

Maitland Grossmann High School P & C Association

Minutes of Meeting – Date: 5th March 2009

Meeting opened at 7.10pm

1. **The President's welcome:**
 - The President welcomed the 18 people in attendance and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. **Apologies :**
 - Fiona Edwards, Jenny Innes, Rowen Lewis and Ray & Lisa Burg.

3. **Minutes from last meeting:**
 - Minutes were circulated and passed (Tanya White, Liz Porter)

4. **Business Arising from minutes:**
 - Discussion in regards to the buses, Dr Di has spoken in regards to the arrival and departure of buses and has said that the problem has been taken care of. Dr Di was also asked about the Friday early day and whether we will be getting any earlier buses so that the students do not have to sit around and wait, but this can not be changed and there is nothing that can be done.
 - \$200.00 voucher has been sent to Mr Graeme Pritchard for his auditing services over the last 3yrs.

5. **Correspondence:**
 - Letter from Irene Mullins requesting financial assistance for her son Ben Mullins who is going away to play basketball for the CHS Hunter Basketball Team. This request was granted (Lindsay Moxey, Tanya White)

6. **Guest Speaker:**
 - Emma Cassidy a Year 12 student talking about fundraising.
 - Car wash Tuesday 10th March, students to wash teachers cars
 - Easter Raffle week 7, would need P&C stamp for raffle tickets
 - Krispy Kreme fundraiser – P&C and Mrs Kennedy, order forms sent out, nominated afternoon orders will be picked up
 - The fundraising would help with buying a smart board and also to give all the Year 12 teachers and engraved pen at the end of the year. (Tracey Holz, Jenny Davies)

7. **SRC Report:**
 - Appreciation certificate from Salvation Army for our participation in the Giving Tree last December.
 - Valentine chocolates – sold 500 at \$2.00each
 - \$3000.00 was raised for the Victorian Bushfire Appeal
 - World's Greatest Shave is currently being organised, \$2.00 donation is required to enter the hall.
 - Handball competition has been a success.
 - Planning of the next disco and Trivia night

8. **Treasurers Report:**
- The Treasurer's Report was tabled
 - Signatures have been updated at Commonwealth Bank
 - Discussed whether the term deposit has to be with Westpac
 - Need to change our accounts to Westpac (Tanya White, Vicki Clifford)
9. **Principals Report:**
- Trip to Japan organised for any students who want to go. Cost is \$3800.00 and the trip is on the 2nd Oct 2009/
 - Buses have improved
 - Next year the school leaving age will be 17. To leave students will need to have a full time job or be doing a full time course.
 - Coal Allied are happy to help fund the school in setting up programs for children.
 - Annual report shows that our high achievers are not achieving their best results
 - Apology about the office area
 - Department have rang and told us that we have \$200 000.00 to spend and this had to be done by March. Looking at where it can be spent.
 - 125 year, letters have gone out and there appears to be a lot of interest
 - Year 7 trip to Nelson Bay went well, only about 6 students did not attend
 - Immunisation 6/3/09
 - Banners have been put up at the top and bottom of the school
 - Application to council for use of commercial kitchen in jail
 - Fees are being paid and we are \$2000.00 ahead of what we were at the same time last year.
 - EFT pos machine is working well and students are using it.
 - Construction students are working around the school.
 - Lockers are being used; the cost is \$10 per term.
 - Discussion on what the \$200 000.00 can be spent on, Dr Di will be having meetings to find this out.
10. **SCR Report**
- There is no report, as there has not been a meeting. Dr Di will look into this.
11. **Canteen Report**
- No report, first meeting will be 16/3/09.
 - Takings are down due to the new healthy menu.
12. **Fundraising**
- New committee has been looking into some new fundraising ideas.
 - Bunnings – booked out for the whole year, need to make an application in Aug for 2010
 - Car Boot sale – Maitland Show Ground, \$20 per car.
 - Work with 125 yr celebrations. Wrist bands \$1.00 to buy and we sell for \$2.00, 125 yr Medallion \$9.00 to buy \$20 to sell.
 - Pavers – need to consider where they would go and who would lay them. Tech Department have said the students would be able to lay them. Would look at being done Term 3
 - Entertainment Books - 1st week Term 2
 - Discussed BBQ for open day, Dr Di has said that the SRC are taking care of that.

13. General Business:

- **Year 7 science program - Try to bridge the gap between Primary school and High school. Focus on feeder schools and team teaching. To enable this program Dr Di has requested \$6047.84 to purchase a smart board which would allow this program to work. (Lisa Ellicott, Jenny Davies)**
- **Outdoor Learning Area – Students are working well but need \$1800.00 to build a path. (Tanya White, Sharon Brewster)**
- **Bill for end of year prizes \$1563.00**
- **Kaye Tam discussed concerns about water leak problem and the fact that parents are not aware of what is happening. P&C have decided to send a letter to the Water Board and see if we can get a response. Copy of letter needs to be sent to the Asset Manager Barry Wheeler. (Lisa Ellicott, Tanya White)**
- **Discussion in regards to lack of communication, parents who do not come to P&C meetings are not finding out what is happening in the school. Decided that there needs to be information put on the school website in regards to the P&C. Kaye Tam will have the minutes e-mailed to her and then she will see about getting the minutes posted on the website, this will be have to be done through Scott Sleaf. (Kaye Tam, Jenny Davies)**
- **Computers in school this June, 250 wireless laptops for yrs 10-12, by the end of this year yr 9 will be given laptops.**

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 2 April 2009

Meeting Closed 9.10pm