PARENTS AND CITIZENS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 16 June, 2014
MEETING OPENED: 7.35 PM

VENUE: Library

ATTENDANCE: Jan Dolstra, Marianne Amos, Dan Amos, Marika Livanis, Justin Perrett, Tracy Smith, Alan Scudder, Paul Donovan, Christina Galvin, Khurram Nawaz, Hitesh Chandra, Mark Tishler, Louisa Trieu, Sangria Hegde

APOLOGIES: Dino Livanis, Melissa Taller, Samina Aziz, Sokka Lam

Presentation about Tell Them From Me – Effective Schools student survey by Louisa and Sangita. 80% of students participated. The results will be used for the school plan for the next 3 years. This was followed by a workshop where the P&C can provide feedback. Marika suggested that when the process has finished the results could be presented back to the P&C.

Minutes from last meeting tabled and approved.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST MONTH’S MINUTES:
- Mark raised issue that previous discussion about SENTRAL was not decided in last meeting. Jan and Mark requested a contribution from the P&C towards the $20000 cost of the software. Paul moved motion for $5000 to be paid towards SENTRAL. Marianne seconded. Motion was carried. Cheque was handed to Mark.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:
- Bank Statements
- Thank you note for $16000 Cheque MFHS

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:
- Nil

TREASURER’S REPORT
- Balance $24,173.31, after Cheque for $16000 from previous meeting. There was enough in the budget for the tables. The leftover money will be used for the TLS.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:
- Welcome to new faces
- Second round of out of area entries have now been finished
- Kids taken to see the Socceroos by 4-5 teachers. The kids had a wonderful time. The teachers went well beyond the call of duty. Marika thanked the teachers for their effort. Jan said the school received a good report from a member of the public from the behavior of students at this event.
- Careers advisor Mrs Buckler doing a wonderful job.
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

- Thanks to the P&C for providing funds to purchase new instruments for Music faculty and ensembles. These items have arrived and are now in use!
- Visit to Yanco – very successful. Students very much out of their comfort zone. They had the opportunity to do the morning chores, eat in the dining room with boarders, some students slept in the dorms and the boys were in the gym. The students taught lessons at Yanco. NHS, NEIS and NPS. Very well received. Teachers able to work with staff at Yanco and NHS and some are continuing this work (Art, PE especially). We are also looking at a teacher exchange for a week next term and a return visit from Yanco students and staff in term 4.
- Future Teachers – Teach Week next week. Students teaching over three days in that week. Education Week also something special planned.
- Two student leaders to meet the Governor on Wednesday.
- I have had a preliminary meeting with prospective captains/vice captains re role and responsibilities. Good group interested which is always promising!
- Junior reports are being posted, along with information about a parent meeting and instructions on how to access the interviews.
- Variety night is June 26. Parents welcome.
- Semester awards – this Thursday. Invitations have already been sent home with students. Parents very welcome.
- Term 3: Mark will be relieving Principal whilst I am on leave for most of the term. Relieving DP TBA
- New staff: We have 2 new History teachers – Carol Fong and Melissa Collins and a new Maths teacher – Janelle Watts. All new graduates. Beg teachers do have additional support now – 2 hours relief classes per week and their mentor/HT gets one hour per week to support them.
- Whole new approach to planning – invitations to P&C, workshop in P&C meeting, wider consultation with parents
- Exemptions for when parents take students overseas etc. Talk that exemptions will be phased out.
- TSOs (Technology Support Officers) were employed at beginning of DER. Have to formally cease employment of TSOs under current scheme as funding has run out – continuing employment circumstances vary depending on role.

DP’S REPORT

- Mark
  - Running Trivial Pursuit night Sat Sep 13 to raise funds for Evelyn Hazzard Breast Cancer research. Leumeah Tennis Club. Tickets $25. Light supper provided.
  - Kids having a Pink Mufti Day on Friday

- Justin
  - Science Evaluation started today and will conclude next week. Very comprehensive process. This will go into next year’s annual school report.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Nil

Meeting Closed: 9:15 PM
Next Meeting: August 18, 2014 – 7.30pm