Opening/Welcome by Sandra Berzins, meeting declared open at 7.40 pm

Present: Sandra Berzins, Lesley Healey, Leonie Jenkins, Rod Nesbitt, Janet Nixon, Jinani Nissanko, Peggy Hull, Peter Ho, Peter Roy.

Staff: Jennifer Reeves, Bev Parkes, Lisa Robinson

Apologies: Deane Cini, Jo Simpson, Tara Alexander

Meeting suspended at 7.42 pm for a presentation by Lisa Robinson on Peer Mediation and Sustainability.

Peer Mediation

Lisa handed out a leaflet on Peer Mediation – Helping students to resolve conflict in peaceful ways.

Peer Mediation will start week 5 with Year 10. The aim is to choose students who have a caring and nurturing nature and really want to be a Peer Mediator. Looking to train up to 20 students.

Hoping to incorporate some of the Peer Mediation skills in the beyond Year 10 program.

Staff were involved in an in-service on the Peer Mediation process. Teaching children better ways to deal with conflict.

Sustainability

- Nine students are involved in the sustainability group. Sustainable living: Environment, Society and Economy.
- The group of students meet once a fortnight and staff meet once a month.
- They have a working bee around the school every 3rd meeting.
- Achievements so far: -
  - Added bricks to sisterns in some older toilets to save water
  - Revamped paper recycling
  - Looking to change rubbish recycling using eco friendly bins. Due to the expense of purchasing bins, will trial only a number of these bins around the school.
  - Conscious raising awareness of the environment
Group produced a video short film festival Hornsby council earth watch. Building a vegetable garden near the science block.

Sandra thanked Lisa Robinson for speaking at our meeting.

Meeting reconvened at 8.10 pm.

**Previous minutes**

Minutes of the meeting of 9th June’10 were circulated prior to this meeting by e-mail and copies made available at this meeting.

Sandra Berzins moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. Seconded by Leonie Jenkins, carried.

**Business Arising**

Nil

**SCHOOL REPORTS**

*Principals Report* – Jennifer Reeves

Principal position will be filled by the end of the term.
Consultant engaged to look at the sound system in the hall. He is looking at design brief and putting costs together.
Legal Branch does not support School Council anymore. P&C need to decide how they want to address issues previously discussed on School Council.
In contact with Hornsby Council re ruby goal posts taken down from school sports field and replaced with soccer posts two years ago. The school was told they would be replaced this year, this has not happened as yet.
Enrolment Policy to be updated due to the large number of student applications for Year 7, 2011. Policy document presented to meeting and duly discussed.

Rod Nesbitt moved a motion: **That the P&C Executive form a sub-committee to discuss Policy Development.**
Seconded Sandra Berzins. All agreed.

Cheques for Building and P&C contributions handed over to Treasure.

**Welfare Report**

Limbs program working on organizing Yr 7 assembly and charity group sponsor.
SRC Dance Tuesday 17 August.
Year 12 Parent evening 18 August – future studies information.
Year 7 vaccinations on schedule.
Welfare team looking at programming for next year.
Reward day out 15 November – P&C to pay for buses.
Motivation meeting Yrs 7 – 11 – True North, Taking Directions.
Janet Nixon moved P&C to pay for Motivational Media Presentation at a cost of $1090, seconded Lesley Healey. All agreed.

**Treasurers Report**

Lesley ran through report as tabled.
At the end of August P&C had $74,000 in total

**Correspondence**

In:
- P&C Journal
- P&C Annual Report 2010
- Sydney College of Etiquette & Grooming
- P&C Paper for the 2010 Annual Conference
- Groovy Pink Ladies – Five Star Shopping Tours
- Sydney Shopping Tours – Recession Buster
- Outdoor movie experience

Out: Nil

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Uniform Shop**

Approximate cost to students for new sports shirt is $30
Order to be placed for new shirts in September.

**Music Support**

Nil

**General Business**

The conditions of applying for the Representative Fund were discussed and it was decided to leave the criteria as is.

P&C Spending: School would like a sheltered area near E12 Block discussions pending.

Public Speaking Competition, Tuesday 24 August. Sandra to Co-judge, Leonie & Lesley to cater for supper.

Meeting Closed: at 9.35pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 8 September at 7.30pm