CARLINGFORD HIGH SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION INC.

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 12th March, 2008

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Opening/Welcome by President Neale Philip: Meeting declared open at 7.40 pm, with a special welcome to new parents.

Present: Tara Alexander; Leonie Jenkins; Janet Nixon; Leslie Healey; Mohamed Yoosuff; Rod Nesbitt; Neale Philip; Andrew Simpson; Michael Cochrane; John Tomc; Siming Au; William Chow; Peter Roy; Andrew Chung (14)

Staff: Rob Clark; Mathew Palmer

Apologies: Dale Halloran, Gai Trau

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1. The General Meeting was suspended for a presentation by the Carlingford High School Economics Teacher – Mr. Matthew Palmer. Mr Palmer is also the Teacher’s Federation Representative at the school.

Presentation included:

Federation Issues –

The State Government is attempting to introduce certain changes to the teacher recruitment and development plans currently in place.

The Federation fears that these changes, if successfully introduced, will erode the quality of the teachers available to the remote/disadvantaged schools that are already experiencing difficulty in recruiting good quality teachers.

After failing in attempts to reach a negotiated settlement with the government, the Federation has decided, as the last resort, to take industrial action.

The Federation understands the inconvenience their action will cause to the parents and regrets this.

The President indicated that the P&C Federation will take a watch and see attitude to this industrial dispute.

SRC Representation:

2. The President invited Kimberly Hamp and Mark Loung, the SRC leaders, to explain the function of the SRC, the contribution made by SRC to the school community and requested them to put forward any suggestions for improvement to the current SRC.

The SRC leaders indicated that they have little support from the teachers for the growth of the SRC and that they felt there is a lack of School Spirit at Carlos.

They further suggested that the opportunities for students to improve this situation is hampered by a lack of other leadership positions such as School Captain, Prefect etc.

The parents noted this and agreed to promote this in the School Council.

The President noted it would be useful to invite the SRC leaders to the P&C meeting more frequently.

The President congratulated the SRC on their contribution to the school fund raising and thanked them for their dedication.

Rod Nesbitt moved that “P&C President to nominate an agenda item in the next School Council meeting to discuss the Student Leadership bodies with a view to promoting a wider range of leadership opportunities for the students”.

**Previous Minutes:**

3. Minutes of the meeting 13th Feb, 2008 were circulated prior to this meeting by e-mail, and copies were available at this meeting.

   Rod Nesbitt moved that the Minutes of the Previous Meeting be accepted.
   Seconded: Janet Nixon.  
   Carried.

**Business Arising:** Nil

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**Correspondence In:**

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**REPORTS:**

**Principal’s Report – (R Clark):**

5. The written report was presented and discussed.
6. The overall HSC results, for 2007 are not as good as 2006.
7. Teachers are discussing the results to implement plans to improve the teachers/students performance.


**Treasurer’s Report – (J. Nixon -):**

8. Written report provided and briefly examined.
   Rod Nesbitt proposed that the Treasures report be adopted
   Seconded by Leslie Healey.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Uniform Shop – (Gai Trau):**

Nothing to report

**Traffic & Safety – :**

9. Peter Roy nominated as the Convenor of Traffic and Safety Committee
   Proposed – Neale Philip
   Seconded by – Janet Nixon

**Music Support – (Joanne Simpson)**

Minutes of the Music Committee meeting was circulated before the meeting and was noted..

**Environment Committee –**
10. Nothing to report.

**Expenditure Sub Committe** –

Report to be provided in the next meeting.

**School Council Report** –

Nothing to Report

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Parent Survey was handed over to Rob Clark by Neal on behalf of the P&C.

**Meeting Closed:** 9:45 pm

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday 14th May