RIVERSIDE GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL
P&C ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF MEETING –
WEDNESDAY 9th February 2011

The formal P&C meeting was opened at 7.30 pm by the President and welcomed everyone present, particularly those new parents. Parents then introduced themselves to the group.

Attendees
As per the circulated Attendance list.

Apologies
Fareed Khan

Minutes of Previous Meeting
Motion: To accept the Minutes as read.
Moved: Brad Powe           Seconded: Ruth McConnell           CARRIED

Business Arising
- Avril noted that at the AGM in November her nomination for President in 2011 was dependent on her work situation. She was pleased to announce that her work situation had been resolved and that she was willing to take up the position again in 2011. The committee welcomed this announcement.
- It was noted that there was still a vacancy for Vice President, Grounds Committee and Fundraising Committee and Avril called for nominations. None were forthcoming.

Correspondence In
There was no correspondence in.

Correspondence Out
A number of email alerts were sent to parents.

Principal’s Report
Ms Peggy O’Neill is the acting Principal and gave the Principal’s Report
- It was noted that interviews for the Principal would take place on Friday 11th March and that parents would be informed as soon as an announcement was made.
- Ms O’Neill introduced the new Deputy Principal, Ms Katarina Nikoletich who was also attending the meeting.
• Ruth Ritchie is currently acting in the other Deputy position.
• Enrolments in Year 7 in 2011 were 141 which meant that 5 classes were formed. The Year 7 transition to high school has been very smooth and they are a lovely group of girls. Years 9 and 10 are full.
• Ms O’Neill also discussed a number of other new teachers including Mr Lowe the new head of Creating and Performing Arts (CAPA). He will take over responsibility for the Currents and will redesign in coming months. A new system for delivering Currents would also be happening in the coming months with Currents appearing on the website on the last school day of each month. The onus would be on the parents to check the website rather than a reminder being sent by email.
• Year 11 2011 will undertake a 2x2 hour session on educational resources. It is planned that Year 11 2012 will undertake a whole orientation program to the senior school at the beginning of the year.
• Open Day is 17th March and Ms O’Neill asked for P&C involvement.
• Year 12 and 7 parent teacher night is 6th April.
• A mufti day will be help on 17/2/11 to support the Queensland Flood Appeal (Maroon Day).
• The school has bought a portable shade shelter for the quadrangle. It is intended as a sample and if it is good the school will buy more. This is a possible area that the school may request money from the P&C.
• The possibility of a school musical for 2011 is being canvassed with all staff.
• Ms O’Neill suggested that at the next P&C meeting instead of having an information session with all Heads of Department for Year 7 parents as we have done for the last few years that a session focused on welfare be run by Ms Chamoun, Head Teacher Welfare and the Year 7 Coordinator, Miss Miller. The session would run from 7-8pm and be followed by a short P&C meeting at 8pm.

Treasurer’s Report
The treasurer’s report had been prepared by the Treasurer and was tabled by the Secretary in his absence. The opening balance was $9,545.56 and the closing balance was $8,738.70.

Motion: That the Treasurer’s report be accepted
Moved: Brad Powe Seconded: Zoe Thompson CARRIED

The two large payments in the reporting period were the P&C membership and insurance ($952) and the funding for the Year 11 coffee shop project ($1,436).

Moved: Brad Powe Seconded: Zoe Thompson CARRIED

Fundraising Report
Avril noted that a new label for the wine had been designed and that a wine fundraising would go ahead this year. Alison Chivers will also look into the possibility of selling honey to raise money for the P&C.
Music Committee (RIEP) Report
Rebecca Hastings from the Music Committee was in attendance and there was some general discussion regarding some of the difficulties associated with the band program including the fact that the string group were down to 5 members and that there is a need to boost the retention rate in all bands.

A request was made that the band be given additional opportunities to play at school functions such as assemblies. Ms O’Neill noted that the offer was always there and agreed to look into the matter to see where the problem lay.

Grounds Report
It was noted that Allen James had attended the last P&C meeting to discuss the idea of a vegetable garden and frog pond. It was agreed that this sounded like an excellent idea and that the P&C would welcome any funding proposal brought to a meeting in 2011 to help establish the garden and pond. Ruth McConnell volunteered to help with this project in whatever way she could.

General Business
- Ruth McConnell generously offered to facilitate a Tournament of Minds (TOM) team for Riverside Girls. It was suggested that initially it would involved one team of 7 students and it would cost approximately $200 to enter a team. Training would take place either during or after school. Ms O’Neill thought this was a wonderful idea and thanked Ruth for her kind offer.
- A request was made for Avril to update Open Day Information.

Future Meetings
- March 9th
- 11th May
- 8th June
- 10th August
- 14th September
- 12th October
- AGM 9th November