier in meeting)

Treasurer’s Report – N. Wood:

34. Presented a written report to the meeting (distributed)
35. Treasurer’s report as tabled.

P&C Account: $33,003.11
Uniform Shop Account: $21,617.45
Total: $54,620.56

36. It has been noted there has been an increase in P & C contributions to the building fund probably as these contributions are tax deductible.

President’s Report – B. Rooney:

37. No report this meeting.

School Council Report – B. Rooney:

38. Clarification of issues concerning the COLA were discussed, the COLA development proposal was endorsed at the P & C meeting in May. R Clarke (Principal) and B Rooney (President) attended a meeting in May concerning the
application process for Federal funding for the COLA. The application process would be preferable coming from
the P&C perspective than the School Council.

39. Other issues discussed related to school security and items such as Change rooms, science labs, security fence that
are a high priority and the school is high on the list but the funding is not available. It was suggested at the meeting
that we invite Andrew Tink the State member to the school to view the current needs and to communicate the urgent
need for more funding to be made available by the Government.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Uniform Shop – G. Trau:
40. The ties have now arrived and are available at the Canteen.
41. All donations of used /preloved uniforms can be left at the front office. Parents are not reimbursed for used
uniforms.
42. The track pants are available in size XS; the jackets are slow to sell cost $70.
43. Finally the uniform shop has new premises near the canteen.

Traffic & Safety – N. Stoneman:
44. Still awaiting the paperwork from the previous incumbent. However contact has been made with the RTA, Hornsby
and Baulkham Hills Shire councils with written letters outlining the safety issues and there is no protection on the
kerbsides. It was suggested that a curfew be placed on the semi trailers that hike along Pennant Hills Road to be
followed through. It was also mentioned that a new bus shelter is to be erected on the Carlingford court side near the
intersection on Pennant Hills Road.

Music Support – J. Dilworth:
45. The cabaret evening as mentioned by R Clarke in his report was an extremely enjoyable evening lots of fun dancing
and networking between parents and staff. This evening has been organised each year since 1996/7 it serves to bring
the school community together and raises some money for the Creative and Practical Arts faculty. Many thanks to
all who were able to attend and the Music Staff, students and parent support group for their hard work and
enthusiasm.

Landscape Committee – J. Lloyd:
46. The P&C would like to coordinate a Working Bee in conjunction with the school and to work in a particular area of
the school grounds. This would take place in term 3 around week three or four. It was agreed by the meeting to hold
the on Sunday 14th August from approximately 1100-1400 hours. To be advertised in the next edition of Carlingford
Calling. Deb Barron will be contacted to notify her of this day.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

47. Neale Philip addressed the meeting and gave an explanation of the motions from the insert in Carlingford Calling.
He advised the meeting that the COLA project would be better project managed by the Dept of Commerce as
opposed to the P&C adopting that responsibility.

Discussion concerning the development application and the amount set aside for this application took place. Concern
was expressed that the amount was insufficient, there are “hidden costs “ not revealed by Councils and thus the
application fee blows out.

Motion 4: That the P&C approves the expenditure of up to $1,000 on fees and other costs associated with the preparation
of the grant application, on the understanding that reimbursement of this expenditure will be sought in the grant
application.

Motion four as presented was amended form $1000 to $5000.

Motion 4(a): That the P&C approves the expenditure of up to $5,000 on fees and other costs associated with the
preparation of the grant application, on the understanding that reimbursement of this expenditure will be sought in
the grant application.

Moved: N. Philip Seconded: J. Wong Carried with 11 for and 2 against.

In the course of applying for the federal funding to build the COLA the P & C will seek reimbursement of this
money within the application.
If the application for funding is unsuccessful this year the P & C is able to apply for further funding until the end of 2007. It was agreed the meeting submitting the development application as a part of the submission would prove the commitment to the building of the CLOA.

**Motion 5:** That the P&C supports a COLA in the main quadrangle and ancillary water storage and distribution works as an externally funded priority project under the School Strategic Plan for 2005—2007.

Moved: N. Philip  
Seconded: J. Dilworth  
Carried unanimously.

**Motion 6:** That the P&C accepts the role of applicant for a grant from the Federal Government's Investing in our Schools Program to fund design and construction of the COLA and ancillary works.

Moved: N. Philip  
Seconded: J. Roberts  
Carried unanimously.

**Motion 7:** That the P&C assigns responsibility to the P&C Executive to prepare and submit a grant application to the Federal Government prior to the next P&C meeting.

Moved: N. Philip  
Seconded: M. Cochrane  
Carried unanimously.

48. A parent commented about the National Excellence in Teaching Awards and encouraged parents to consider nominating teachers from the school for these awards. This program recognises and rewards teachers for their fine work and dedication within the education arena. The website address is www.neita.com and nominations close 26 July 2005. After some discussion about whether the nominations should come from the P & c or individual parents in was suggested that parents contact B Rooney P&C President via email with the nomination. P & C will promote through Carlingford Calling. Alternatively parents can access the website themselves.

49. The next meeting in August will be the Public Speaking Awards on 10th August. Generally no meeting is held on this evening but all parents are encouraged to attend to lend support plus the public speaking is always very enlightening and interesting evening

50. The grant /funding application for the COLA the result will be known by the end of this year.

**Meeting Closed:** 10.05 pm

**Next Meeting:** (Public Speaking Awards on Wednesday 10 August 2005)  

Minutes taken/typed by J. Dilworth / W. Whittaker.
Welcome: B. Rooney, President P&C Association

Chairperson: A. Duong
Timekeeper: G. Mitchell
Adjudicators: N. Bakoss
J. Roberts
B. Rooney

Speeches:

Junior
S. Trikha – Nelson Mandela
A. Dominy – Brian Wilson (The Beach Boys)
J. Papadopoulos – Dr J Patel
Y. Gassisieh – Iraq
K. Marteene – Detention Centres and Illegal Immigrants

Impromptu Topic – Best things about Sport (1 min)

Intermediate
R. Vorobieff – Espionage
M. Meenakshisundharam – The Old Man and the Sea (Ernest Hemingway)
E. Nam – Tests
J. Tan – Old People
E. Sparke – Balloons
D. Deng – Big Foot

Impromptu Topic – Winners and Losers (1 min)

Senior
S. Sivapathan – Whaling
Z. Anjoul – Terrorists
J. Yow – Words

Impromptu – A Dream Run (2 mins)

Presentation of Awards (1st - $50; 2nd - $30; 3rd - $20):

Junior
1st S. Trikha
2nd J. Papadopoulos
3rd A. Dominy

Intermediate
1st R. Vorobieff
2nd D. Deng
3rd J. Tan

Senior
1st Z. Anjoul
2nd S. Sivapathan
3rd J. Yow

Thanks: R. Clarke