CARLINGFORD HIGH SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION INC.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 9 MAY 2007

Opening/Welcome by Vice President – N. Philip: Meeting declared open at 7.40 pm.
    Chair: N. Philip (Vice President); Minutes: W. Whittaker

I. The Vice President opened the meeting and welcomed parents.

Present: T. Alexander; J. Baikie; D. Brown; M. Cochran; A. Dabrowski; D. Dabrowski; J. Fu; L. Jenkins; G. Massey; K. Mould; M. Naicker; J. Nixon; A. Pearsell; N. Philip; N. Stoneman; G. Trau; W. Whittaker; J. Yu; (18)

Staff: D. Halloran; J. Reeves; B. Weir;

Apologies: J. Baikie; L. Healey; R. Nesbitt; B. Rooney; A. Simpson; J. Simpson;

2. The General Meeting was suspended for a presentation by the Carlingford High School Languages Teacher – Mr. Barry Weir.

Presentation included:

Outline of resources available at the school for languages.

Languages department does not have Head Teacher, so is not considered an independent department. Currently 3.6 staff – achieve very high results with students in the HSC. Staff enjoy teaching and try to make the area of languages fun for the students.

At Year 7, course introduces a smorgasbord of languages to students … French Term 1, German Term 2, Latin Term 3 and Japanese Term 4. At end of Year 7 students choose 1 language to study in Year 8 to study as compulsory 100 hour learning program. Most often ends up as choice between French, German and Japanese – Latin not usually all that popular. Have tried to introduce other languages – e.g. Spanish – but has not been widely taken up.

In Year 9 and 10 can choose language as elective subject for School Certificate.

In senior years can elect any language for HSC – and some courses offered through Open High School (for languages not taught at the school). Some beginner courses available at senior levels, but there are strict eligibility criteria and these are only available to students who have not completed 100 hours study of the language previously.

Language Courses include listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Texts have changed a lot of since the olden days. Involved in pilot program trialling new text book that has only just been published – which will ultimately become the text for future courses. Text includes CD Rom that provides online training and exercises. CD course is also available on publisher’s website – and will also be loaded onto the school intranet in the appropriate year/language area. Course includes audio as well as written notes. Workbook is provided to students to complete activities. Extension activities are available on line that students can choose to undertake further exercises.

Q: With growing importance of Mandarin language, could basic Chinese be included as an option in the teaching of languages.
A: May look at this at a future option. Language trends change over time, at times in the past both Indonesian and Japanese were considered important commercial languages that would assist in business negotiations in the future. May be worth looking at the option of incorporating another language such as Mandarin.

General Meeting Resumed at 8.15 pm.

Previous Minutes:

3. Minutes of the meeting 14-Mar-07 were circulated prior to this meeting by e-mail, and copies were available at this meeting.

L. Jenkins moved that the Minutes of the Previous Meeting be accepted.

Business Arising:

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5. Welcome to new Deputy Principal Ms. J. Reeves – who is at the meeting tonight representing the Principal Mr. R. Clarke who is on leave.

REPORTS:

Principal’s Report – (per J. Reeves – new Deputy Principal - R. Clarke absent):

6. Copies of the Principal’s Report were circulated at the meeting.
7. New Head Teacher TAS started at start of term 2.
8. New Head Teacher Maths will also start through this term in Week 8.
9. Report covers results in ELLA and SNAP reporting. Carlingford performs extremely well in these tests and above state levels. Reporting at school is changing
10. SRC camp went extremely well.
11. Very busy school – calendar filling up quickly
12. Thank you to teachers who are involved in extra-curricula activities, and the effort that they put into providing support for these additional activities that are made available to the students.
Q: Would it be possible to get an update on what is happening with the upgrade to the science labs?
A: To be arranged for the next P&C meeting.

Q: Is there any impact on CHS from the budget just handed down by the Federal Government?
A: Will take a little while to understand what impacts/benefits the budget may have for the school. General perception that private schools fared better than public schools.

**Welfare Report** – (D. Halloran):

13. Language study is an important part of education. Languages department
14. Spoke with past SRC President who worked for Vatican Radio – advised that Europe is in a Time Warp – considered education and opportunities in Australia are ahead of European standards.
15. Reiterates … Education is not just academic; it’s about the development of the whole person.
16. Vaccinated over 170 girls with HPV virus (Years 10, 11, 12). Requires 3 treatments. Not compulsory – required parental permission. Cost would be .5 ml at $150 per dose. Next dates 12 June and 4 September.
17. Introducing program of Rock and Water – for improving Self Esteem. Youth worker and Year 7 advisor trained to facilitate program. Yet to be scheduled.
18. Attendance excellence in Term 1 – 209 times. 152 letters to students with unsatisfactory attendance. Home school liaison officer following up on attendance issues up to age of 15. Letters now sent
19. GP program being run on 30 May at the school for Year 11. Mixture of Dr’s and Medical Students who will sit with students and promote small groups discussion.
20. Sydney Western Health Services running symposium on Effects of Global Warming on Health with several well recognised speakers being held at Westmead Hospital in August. Wants to look at how young people feel about this topic. Students from Carlingford High School have been invited to participate and present at the seminar and respond to questions.

**Comment**: (N. Stoneman) Concern at value of immunisations in HPV as figures do not tend to be significant enough to warrant the program. Concern that we accept vaccinations too readily without fully determining risks and complications. Sometimes immunisations cause a stronger strain of the virus to develop. Encourage people to investigate findings in relation to immunisations – and effectiveness.
- Request to follow up on expert discussion in relation to immunisations and associated issues.
- People should be encouraged to educate themselves in this area before determining the appropriateness of vaccinations.

21. Some concern at past responses to talks that have been organised. Not sure what may be organised in the future unless parent commitment is evident.

**President’s Report** – (per N. Philip - B. Rooney absent):

22. Written report provided by B. Rooney in her absence.
23. 2007 Parent Survey is being developed and is to be sent out in Term 3.
24. Good to see Head Teacher appointments that have been made, and that the positions have been able to be taken up quickly.

**Treasurer’s Report** – (J. Nixon):

25. Written report provided and examined.
26. Treasurer’s report as tabled.

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27. General contributions have been paid over to the P&C from the school.
28. Account from Clothing Shop growing healthily.
29. Building Fund account has also been credited with funds from school.
30. Tax Receipts for the Building Fund donations will be made available at end of tax year.

Q. Given the healthy balance of the accounts, are these marked for specific projects or are they yet to be allocated – and when/where is a decision made wrt what funds are spent on?
A. Some of the funds are allocated to the refurbishment of a science lab, but other funds are available to be spent where needed. May be appropriate to consider options for spending at a future P&C meeting. Findings from the Parent Survey may also assist in determining areas of need wrt funds. Decision on where funds are to be allocated is made by the P&C in consideration of requests from the school and discussion at the P&C.

31. Suggestion to look at option for Building Fund account being changed to an internet account to obtain better interest rates.

G. Trau moved that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted.
Seconded: K. Mould  Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Uniform Shop – (G. Trau):

32. Require 1 more volunteer for a Friday.
33. Waiting on Junior boys ties to be delivered. Apologies for delay. Hopefully will be available soon. Compulsory for uniform in Terms 2 and 3.
34. Price list made available at meeting.

Traffic & Safety – (P. Roy - absent):

35. nil

Comment: N. Stoneman has approached council to look at the structure of streets and local intersections. Problems with visibility caused by bus shelters that have advertising on ends that obscure vision.

Music Support – (K. Mould):

36. Last Parents Support Group meeting held on Tue 1-MAY-07
37. Cabaret Day – 16-JUN-07 – look out for leaflet to be distributed soon.

Landscape Committee – (J. Lloyd):

38. Working bees to be held Term 2, 3 and 4.
39. Term 2 Dates: Sunday 3-JUN-07 from 10.00 am to 12 noon. General tidy up required. All helpers welcome to give 2 hours of time to help out.

School Council Report – (M. Cochrane):

40. R. Clarke and J. Sim absent – so not much to update from meeting.
41. Priority Bus pass update (per N. Philip) seems to be working well. Also additional bus provided to meet requirement to meet trains at Carlingford or Epping station. Has been a problem with this bus as it has not been on time this term, and has not delivered students to the station as previously. Some follow up required to investigate – may be that the bus is not arriving on time. May also need to look at provision of service to North of school related to safety issues – to be discussed specifically following meeting with principal representative.


42. No report
GENERAL BUSINESS:

43. CHS Three Year Strategic Planning Cycle - 2007 is next round of the Parent Survey. Timeline presented on the reverse of the President report by B. Rooney. Some work has been done on the content of the survey. Would like further volunteers to assist with the tallying of results when surveys have been distributed and returned.


44. School’s 40th Anniversary – M. Cochrane waiting on update from Ms. Furness.

45. Progress with P&C fund for subsidizing students representing Carlingford High. Draft document on proposal has been distributed. Deferred to the June meeting for discussion.

46. School hats update provided by M. Naicker. Sample Survey has been provided including useful background information– may consider being included as a Q in the Parent Survey. May also be appropriate to conduct a survey independent to get feedback from students and staff. Could also include survey as an addendum to the parent survey. Format for inclusion to be discussed by the committee working on the survey – and School Hat committee to be kept involved in process.

47. School Fence – a leaflet – origin unknown – had been distributed to nearby residents indicating there would be discussion of the school fence at this P&C meeting. A small number of residents were in attendance at the meeting. It was explained that the school fence was the responsibility of the Department of Education, and not in the agenda for discussion at the meeting, and that any queries/concerns regarding the fence would need to be directed to the Department of Education. It was noted that the fence was to be put in place to reduce the vandalism that was occurring regularly at the schools (Roselea and CHS), and that the ovals would still be available for public use and were not being enclosed in the fenced area. It was also noted that the school and grounds are the property of the Department, and that there is NO public access to the school or its grounds out of school hours (unless specifically negotiated with the school). Residents indicated a concern about the lack of parking that will be available for the people using the playing fields, and that this will adversely impact local streets/traffic.

Meeting Closed: 9.45 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 13 June 2007.

Minutes taken/typed by W. Whittaker