MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting of Heathcote High School P&C were confirmed as correct with following changes: Ms Mercer, Girl Fitness Club, Glen Downie Maintenance Manager, Craig Mear – retirement.

Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Cathy Pearse awaiting response from Transdev/Transport Department with regard with working with children check.

NSW Transport were very helpful in facilitating communication with Transdev. The latest Transdev timetable is on the website. The reasons given for buses not stopping for children at certain stops in Woronora Heights included not being insured to do so i.e. children wanting to board the bus before the official first stop.

It was mentioned bus times should be adjusted to ensure all students have time to board the bus in the afternoon. Mrs Pearse suggested parents should also contact Transdev with any ongoing issues.

Looking to 2016 it was suggested a teacher be on bus duty at the start of the year to ensure year 7 students are well looked after.

Correspondence In

Hat brochure
Term 2 P&C Magazine

Correspondence Out

Nil

Treasurer’s Report

Cheque Account
26/02/2015 $348.40

Trust Account
29/04/2015 $14,622.56
Principals Report

Mrs Pearse advised that Mr Noonan will not be returning this term. In Mr Noonan’s absence Mrs Pearse will continue as Acting Principal to ensure the smooth running of the school. Ms Davies will continue in the position of Acting Deputy Principal and Mr Barnes will continue in the role of Acting Head Teacher Welfare.

Maintenance of the school has continued to be an issue of concern. The SRC and the P&C conducted an audit of the school identifying problem areas. Spotless (Department of Education Contractors) have now started to rectify some maintenance problems of greatest concern including leaking roofs, guttering repairs, six of the worst classrooms to be painted and carpeted and plumbing.

Mr Downie has asked for quotes to replace the lights in the gym with LED lights. The quote came in around $6,000.

The school is keen to produce a Promotional Video at a cost of $3000.

Week 3 of this term both the Deputy Principals and Principal will conduct interviews with all year 12 students to see how they feel they are progressing with their studies. The idea of this is to keep communication open with students and identify the ways in which the school can better support each student. After all year 12 students have been spoken to the school executive will then conduct interviews with year 11 students.

General Business

P&C Levy: Kathy and Nerida to re-write a letter to be sent out on the HHS app, printed in the Bottlebrush, emailed to parents and also sent out with fee reminder letter.

Exemptions/Attendance Policy: Holidays are now an absence not exemption. A letter will be sent out to parents outlining changes. If students are on holidays they will not automatically be offered supplementary examinations. This will be a case by case decision.

Discussed value of early entry to university.

Work Experience: Unfortunately there is not enough providers. It is a very valuable programme especially in the way it can engage children that are not engaged with school. There is no set time for work experience but usually occurs in year 10. Students are more than welcome to find their own work experience.

Members expressed concern about lack of formal English exams in years 9 and 10. Members felt students may gain some relevant exam experience involving essays completed in a limited amount of time.

BYOD: It is hoped that this will be a tool to supplement learning. A main focus will be using technology appropriately and effectively e.g. how to construct typed work. Mr Thorncraft has devoted a lot of time and effort to bring teachers on board with this programme.

Meeting Closed: 9.07 pm. Next meeting to be held 27 May 2015 commencing at 7.30 pm