CARLINGFORD HIGH SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION INC.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 10 MAY 2006

Opening/Welcome by President – B. Rooney: Meeting declared open at 7.45 pm.
Chair: B. Rooney (President); Minutes: W. Whittaker (Secretary)

1. The President opened the committee and welcomed parents.


Staff: R. Clarke, D. Halloran, G. Hardy


2. The General Meeting was suspended for a presentation by the Carlingford High School Careers Advisor, Mr. Garry Hardy.

Presentation included:

- Role of careers advisor has become more significant within education.
- Courses on offer have become a lot more diversified than in the years gone by. Many different approaches to what were once given as a single course.
- Choosing the options wrt courses available is quite confusing … steps being taken to provide more comparative information on the choices available.
- Handout of where the students from Year 12 2005 have gone – percentages shown for the most popular offers, and the most popular courses undertaken.
- Handout of ‘Cops are tops in pay - until 20’ … which looked at different positions and their pay levels for different age groups.
- Curriculum is an important factor in working towards the career selection of choice. Students encouraged to keep options as open as possible so that they are not limited in their choices for post school education beyond secondary school.
- Work experience an important method for allowing students to learn about real work experiences. Opportunities now for students to organise work experience at a time suited to their needs and the availability of the work experience.
- Careers Advisor works closely with other teaching roles within the school – such as the year advisors, and welfare areas.
- Options now for students to incorporate a TAFE or vocational (VET) course as part of their HSC – which allows many students to focus on areas of specific interest for development of their careers that may be more beneficial to students who are not looking to follow an academic pathway.

General Meeting Resumed at 8.15 pm.

Previous Minutes:

3. Minutes of the meeting 12-Apr-06 were circulated prior to this meeting by e-mail, and copies were available at this meeting.

P. Roy moved that Minutes of the Previous Meeting be accepted
Seconded: M. Lewis
Carried.

Business Arising:

4. Dates for the publication of Carlingford Calling have been recoded in the minutes for the last meeting, and are now also listed on the P&C Meeting Agenda.
Correspondence In:

# From Description
1 NSW DET Information on Apprenticeships and Traineeships for Parents and Caregivers
2 The University of Sydney Finding Tutors at The Sydney University CES
3 NatVend (National Vending Specialists) Advertising Brochure - Vending Machines
4 ACSSO (email) Public comment invited on Australian Certificate of Education
5 ACSSO (email) The Empowerment Conference with Noel Pearson
6 ACSSO (email) Insights into the Future of Teaching
7 ACSSO (email) National Review of Visual Education
8 ACSSO (email) Launch of 2006 Festival for Healthy Living

Correspondence Out:

# From Description
1 CHS P&C Government Grant Application

REPORTS:

Principal’s Report – R. Clarke:

5. See attached copy of Principal’s Report.
6. Promotion of Education Week is involving a visitor to the school as ‘Principal for a Day’.

Welfare Report – D. Halloran:

7. Commended work performed by G. Hardy (Career’s Advisor) and the assistance he provides to the welfare area.
8. U Turn the Wheel at St. Ives driver training centre to look at improving awareness and abilities of new drivers. Sponsored by Rotary on 15-MAY-06. Includes some interaction with people who have experienced life time injuries through road accidents.
9. TAFE courses are working well for students within the school.
10. Good attendance from Term 1 – 185 certificates sent out. However, 175 letters of concern sent out for students whose records identified problems with attendance.
11. Wed 31-MAY-06 morning has GP program for Year 11. GP’s come to work with students over Period 1& 2 to cover different issues as a group session. Then students have individual sessions. May cover topics guided by the students – typically include drugs, alcohol, sporting injuries, stress, depression, etc.
13. Consideration being given to vaccination program for girls for cervical cancer.

Treasurer’s Report – T. Apollonov:

14. Copies of the attached report were circulated at the meeting.
15. Treasurer’s report as tabled.  
   P&C Account $28,192.94 (includes building fund and general contributions)
   Uniform Shop Account $15,697.36
   Total $43,890.30

   N. Wood moved that Treasurer’s Report be accepted
   Seconded: J. Simpson Carried.

President’s Report – B. Rooney:

The President made the following points:
16. Thank you to the team involved in putting the application together for the Federal Government Investing in Our Schools Program. Thank you to the teachers involved in the process – R. Clarke, D. Hopley, and J. Sim.
17. May want to consider options for how P&C can further assist in the contributions to improvements in the school environment.

19. Cabaret Night on 3rd June … great evening – all encouraged to attend.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Uniform Shop** – G. Trau (absent):

See attached report (read at the meeting by W. Whittaker on behalf of G. Trau).

**Traffic & Safety** – (position not filled):

No report.

**Music Support** – per J. Simpson:

20. Cabaret night on 3-Jun-06 – be sure to attend this event. A great night.
21. Some other performances being organised for the near future.

**Landscape Committee** – per J. Lloyd:

22. First working bee will be held on Sunday 18-JUN-06 from 10.00 am to 12 noon. Volunteers welcome! More details to be advised closer to the date.

**School Council Report** – B. Rooney:

23. Refer to Principals report on updates to work being performed around the school.
24. Looking for more female volunteers to complete Merit Selection Training to qualify for inclusion on interview panel when required for positions within the school. N. Wood and A. Dalkic volunteered. A. Simpson has completed this training for primary school – is this acceptable for the secondary school level.

**Regional School Council Report** – N. Stoneman:

25. Overview of program available that allowed comparison of schools
26. Talked about grant applications and funds available. Split of Public School and Private School distribution – $700m / $300m. Discussed probability of success in grant. Last round all applications granted, but may be less likely to have all granted this time.
27. Meetings occur each term, and minutes may be available.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

   Team effort has been put in place to prepare the application (for refurbishment of the science labs) and ensure that it was submitted on time (10-May). Information had to be collected and submitted online – which made it quite difficult when it came to entering all of the data. Well done to all those involved. Outcome expected towards the end of this year. Federal member to be notified of the application.

29. **Problems with drainage work at St. Gerrards – (J. Simpson)**
   Decision was made by the Department of Education not to allow access through property of Carlingford High wrt drainage works to be undertaken at St. Gerrards. There was concern that the work would adversely affect the grounds of CHS. It was not a decision made by the school body, and no indication had been given to St. Gerrards that access would be granted.

30. **Girls Uniform – (N. Wood)**
   Need to get a name of a teacher to be involved in the process of consideration of changes to the girl’s uniform.

31. **Transfer of funds from school to the P&C – (W. Whittaker)**
   Last year a request was made that funds collected by the school on behalf of the P&C be passed on to the P&C at the end of each term. It seems that money has not yet been transferred for Term 4 2005 and Term 1 2006. T. Apollonov will contact M. Heggarty to check on the transfer of these funds.
32. **Options for use of funds within the school that are held by the P&C – (B. Rooney)**
   Need to consider how funds may be appropriately used to improve the education/environment within CHS.
   Suggestions:
   - more air conditioned classrooms
   - more heating options in classrooms (replace old off peak brick heaters)
   - fence around school
   - further funds towards the refurbishment of the science labs
   - consider the needs identified in the last school survey
   Further consideration to be undertaken at the next P&C meeting.

   **Meeting Closed:** 9.30 pm

   **Next Meeting:** Wednesday 14 June 2006.