Minutes of Previous Meeting
Motion: To accept the minutes from the 2011 AGM.
Moved: Zoe Thompson  Seconded: Sharon Weismantel  CARRIED

Greg Tunnock presented the President’s Report
2012 has been a rewarding year for the Riverside P&C. During the year the P&C has been involved in the many activates within the Riverside community, including:

- Orientation day – help in the uniform store, band auditions, and the gelato cart
- P&C Communication – changed to use the schools website and parent portal
- Open day – support with the gelato cart, sausage sizzle and discussions with potential new parents
- Staff/teacher selection panel community representatives – Head teacher Teaching & Learning, ESL Teacher, Math Teacher, Learning and Support Teacher and History Teacher
- Sustainable Garden Project – funding and parent labour help
- Tournament of Minds – parent support
- Finance Committee – parent representatives on the committee
- Band Support P&C sub-committee – active parent involvement
- National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program application – extraordinary meeting
- Fundraising initiatives – planning for ways to supplement school funding
- Peta Pan Drama Production – financial support for costumes and sets, and refreshment catering at the production
- Kitchen classroom refurbish – funding and opening ceremony
- Improving Communication – training, workshops, surveys, and working meetings
- Professional Development Days – parent attendance
- P&C Contribution – simplified to a single $100 per family amount
- Canteen re-tendering – a parent representatives on the working group
- Music and Extra Curricular Activities – refreshment catering
• Year 12 graduation ceremony – financial support and presentation of community prize
• Uniform store outsourcing – help selecting company
• Welfare Program – parent coordinator

I believe involvement in these activities have strengthened the Riverside community and have contributed positively to the education of our daughters.

NSW State Government Local Schools, Local Decisions changes and the $1.7 billion education cuts have raised severe concerns about adverse effect these will have on education in NSW. These come at a time when the comprehensive Gonski Report indicates that more needs to be invested to improve education outcomes – not less. While giving schools more control locally is good in principle, without appropriate support and funding this has proven elsewhere similar schemes have been adopted, to have had adverse effects on educational outcomes. These changes lead me to believe that current NSW State Government does not place priority on maintaining the educational standard for NSW.

I complement Belinda Kelly on the way she handled National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program application. While the addition welfare resource and funding from the program would have been of beneficial, Belinda recognised this benefit was outweighed by the division the application was bringing to the Riverside community and discontinued it. I believe the program itself provided this division, which is evident by the high court challenge that was raised against it at a similar time.

I thank all the parents that have attended P&C meetings throughout the year. Thank you especially for contributing to the positive and constructive discussions we have had. These have made the P&C effective.

A special thank you Zoe Thompson, Sharon Weismantel and Karen Walker for serving on the P&C committee; Rebecca Hastings, Lyn Tunnock and Trevor La Macchia for being on the Band sub-committee and help with the Band; Ruth McConnell for her work with Tournament of Minds and the Sustainable Garden Project; Sharon Weismantel for being on the Finance Committee; Julianne Jones for her work with the Welfare Program; Berny Barber, Robert King and Michael Warner for their work on fundraising planning; Berny Barber for being on a selection panel; and anyone else having had direct involvement that I have inadvertently failed to mention.

Moved: Zoe Thompson  Seconded: Sally Morgan  CARRIED

Sharon Weismantel presented the Treasurer’s Report

2012 had begun with an opening balance of $11,258.79. The P&C received income of $52,388.42 and spent $60,433.66. This left a balance at 1 November of $3213.55.

Moved: Sharon Weismantel  Seconded: Sally Morgan  CARRIED

The President pointed out that there was a need to appoint an auditor for 2013. It doesn’t need to be an official auditors but someone who understands bookkeeping and doesn’t have a vested interest in the affairs of the P&C. It was agreed that Greg should put a note out to parents via the parent portal to see if we can get a volunteer to audit the books but if not then the job should be outsourced and paid for.

Greg handed over to Katarina Nikolic, Deputy Principal, who ran the remainder of the meeting, including the call for nominations for executive positions
Greg Tunnock nominated for President and was seconded by Zoe Thompson. CARRIED
Bernie Barber nominated for Vice President and was seconded by Karen Walker.
CARRIED
Michael King nominated for Vice President and was seconded by Julianne Jones.
CARRIED
Nominations were called for Secretary but none were received
Nominations were called for Treasurer but none were received

Greg thanked Zoe Thompson and Sharon Weismantel for the time and effort they had committed to the P&C over a number of years.

It was agreed to hold the positions over until the February meeting where it was hoped there might be some new and enthusiastic parents who would nominate for the vacant positions.
The November meeting was declared open following the AGM.

**Attendees**

9 members of the P&C and Ms Katarina Nikoletich, Deputy Principal.

**Apologies**

Rebecca Hastings, Robert King, Belinda Kelly

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**Motion:** To accept the minutes from the October 2012 meeting.

_Moved:_ Zoe Thompson  
_Seconded:_ Bernie Barber  
_CARRIED_

**Business Arising**

- In her absence Ms Kelly had passed on information to Mr Tunnock regarding the Uniform Store outsourcing. She noted that Legal Branch pointed out that a commission is very difficult to determine based on amount of sales. It is therefore suggested that RGHS actually licence the sale of their logo to Stitchem and therefore they suggested we include in the contract a donation from Stitchem for this.

  Ms Kelly has been able to negotiate so far:

  1. a cash donation of $2000 a year
  2. four embroidered blazers for the captains of the school – captain, vice, sports and performance
  3. sponsorship of a sports prize

  In return Riverside will advertise the retail shop in our newsletter and website (with an ad supplied by Stitchem) and keep exclusivity of sales of garments with the Riverside logo to Stitchem.

  It was confirmed that Stitchem would be at the Year 7 Orientation Day selling uniforms to the new students.
• English Studies Year 11 2013 elective - A compromise has been reached and Ms Kelly has decided to reintroduce English Studies into the curriculum for yr 11 2013. It will be taught by Ms Nikoletich in a reduced number of periods (small class size) and also delivered one afternoon from 3.15 to 4.30pm. It is difficult to add a class to a timetable without impacting on many students.
• Greg canvassed the ability of parents to be involved with Orientation Day, Wednesday 5th of December. It was agreed that it would not be possible to run the Gelato Cart due to lack of parent volunteers. Julianne volunteered to help with uniform sales. Band support parents will be helping with band auditions. P&C President will be available.

Correspondence In
1. Letter from Lynda Voltz MLC, re the O’Farrell Government education budget cuts.
2. Ryde Macquarie Teachers Associatoin invitation to the Annual Dinner.
3. Invitation to attend public education community forum at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club

Correspondence Out
• None

Principal’s Report
Ms Nikoletich delivered the Principal’s Report which had been prepared by Ms Kelly. It contained the following:
• An apology for her absence explaining that she was at the NSW Science and Engineering awards where Tracey Warzecha had been nominated for an award for teaching Science (last weekend she was also recognised for her commitment to Aboriginal Education). Ms Kelly noted this was her third ceremony recognising RGHS teachers in the last week and stated that recognising the excellence of our teachers is such an important part of communicating to the community what a remarkable place this is.
• Her thanks to the P&C and in particular, Greg Tunnock, who has given generously of his time to assist RGHS to provide the best education. She also thanked Sharon Weismantel and Zoe Thompson who are stepping down from their positions after many years of serving on the P&C Executive.
• Ms Kelly stated that we have listened to our community and are introducing
  o an SMS system to alert parents of absences
  o an online booking process for parent teacher interviews
  o EFTPOS for uniform purchases at Orientation Day and school contributions
  o a new outsources uniform system involving Stichem (no sweatshop labour)
• Other news included the addition of an air conditioned demountable classroom at the end of the bridge wing and the start of the new alternative Year 10 program called AltTen8 which everyone is very excited about.

Treasurer’s Report
The Treasurer presented the Treasurer’s Report.
The opening balance for the period 2/10/12 to 1/11/12 was $4282 less payments for insurance of $1070 left a closing balance of $3213.55.
Music Committee (RIEP) Report
The minutes of the Music Committee meeting of 30 October 2012 were presented to the meeting.

General Business

- Leaflets were circulated regarding the Community Day of Action
- Greg presented a proposal for two new P&C positions
  
  1. P&C Auxiliary position – Fundraising Coordinator
    The proposed Fundraising Coordinator will assist the P&C to raise addition funding for special projects nominated by the school and agreed on by the P&C. This is partly in recognition that Sae Soong Presbyterian Korean church is building their own church and Riverside will lose this funding source when it is completed.

  2. P&C Auxiliary position – Communications Officer
    The proposed Communications Officer will work closely with the school to improve communications with the community. The recent communication workshops and surveys indicate that communication - sharing all the great things that happen within Riverside - is an area Riverside can improve upon.

Motion
That two auxiliary positions, a Fundraising Coordinator and a Communications Officer, be created that report to the P&C with nomination to be held at the first P&C meeting in February 2013.

Moved: Greg Tunnock Seconded: Zoe Thompson CARRIED

Future Meetings
Meetings for 2013 would be held on the second Wednesday of the month including:

- 13th February 2013
- 13th March 2013
- 10th April 2013
- 8th May 2013
- 12th June 2013
- 14th August 2013
- 11th September 2013
- 9th October 2013
- 13th November 2013 - AGM

Meeting was closed at 9.30pm