CARLINGFORD HIGH SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION INC.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 13 JUNE 2007

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

1. The President opened the meeting and welcomed parents.

Present: T. Alexander; S. Berzins; L. Healey; L. Jenkins; R. Nesbitt; J. Nixon; A. Pearsall; N. Philip; B. Rooney; A. Simpson; N. Stoneman; W. Whittaker; (12)

Staff: P. Meyers;

Apologies: M. Cochrane; M. Lewis; K. Mould; M. Naicker; J. Simpson; G. Trau; N. Wood; J. Yu; R. Clarke; D. Halloran;

2. The General Meeting was suspended for a presentation by the Carlingford High School TAS Head Teacher – Ms. Tanya Leigh.

Presentation included:
- Happy to be at CHS and is learning the status/feel for TAS within the school
- Has broad past experience in high schools and teaching
- Would like to expand the textiles area within the faculty
- Recognised that there is not especially good staffing/coverage within the TAS area
- Looking at some upgrades required in the kitchens
- Look to modify the Tech Drawing room to be a multi-purpose room that could also be used for textiles and other topics
- Both genders are involved in the Food Technology courses, which link to TAFE courses and also lead to hospitality related roles
- Girl students are dominant in textiles and design
- Boy students are dominant in the Industrial Arts areas
- Few girls interested in taking on TAS subjects in Industrial Arts area as it is not attractive to them

- Considering the option, with Elizabeth Cobden, of introducing a Jewellery course as part of the curriculum in Design and Technology for next year. This would require the purchase of Jewellery making equipment, and setup of suitable storage options. Course would be a component of the curriculum for all students in Year 8, and will also be an elective option for students in Years 9/10 and Years 11/12. The course would require an outlay of approx $5K to set up. Course is not gender specific – but would be attractive for either gender.
- Materials could be used across more than one area of the curriculum in TAS.
- Would appreciate assistance from P&C in meeting some of the costs associated with the establishment of this course.

New Course Proposal:

What is it?
- Design and Technology is an elective 100 or 200 hour course that develops a student’s ability for innovative and creative thought through the planning and development of design projects related to real-life needs and situations.
- Students identify needs and opportunities, research and investigate existing solutions, analyse data and information, generate, justify and evaluate ideas, and experiment with tools, materials and techniques to manage and develop design projects.

How is this done?
- Through the development of their design projects
- The analysis of the design work of others and
- The development of design folios
Why run a new course?
- To provide greater links from Stage 4 Technology to Stage 6 Design and Technology and hence improve academic outcomes in future years.
- Encourage greater gender equity in the TAS KLA.
- Provide for GAT students who require a technical, creative, construction and management approach to learning. The diversity of approaches to design projects provides the scope to develop high order thinking, future thinking and understanding of conceptual principles.
- The design process caters for a variety of student needs, abilities and interests. The flexible and creative consideration of parameters encourages students to take intellectual risks and experiment with resources when developing projects.

Course focus
- Jewellery design and manufacture – we plan to introduce a unit which focuses on the design and manufacture of jewellery. This is to encourage girls into an otherwise male dominated area.
- This will not exclude boys as the manipulation of metals to create jewellery will not be gender specific.

What do we want?
- $5000 to purchase:
  - Bench Clamps
  - 100mm ADJ frames
  - Side cutters
  - Needle file set
  - Planishing hammers
  - Mallets
  - Bench blocks
  - Ring mandrel
  - Bangle mandrel
  - Storage and security cupboards
  - Other equipment and resources

General Meeting Resumed at 8.10 pm.

Previous Minutes:
3. Minutes of the meeting 9-May-07 were circulated prior to this meeting by e-mail, and copies were available at this meeting.
   J. Nixon moved that the Minutes of the Previous Meeting be accepted.
   Seconded: A. Pearsall. Carried.

Business Arising:
4. N. Stoneman – Briefly provided further details on the issues associated with HPV and indicated that the figures outlined previously were understated.

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REPORTS:

Principal’s Report – (per P. Myers; R. Clarke - absent):

5. Copies of the Principal’s Report were circulated at the meeting.
6. Fence is going ahead and should be completed within a few weeks.

Welfare Report – (per W. Whittaker; D. Halloran - absent):

7. We had a very successful program once again for Year 11 and the G.P's. on 30/5. There were 9 G.P's. 6 G.P. registrars and 11 medical students. The students described it as "awesome": learnt a lot etc. The program has now been running for 9 years and I have to acknowledge Drs. Carol Kefford (the initiator) and Paul Humphrey who have attended every program.
8. The second HPV vaccination was yesterday. - all went very well.
9. Today was the first "Rock and Water" lesson with a group of Year 7 boys from the one class- program designed to build confidence, strengths etc. The program is being delivered by Matt Palmer (7 Adviser) and Rob Waugh (Youth Worker). Both have been trained.
10. Year 8 had a drama presentation on Antibullying.

President’s Report – (B. Rooney):

11. Thank you to N. Philip for chairing the last meeting.
12. Thanks to those who supported the Working Bee on Sunday 3-JUN-07.
13. Thanks to those parents who have worked on the School Parent Survey and the Hat Survey which will be sent out at the start of Term 3.

Treasurer’s Report – (J. Nixon):

14. Written report provided and examined.
15. Treasurer’s report as tabled.

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16. Still investigating the option for Building Fund account being changed to an internet account to obtain better interest rates.

S. Berzins moved that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted.
Seconded: N. Philip  Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Uniform Shop – (per W. Whittaker; G. Trau - absent):

17. We have been very busy in the Uniform Shop. Finally, we received 40 boys junior ties from Lowes and we will have to order another lot as we have nearly sold out of them. Surprisingly the Lowes store at Carlingford Court has been out of stock and we have been the only avenue of supply. Senior ties are available from both.

We have received a large delivery of 30 jackets, 45 trackpants and 95 sport shorts, today. But with the cold weather the jackets are selling fast and I will probably have to order more of those as well. A very welcome sign as the jacket has been slow in selling.

Thank you to J. Yu in offering to become a new recruit in the Uniform Shop – your help has been greatly appreciated.

Hope that all saw the Uniform Shop Price List in the last Carlingford Calling.

Traffic & Safety – (P. Roy - absent):

18. No report
Music Support – (per W. Whittaker; K. Mould - absent):

19. Cabaret Day – 16-JUN-07 – hope you have your tickets.

Landscape Committee – (per B. Rooney; J. Lloyd - absent):

20. Working bees to be held Term 3 and 4. Dates TBA.


21. No report


22. No report

GENERAL BUSINESS:

23. CHS Three Year Strategic Planning Cycle - 2007 is next round of the Parent Survey. Survey has been finalized. Thanks to all who helped determine the Q’s. Survey has been sent to the school who are working to have the survey translated into other languages to be sent to the homes (with return envelopes). The P&C is taking the opportunity to also send out the Hat Survey to Parents with the Parent Survey. These Surveys will be sent out early in Term 3, and responses have been requested back by 3rd August 2007.

24. School’s 40th Anniversary – no more information currently available.

25. Progress with P&C fund for subsidizing students representing Carlingford High. Draft document on proposal has been distributed and was discussed at the meeting. Some concern that clarification of ‘any activity associated with public education’ was needed. Other minor changes wrt wording noted. N. Philip to apply changes and provide updated version of the document.

Motion 1: That the P&C adopts the Guidelines for the School Representations Fund tabled at the June meeting subject to the minor amendments that were agreed to with wording at that meeting.
Moved: N. Philip Seconded: S. Berzins Carried.

Motion 2: That the Guidelines for the School Representations Fund be reviewed after one year of operation.
Moved: N. Philip Seconded: A. Simpson Carried.

Initial Committee to be formed from: N. Philip, J. Nixon, A. Simpson

This policy is to be implemented henceforth.

26. L. Jenkins: School Internet has been updated and requested load of new Adobe Flashplayer. Would have been better if this change and need for any update/download could have been advised to the students or via the newsletter.

27. Brief discussion of proposal presented by TAS Head Teacher for some funding towards the new Jewellery Course from the P&C. It was felt that:
- the TAS proposal needs to be reviewed in detail, and in association with what funds are to be provided by the school itself for the establishment of the new course
- the P&C should consider other appropriate areas for funding before deciding where to commit funds
- P. Meyers advised that there is some need to upgrade the facilities wrt hospitality to meet TAFE/VET requirements
- suggestion that it may be appropriate for the P&C to tour parts of the school to see what work may require funding
- the findings of the Parent Survey will help in determining the areas that may require improvement, and subsequently assistance from P&C wrt funding
- Mr. Clarke to be asked to investigate areas for prospective funding as identified by the school executive
- Parents to be asked to suggest possible options within the school for P&C funding

Meeting Closed: 9.40 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 8 August 2007.

Minutes taken/typed by W. Whittaker