



## Minutes of the Meeting

6<sup>th</sup> August 2009

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**Meeting opened at 7.00 pm**

**1. The President's welcome:**

- The President welcomed the 16 people in attendance.

**2. Apologies:**

- Tracey Barry, Kim Rogers

**3. Minutes from the previous meeting:**

- Minutes were circulated and passed (Lisa, Roz)

**4. Business arising from minutes of the previous meeting:**

- **Action c/fwd: Liz to meet with the bank to determine the best combination of term deposits and invest accordingly**
- **Action c/fwd: Dr Di to organise for a reflective strip to be put on footpath steps**
- Insurance has been renewed
- Kim's resignation from the position of Secretary is required in writing

**5. Correspondence:**

In:

- Mock N' Roll Mobile Sock Fundraiser
- Big Screen Promotions
- Canteen Fresh Tastes @ School Strategy
- Email from past P&C president Ken Blackwell forwarding P&C e-Bulletin – he is keeping in touch by reading the MGHS News and P&C web page and passes on his regards to all
- Email from Newcastle Morning Herald seeking info for article on school's anniversary – forwarded to Jen Davies and Lee Osborne

Out:

- Email to parent who expressed concerns with the notification of student absences noting their concerns and advising them to contact the Principal directly
- Letter to Kirsty Hatton advising that the P&C is unable to offer assistance for the funding of her tennis trip as the trip is not a Department of Education activity

## **6. Guest Speaker: Zoe Cox, Head Teacher Mathematics**

- Maths classes are graded and teaching is targeted at ability level
- New Stage 6 Syllabus has been on hold because of National Curriculum
- New BOS endorsed course, no UAI
- Interesting and informative demonstration of the overhead data projector and wireless graphic tablet - can use the same software as the smartboard but is less expensive, approx \$2,800
- Use of the new laptops and software were also demonstrated
- Office 2007 Add-ins has maths and science tools - equation editor and maths symbols; Microsoft Maths has an equation solver and calculator
- Electronic copy of textbooks are available; One Note can be used to take notes; students will still use a workbook
- On the Maths page of the MGHS website there is an Interactive Activities tab

## **7. SRC Report:**

- Year 10 SRC member Matt Walkington was a representative at SRC Regional Conference
- Captains, Vice Captains and Dr Di attended breakfast at the Senior Citizen's Centre to mark Local Government Week; presentation was by former MGHS student Will Pullen.
- Jeans for Genes day on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August – gold coin donation with proceeds going to research in genetic disorders
- SRC members will be tour guides on Open Day
- Trivia Night on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August – tickets on sale
- Whole school photograph to be taken on 19<sup>th</sup> August

## **8. Treasurers Report:**

- The Treasurer's reports for July and August were tabled
- July interest \$107, proceeds from the Entertainment Books were deposited and payment of P&C Federation Insurance was made
- Term deposits still to be sorted out

## **9. Principals Report:**

- Year 9 won debate against Newcastle High
- Girls soccer won
- Uniform standard high
- Department money has been provided for:
  - Hall curtains to be replaced
  - Maintenance of retaining walls
  - Fence at back of assembly area
  - New bells
  - Floor coverings to be replaced in maths classrooms
  - Storage shed outside the hall for chairs and desks
  - Replacement bubblers
  - Glass in bottom windows of science labs to be replaced with safety glass
- Year 10 have returned from Snowy Mountains trip
- Year 8 on excursion to Blue Mountains
- Year 12 commence trial exams on 24<sup>th</sup> August
- Year 12 Design and Technology major works will be marked on 28<sup>th</sup> August

## **10. School Council Report:**

- Nil
- Next meeting Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 5pm

## 11. Canteen Report:

- Nil
- Meeting to be held in the next 2 weeks

## Fundraising:

- Jen is following up outstanding Entertainment books
- It was noted that we don't get the benefit of ongoing sales of Entertainment Books eg sale of books to family and friends
- Letter to Bunnings has been sent
- Orders for 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary goods have been made
- No 1 and No 125 medallions to be auctioned
- Cost and markup of items to be worked out
  - Medallions - \$40
  - Pavers - \$35 – check what East Maitland Public School charged
  - Auction - \$1 per bid – each item numbered and pre-bidding
- 40 businesses were contacted and donations have been received from:
  - The Complete Garden
  - RNB Hair & Beauty, Penton's Hair Salon
  - Heritage Holden
  - Lowes
  - Tranter Lawyers
  - Hunter Pets
  - Quest Hotel
  - Shenanigans Hotel
  - Peter's Real Estate
- Things to be worked out:
  - Advertising Board for Sponsors, Powerpoint Presentation
  - Thank you to sponsors across front fence
  - Certificates of Appreciation
  - Receipt Book
  - Advertising Flyer
  - Auction Pre-bids
  - Pavers – how many and where
  - BBQ – helpers required, need BBQ Committee and Lindsay to contact Lee Osborne for advice
  - Petty cash and handling of cash on the day

## 12. General Business:

- Those who attended the Cocktail Party noted that it was enjoyable
- Letters inviting P&C patrons to continue in 2009 have not been sent  
**Action: Kaye to send letters to P&C patrons**
- Kaye noted that Secretary's petty cash is \$22.05 and will purchase a plastic container to store past minutes/paperwork
- The P&C Federation e-Bulletin is now being sent to the P&C email address – this can then be forwarded on to anyone interested
- Dr Di advised that the last 2 days of Term 4 will be pupil free days
- Toilets are locked during class times

Dates of Next Term 3 Meetings:

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Meeting Closed at 9.20 pm