The meeting was opened at 7.45pm by the President, Avril Semyonov, starting with two staff presentations.

**Attendees**
Avril Semyonov, Brad Powe (Assistant Secretary), Alison Chivers, Ruth McConnell, Judy King (Principal), Rose Daniels (Acting Deputy), Allen James (Science), Fareed Khan (Treasurer)

**Apologies**
Zoe Thompson, Adam Jacob, Gabrielle Grave, Suzanne Walker

**Staff Presentations**
Rose Daniels (Acting Deputy Principal) spoke on the School’s VET/TAFE links and the raising of the leaving age (now 17). Degree programs (eg in hospitality at Meadowbank) will be offered by TAFE from 2011.

The School’s ‘Coffee Shop’ program for re-engaging students runs twice a week, and also has off-site events. Rose requested $1436 from the P&C to assist in the purchase of suitable bistro settings and umbrellas.

Allen James from the Science staff is responsible for the School’s Environment Club. He outlined three proposals for activities in 2011 –

1. Construction of a frog pond, possibly via a P&C Working Bee
2. Establishment of vegetable gardens, with the assistance of Hunters Hill Council
3. Beautification/re-vegetation of the main entrance to the School

All of these proposals were positively received by the meeting.

**Minutes of 2009 Annual General Meeting**
The Minutes of the 2009 Annual General Meeting, held on 11/11/2009 (see the P&C website, http://www.riverside-parentsandcitizens.org/content/files/minutes/Minutes20091111.pdf), were taken as read.

**Motion:** To accept the Minutes as read.

*Moved:* Brad Powe *Seconded:* Alison Chivers *CARRIED*
President’s Annual Report

Time really flies, 2010 nearing its end, and what an exciting and successful year we have had.

Following on the success of last year we again hosted a Welcome lunch in March, for new parents to the school. This informal gathering, of which people attended, gave parents the opportunity to meet others.

The P&C again held a faculty information evening for parents of girls in year 7. Head teachers from each curriculum area spoke about the areas of study for year 7 and what the girls could expect, and was expected of them, as year 7 students.

During the course of this year we had an Information evening, on LAPTOP Technology etc, and some of our senior girls were showing “parents” how to navigate the system.

The evening provided a valuable insight into what is taught in different school years.

We also had guest speakers on Cyber bullying etc. Parents found these “Talks” very useful and can assist their daughters to cope with these unpleasant issues.

Every month I have added some information to the newsletter “Currents” which is now available online. This is merely to keep parents informed about what the P&C is doing, its position on various issues and to encourage more parents to be involved in the P&C.

By communicating online via our website, e-mails and newsletter we increased our active parent base, particularly at meetings, so that the P&C continues to be an effective and positive body working with the school to improve our daughter’s education.

The school conducted an Information evening for Yr 10 students together with their parents. This was to give parents and understanding of what is expected after YR 10, there would be most likely subject changes, so and will perhaps attend TAFE studies to enhance their ATAR for university entrance.

We have during the course of this year appointed a new Deputy Principal and other teaching staff.

In 2010 we have organised or assisted with the following:

- A Working bee to enhance the gardens in the front of the school adjacent to the car park. This included weeding and trimming plants etc. and removing accumulated leaf mulch from around and under the woodwork building so as to reduce the risk of fire.
- The P&C donated $2000.00 towards Native Bush plants etc.
- Orientation day, assistance with the clothing pool and running the gelato bar.
- Our girls participated in a netball/soccer touring trip in Hawaii- April 2010. In order to assist with funds the P&C committee members were actively involved doing a Wine-Fund raising event, which benefitted most touring team players, and significantly reduced some cost ie. Accommodation, excursions and meals.
- Open day BBQ, which is a source of fundraising for the P&C, but also provides visiting parents the opportunity to ask informal questions about the school.
- BATH Day, assisted with funding of the day and ran the gelato stall. Funds raised were used by the school to assist with payments of activities, speakers etc.
- Tea, coffee and cakes were sold for the very successful school production of Lady Fan Windermere.
- A further $20,000 was donated by P&C in order to purchase Educational Visual Aid projectors.
- Another wine- fundraising was held during term 3, to assist with educational funding on various projects.
The P&C is looking into further assisting RGHS on any project which will benefit our students.

A further $3000.00 is allocated yearly towards the HSC formal evening.

Our last wine-fund raising will be discussed at the AGM and wine-tasting will be available. The funds will be to aid any project in 2011.

This year we will be saying good-bye to Ms Judy King and a farewell assembly will be held, and edibles will follow.

Due to working commitments I find it difficult to continue on in the role of President, and I am more than happy to be just a parent.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Ms King and all her staff for all their hard work during 2010, guiding and supporting our daughters.

As we know our principal will be retiring soon, and I wish Ms King all the very best in whatever she ventures, and knowing that she will be sorely missed. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve on interview panels, I have learnt so much and I am sure I could utilise these skills elsewhere.

To all the P&C committee members, thank you all for your assistance in your particular role, I could not have done without your help. It certainly gave me some comfort knowing that the P&C “smooth running” were in capable hands.

I wish the P&C the very best for the future and hope that more parents will see the benefit of belonging to the P&C so both they and the school will reap the rewards of an active P&C.

Avril Semyonov

Following the presentations, Principal Judy King assumed the Chair for the last time in order to run the Annual General Meeting.

All positions were declared vacant, and nominations called for. As there was only one nomination for each of the positions, the following candidates were duly elected –

- **President:** Avril Semyonov (TBC re working hours in 2011)
- **Vice President:** no candidate
- **Secretary:** Zoe Thompson
- **Assistant Secretary:** Brad Powe
- **Treasurer:** Fareed Khan
- **Fund-raising:** Avril Semyonov and Ruth McConnell

Following the elections, Avril Semyonov resumed the Chair.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**Motion:** To accept the Minutes for the general meeting held on 13/10/2010 as read.

*Moved:* Brad Powe  
*Seconded:* Fareed Khan  
*CARRIED*

**Correspondence In**

None

**Correspondence Out**

None
Outgoing Principal’s Report

- Tuesday 7th December is the 2011 Year 7 Orientation Day. Ms King requested some P&C members to help on the day, with an 8.00 am start for uniform sales.

- Ms King offered special thanks to Avril for her role on the Principal Selection Committee, noting that this was her (Judy’s) final P&C meeting. Ms King was looking forward to the Farewell Presentation on 12 December, and would be teaching History (the Age of Elizabeth I) at the WEA in 2011.

- Year 7 enrolments had fallen to 163, leading to the formation of only six classes in 2011.

- Panel will meet to choose the new Principal. The advertisement for the position will be published in the next few months. Avril, P&C President, will represent the parents on the committee. Mr Paul Jones is the staff representative. They are both attending DET teacher selection training in the coming week.

Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer spoke to his report which he tabled at the meeting. The closing balance in the P&C account was $10,497.56 at 4 November 2010.

Motion: That the Treasurer’s report be accepted

Moved: Fareed Khan   Seconded: Brad Powe   CARRIED

The School requested P&C sponsorship of $100 for Florence Yuan to attend the Summer Science Seminar series.

Motion: That a cheque for $100 be drawn on behalf of Florence’s mother (Po N Law).

Moved: Alison Chivers   Seconded: Fareed Khan   CARRIED

Motion: That the P&C support the request for $1436 to purchase bistro furniture and market-style umbrellas (see report of Rose Daniel’s presentation above).

Moved: Brad Powe   Seconded: Alison Chivers   CARRIED

Fundraising Report

Avril had organised a second wine fundraiser for late Term 4, but due to the low turn-out at the meeting it was decided to not to conduct the advertised wine-tasting. A new label was organised for the bottles to help reinforce the fact that 30% of the sale price would go to the P&C.

Brad Powe had booked the Gelato Cart for Orientation Day, sent out a notice to parents asking for help to serve on the Tuesday of the Orientation day and the following Wednesday as well.

Music Committee (RIEP) Report

The newly appointed Deputy Principal is music-oriented (formerly Concord High School’s Head Teacher - Music).

Nick Jeffries is coming back in 2011 as the School’s Musical/Band Director.

The Ryde Schools Spectacular featured great performances from fourteen band members, and by the School’s Dance Group.

Grounds Report

See report of Allen James’s presentation above.
**General Business**

It was decided that the P&C should investigate alternative cooling technologies for the Maths classrooms (awning etc).

It was noted that the ACARA website (http://www.acara.edu.au/default.asp) was a useful resource for information about national curriculum development.

**Future Meetings**

The first meeting for 2011 would be on Wednesday 9 February

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm with a final vote of thanks for Judy King’s many years of service to the School and to public education in general.