CARLINGFORD HIGH SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION INC.
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 8 AUGUST 2007

Opening/Welcome by Vice President – B. Rooney: Meeting declared open at 7.35 pm.
Chair: B. Rooney (President); Minutes: W. Whittaker

1. The President opened the meeting and welcomed parents.

Present: T. Alexander; S. Berzins; P. Buckley; J. Burrow; M. Cochrane; D. Dabrowski; L. Healey; M. Lewis; K. Mould; J. Nixon; A. Pearsall; N. Philip; B. Rooney; A. Simpson; N. Stoneman; A. Throssell; G. Trau; B. Vather; W. Whittaker; N. Wood; (20)

Staff: R. Clarke; G. Fardouly; D. Halloran;

Apologies: L. Jenkins; M. Naicker; J. Simpson;

2. The General Meeting was suspended for a presentation by the Carlingford High School Mathematics Head Teacher – Mr. Graham Fardouly.

Presentation included:
- Happy to be at CHS and is learning the status/feel for Mathematics within the school
- Previous appointments have been at Cherrybrook and Blacktown High Schools
- First time as a Head Teacher
- Year 7 is a common grouped class
- Year 8 is graded for maths classes, but all classes do the same course material
- Year 9/10 is graded covering levels 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3 ... i.e. 3 different levels and are able to move between these different levels as required – even for different components of the course (5.3 is most advanced level)
- Year 11/12 offers General Maths, Advanced Maths, 3 unit Maths and 4 units Maths
- Maths is optional in Yr11/12, but most students do undertake some study of Maths
- Courses are based on textbooks, but are also available on CD’s that can be copied and should also be available online
- Students have recently taken part in Mathematics competitions, and do achieve very good results in general
- Students are also tested using the ELLA based system

2008 and beyond ...
- Will encourage a homework book to be included next year into the homework pack for Year 7. May also be incorporated into Year 8 subsequently if successful with Year 7
- No SNAP tests next year – will have a Year 7 and Year 9 basic schools test that is being implemented at a national level
- Yr 11/12 will change to have a General 1 and General 2 Maths course. 3 unit/4unit courses are to be changed to new courses in future years that will be more up to date than those currently being run (which are several years old)
- G&T has Maths comp and also contemplating involvement with other G&T tests
- Remedial classes need to have more suitable texts provided
- Large number of boys in classes compared with girls. Boys learn differently from Girls. May look at learning strategies that are relevant to gender – e.g. Boys only classes
- Consideration of ESL needs within the mathematics discipline and how to manage language differences
- Improved analysis of relevant maths levels to the ability of the student needs to advised and discussed with students/parents wrt the selection of subjects at higher levels of education
- Quality teaching framework focussed on approx. 12 factors being implemented as basis for teaching within the mathematics faculty
- Options for tutoring of students generally need to be followed up through external channels. May look for advice from other parents, or contact local Universities who may be able to recommend suitable students

General Meeting Resumed at 8.05 pm.
Previous Minutes:

3. Minutes of the meeting 13-Jun-07 were circulated prior to this meeting by e-mail, and copies were available at this meeting.

   A. Simpson moved that the Minutes of the Previous Meeting be accepted.
   Seconded: N. Philip Carried.

Business Arising:

4. nil

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REPORTS:

Principal’s Report – (R. Clarke):

5. Copies of the Principal’s Report were circulated at the meeting.
6. Concert Band 1 performed at the Ryde Eisteddfod and achieved 2nd Place. Outstanding result.
7. Carlingford Calling will be produced in hard copy again due to the fact that distribution online did not seem to successfully reach required audience.
8. Consideration to be given to more time from independent welfare advisor (Rob Waugh) within the school to work with the students. Helps students deal with life issues. Proposal has been compiled so that this role can benefit from the Government program set up to fund school chaplains. Denomination independent and not religion focussed.

9. Science labs upgrade project currently sitting with Department of Commerce in the Ed. Department who are managing the project. Awaiting response.

10. P&C Donation late 2006 of $15K for smart whiteboards ... Mr. Clarke to check on what has happened with the purchase of these items. Important to see that these funds already donated by the P&C have been used accordingly.

11. More information on the 40th Birthday Celebrations within CHS to be covered later in the meeting.

12. Fence is going ahead and should be completed within a few weeks.


13. Rob Waugh has been involved in the ‘Rock and Water’ program – which has worked well. He is also involved in the Welfare Team and construction of the Welfare Program that is run at CHS. Actively participates in school activities (e.g. Camps) and available to consult/assist students with needs. Real asset to the school.

14. Last Hep B vaccination given for year 7.

15. HPV for year 7/8/9 girls

16. 156 letters for good attendance sent out and 187 letters for unexplained absences

17. Looking to order in some useful literature for girls based on books available to help manage growth patterns/changes and maturing. Book by Michael Carr-Gregg ‘The Princess Bitchface Syndrome’ ... subtitled ‘Surviving Adolescent Girls’ is current and relevant to today’s young woman.

18. Next Wed/Thu/Fri two students will be presenting at Westmead Hospital Forum on Global Warming Impact on Health. Significant achievement for CHS students – and their material has been assisted by discussion in other classes. Several Year 11 students will also attend these presentations.

19. Preparation for Year 10/12’s who are leaving the school – including course ‘My Own Work’ that looks at issues of copying other people’s work, as well as advice on Driving, Drugs etc.

President’s Report – (B. Rooney):

20. Nothing to mention specifically – most matters will be covered subsequently in general business.

Treasurer’s Report – (J. Nixon):

21. Written report provided and examined.

22. Treasurer’s report as tabled.

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S. Berzins moved that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted. Seconded: A. Pearsall Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Uniform Shop – (G. Trau):

23. All going well – has placed another large order.

Traffic & Safety – (P. Roy - absent):

24. No report

Music Support – (per W. Whittaker; K. Mould - absent):

25. Band tour being organised for later in the year. Looking to head north this year.

26. Contact list to be compiled for band members so that they can be contacted at short notice in case of changes to band practice sessions.

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

27. Working bees to become known as ‘Environment Group’. Dates for next meeting of the ‘Environment Group’ in Term 3 and 4 TBA.
School Council Report – (M. Cochrane):

28. No report.


29. No report

GENERAL BUSINESS:

30. Parent Survey 2007 sent out and completed responses now being received. Next task is to analyse the responses. Group of volunteers to meet following this meeting to discuss next step.

31. Next Wed 15-AUG-07 is the CHS Annual Public Speaking competition. Good experience for parents and other students to see a group of junior and senior students talk on a prepared topic and an impromptu talk on a nominated topic. Try and get along. P&C funds the prizes for the Public Speaking.

32. Now that the fence is in place, the school is now locked up out of hours. Gates will be opened for major events such as P&C meetings, Music Support meetings etc – but are locked up on completion of the meeting. Cars should not be left in grounds overnight. If a car is locked in – a notice will be placed on their windscreen re steps required to get the gates opened via security (based at Blacktown).

33. Ideas for P&C Funding to be deferred to next meeting due to time constraints.

34. School’s 40th Anniversary – will be publicised in the next (hard copy) of Carlingford Calling. This will include:
   - Wed 19-SEP-07: Evening exhibit and tour of the school
   - Fri 21-SEP-07: 9.30 am – 1.00 pm Open School- including a Breakfast on the Front Grass Area; Evening – Gala Dinner to be held at Macquarie University.
* Encourage people to attend. If wanting to attend, complete form in Carlingford Calling and return to the school.
* Will be inviting attendees to sponsor a tree planting at the rear of the school.
* Looking for memorabilia that could be put on display
* Consideration of what the P&C can do to assist with celebrations. Option of Cake for formal ceremony, to fund trees to be planted, to purchase a cabinet for

**Motion 1:** That the P&C donates $2,000 from the General Fund to the school for purchase of a display cabinet and $500 from the General Fund towards the purchase of trees to recognise the school’s 40th Anniversary event on behalf of the P&C.

Moved: A. Simpson Seconded: N. Stoneman Carried.

35. Changes to school bus routes (628,629,623) – Carlingford – issues advised by P. Buckley. Bus company looking to merge buses 628/629 which are from Epping Station, and are looking to cancel the bus route 623 which goes to Carlingford Court of an afternoon. Comments/Concerns due by 10-AUG-07. Significant concerns that the proposed changes will affect transport for students to/from CHS – and the capacity available.

Letter to be constructed and written ASAP to indicate concerns. People to assist with correspondence – B. Rooney, P. Buckley, A. Simpson, M. Cochrane, K. Mould and W. Whittaker.

36. Discussion of Proposal to be submitted for Government School Chaplaincy which would be undertaken to provide more time from independent welfare advisor (Rob Waugh) within the school to work with the students. Some significant concerns about the religious influence that may be inherently a part of this role. Significant discussion and concerns voiced – informal feeling indicated that endorsement 7, against 2, abstain 4, not enough info 4.

Response indicates that the proposal would be refused if presented to a formal vote, so determined that the P&C would not support the proposal.

37. Mr. Clarke advised that a third paid canteen manager is to be appointed due to the amount of work that needs to be undertaken with running the canteen.

Meeting Closed: 10.20 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 12 September 2007.

Minutes taken/typed by W. Whittaker