Cheltenham Girls High School

P&C Meeting 8 August, 2011

Meeting Opened By: Charles Jarrett – Vice President

Apologies: Stephanie Davison, Kathie Ardzejewska

Attendance: See Register

Previous Minutes: Accepted by Ben Mees and Fiona Clifton. Motion made by Ben Mees to accept minutes as true and correct. Motion carried.

Business Arising:

Correspondence - Insurance Renewal Form given to Ben Mees by Danielle Gorton; Letter from Rotary regarding an overseas student given to Susan Bridge by Danielle Gorton. Various fundraising opportunities distributed for those interested.

Principal’s Report: Susan Bridge

- Year 12 have finished their Trials and have returned to normal classes.
- The HSC actually starts in early August.
- The Visual Arts Show starts next week – 16-18th August.
- Year 11 new School Captain, Vice Captain and Senior Prefects elected.
- The Senior Leadership Retreat at “Taracoonee” will take place in Term 3 for School Student Executive, SRC, Social Justice Group, and Senior Prefects.
- Sports – We are very proud of our Soccer Teams. We are now Soccer State Champions; U19 Footsal State Champions; in the ¼ finals for the U19s; in the semis for the U15s. Congratulations and a big thanks to Mr Necic (Visual Arts Teacher), the school soccer coach, who has trained the girls and bought them this far. Well done Mr Necic and Girls.
- The School Debating Team made it to the finals of the Premier Debating Challenge. A special mention goes to Yr 8 student Georgine McDaniel, who made it through to the finals. Thanks to Mrs Fowell for her help and time with the Team.
- Use Of Facebook – Inappropriate Usage
  Much discussion followed regarding the inappropriate use of Facebook and the suspension of 4 girls from Year 8 for behaviour considered to be harassing/bullying of a student at another school. The police became involved and will attend a post-suspension meeting.
  It was agreed by all that parent support regarding appropriate usage of any form of electronic communication is extremely important and vital to the safety of all students. Ben Mees went on to thank the school for the outstanding job they do in
this area, stating that they go well beyond the standard duty of care regarding the students. All agreed.

**President’s Report: Charles Jarrett**

Charles congratulated both students and teachers involved with the outstanding achievements in soccer and debating.

Charles opened the floor to Heather Rasker who, with her husband Richard and the Fund Raising Committee, will be organising this year’s Trivia Night, to be held on 17 September, 2011. Heather explained that we are looking for donations to give away as prizes etc for the evening. The theme will be “Movie Night”, and those attending can get dressed up appropriately, and decorate their tables. Louise is to follow up with Stephanie and Susan regarding emailing years 7 & 8 from our database information.

**Treasurer’s Report: Ben Mees**

- All accounts are looking good; 30K is to be transferred for future technology funding. It is hoped that the P&C can provide 100-120K every 3 years to maintain/update resources needed by the students.
- Overlockers and sewing machines have been approved and purchased.
- 24K has come in from parents.
- 15K has been received via the sale of school computers. This money will go towards the 30K technology funding.
- The Exec has given permission to obtain Freedom of Information in relation to the use of the year 12 Common Room so that we are able to be “kept in the loop” with the ongoing neighbourhood actions. We are going to be asking the Department to revisit Council’s plans regarding the area surrounding the Common Room.
- We are ordering an acoustic test to take place around the future COLA area, and asking the Department to pay for it. At this stage, the COLA is still another 12 months off.
- Ben finished up by asking that a new Treasurer volunteer for next year. He is more than happy to “train them up”, and help when required.

**General Business**

- Peggy from the Clothing Pool informed the meeting that the clothing pool will now be opened 2 days per month – every 2nd Wednesday at 1.15pm, and every 4th Wednesday at 7.45am to cater for working families. Grey stockings are being ordered in for Presentation Day. We are also looking at purchasing the navy overcoats. We are also looking at donating our old school and sports uniforms (when the new uniforms take over), to Island communities, by 4th Term, 2012.
- Regarding finalisation of electives, Fiona Clifton and Susan Bridge indicated that the process was close to completion. Susan also indicated that this would be the last
year for the Year 10 School certificate. We have no idea what will follow at this stage as no guidelines have been set.

Next meeting: Monday, 5th September, 2011.

Mr Leigh Crangle, our new incoming Deputy Principal, will be invited to attend the next P&C. Mr Crangle will start at Cheltenham in 4th Term.

Minutes taken by Danielle Gorton