Presentation by Mr Saad, HT Maths, on the syllabus, classes etc.

**Meeting Opened:** at 8.10 pm by the Vice President, Giselle Hare

**Attendees:** As per the Attendance Book

**Apologies:** Sue Hobley, Karl Evans, Judy King, Peggy O’Neil, Wendy Dobis

**Minutes of Previous Meeting.** These were of the meeting dated 8 February 2006

**Motion:** To accept the minutes  
*Moved:* Linda Young   2nd: Jane Towndrow  CARRIED

**Business Arising.**

Working bee to be held on Saturday 25 March from 8 am. Co-ordinated by Rick Lovegrove, Science teacher.

Open day Thursday 30 March with BBQ and gelato machine.

**Correspondence**  
In: Brochure from DET, information for parents on Alcohol, celebrations and supply.  
Bakers Delight Chatswood, offer to help with fundraising  
Receipt for payment of P&C Federation fees  
Email from John Sheldrick re further clarification of the minutes of the 9 November 2005 outlining comments made by the Chair and subsequent apology to Jaquie Marks, and the duties of the chair and how discussion should be managed.  
Email from Sue Hobley outlining her reasons for comments made to Jacquie Marks at the meeting of 9 November 2006, and agreement with clarification of meeting etiquette, provided procedural matters do not take precedence over productive activities.

Out: P&C newsletter outlining vacancies on the P&C for 2006 and a short explanation for each. Vacancies are for President, Secretary, Grounds committee, District council rep, and Honorary Auditor.

**Principals Report.** Given by Craig Teece, in the absence of Judy King who was otherwise engaged at a conference, and sends her apologies.

Cheque presented to the P&C from parent subscriptions in the amount of $36,658.

Wish list submitted not in priority order.

- Better Attitudes to Health day (BATH day) $2,000
- Student Assistance Scheme (SAS) $2,000
- 2006 Open day advertising and promotional material $2,000
- Year 12 graduation prizes (October) $2,000
- Student diaries (October) $5,000
- Security guards (August/September) $1,000
- Supply/installation of an additional basketball backboard and posts $2,000
- Anti bullying program (2 performances in June) $5,000
- Professional learning funds (to top up DET funds) $5,000

Total amount requested $26,000

An explanation was given on what is BATH day.
Student diaries. The meeting passed on adverse comments by the girls on the student photo on the cover. Suggest in future that the school logo be printed on a clear slip in cover to which the girls can add their own photos.

The recently installed basketball backboard is being well utilized and the school would like to purchase another.

The school has a budget of $38,000 to start the year, but has only $16,000 not accounted for until November. Strategies to deal with staff wanting to increase their knowledge of T/D and welfare issues will need to be found as there appears to not be the funds forthcoming to deal with this. Curriculum costs have increased due to changing/updating curriculum.

Staffing. The school now has 8 to 10 1st time out teachers.

Craig Teece was asked whether the library was buying books or using funds for technology development. The meeting agreed that, as requested in the February minutes, the librarian provide a breakdown on how funds are used. **ACTION** Craig Teece/Judy King

At present school fee contribution letters are attached to the rear of school reports issued at the end of the year. Given the numbers of families paying fees, it was suggested that follow up requests be distributed within the first few weeks of the new school year. If payment is not forthcoming then statements are issued to individual families.

New parents luncheon to be held on March 15 from 1 to 2 pm.

Investing in Our Schools Grants. Round 1 $44,000 for outdoor seating and technology upgrade.

Round 2 $20,000 to replace the gym ceiling, round 3 (closes at the end March) request for resurfacing of the quad and an urgently needed upgrade of the toilets.

Training workshops for merit selection panels, 29 March at Karonga special school Epping from 4 to 6 pm. More workshop dates to come.

Following the martial arts presentation at the last meeting, 10 girls have signed up to begin the course. Costs are $40 for uniform and $5 per week, course is run after school. Parents also welcome to sign up.

There have been 7 girls suspended in 5 weeks, mainly yr 8/9 girls. 5 for bullying and 2 for transport incidences.

Parent/teacher for years 7 and 12 to be held on 4 April, from 4 to 7.30 pm in the hall.

The PE faculty Hawaii trip has had 3 parent meetings, with 1 more to go.

Bus problem. An email from a parent and the schools reply was tabled. This generated much discussion about late and non arrival of buses as well as overcrowding, with many individual problems cited. Cheryl Osborne offered to arrange a meeting with John Watkins, Minister for Transport and a local member, to raise the various issues and seek suitable resolutions. **ACTION** Cheryl Osborne

**Treasurer’s Report.** tabled
Balance of $3,119.28. $18,728 was moved to the library fund and $11,850 to general funds leaving approximately $13,000 to spend on the schools wish list. There was discussion about the priority of each project and its timing. Further discussion, on this matter to be held over to the next meeting.
**Motion:** To use as much funds as required from the grounds levy to adequately fund the work required on the upcoming working bee for open day

*Moved:* Jane Towndrow  
*2nd:* Val McGarry  
*CARRIED*

Query as to whether the BATH day grant has been approved or not.

**Motion:** that funding for BATH day, $2,000, Student Assistance Scheme, $2,000, costs for Open day advertising, $2,000 and professional learning funds, $5,000 be funded as required.

*Moved:* Jane Towndrow  
*2nd:* Cheryl Osborne  
*CARRIED*

It was suggested that the issue of funding of another basketball backboard be taken to the SRC. These costs could be raised by the girls giving them a greater sense of ownership of the equipment.

Discussion on the remaining items to be made at a later date.

Discussion on how/when fee statements are sent to be further discussed at the next meeting.

**Motion:** To move the report

*Moved:* Sharon Weismantel  
*2nd:* Val McGarry  
*CARRIED*

Grant applications should be sent to John Sheldrick, who should seek guidance from Judy King re any applications.

**Music Report**

Riverside Swings to be held on 19 May. 300 tickets will be available. Last year raised approx. $5,000 to $6,000. The music committee to submit a business plan to Judy King for confirmation. Current balance $1,600 at the end of February. A $2,000 tympany, worth $15,000, was bought from Caringbah HS. Also bought a baritone sax ($4,500) at the end of last year. Numbers have risen to 90 students this year.

**Fundraising**

A meeting was held on Monday to determine ideas relevant to school or education, specific and manageable targets. Successful fundraising should also promote an increased sense of community or have a student focus. Plan to survey the girls, through the SRC, to see what they want or want to do.

Proposal received from Bakers Delight, Chatswood, to supply hot cross buns for $7 per dozen, sell for $10 per dozen, $3 per dozen profit. Issues such as method of payment, means of money collection etc would need to be sorted out.

Creative Memories fundraiser (scrapbooking). $10 cover charge, school to receive 10% of sales. Possibility of holding one on a Friday night subject to school availability. Judy King to be consulted. Other ideas were: personalized socks, mobile pizza, shopping night, Telecom fundraiser (this would be commission based).

**Rowing**

The girls rowed in the PLC regatta. Year 9 came 3rd, then raced against year 10 and performed well but did not place. CHSSA and Head of the River regatta to be held at Penrith Lakes on the 3/4/5 April. The committee to try and establish a relationship with Drummoyne Rowing club to perpetuate rowing.

A parent asked about the possibility of younger girls joining the rowers. Reply was not yet, but hope to expand to the younger girls in the future. Fees are approximately $400 to $500. There is the possibility of seeking a corporate sponsor to obtain a new boat.

**Website**

Reminder to be posted re payment of fees and P&C contributions.

Notice of the meeting arranged with John Watkins. Parent input required.
Query for Ross McMillan; when is the next edition of Currents?

**General Business**
Contact list, including subcommittees, to be circulated amongst the committee.
Brad Powe self-nominated for the position of P&C secretary, seconded by Giselle Hare and duly elected.
Note that in some correspondence Inez Hunt, is incorrectly listed as Renee Hunt.

Meeting closed 10.15 pm. **Next meeting 12 April at 7.30 pm.**