Cheltenham Girls’ High School P&C Association

Minutes of Meeting Held Monday 3 September 2012

1. Welcome

The meeting commenced at 7:40pm.

2. Apologies

Anne Pascoe, Cathy Jongma, Ben Mees, Cheryl White.

3. Minutes of 6 August 2012 meeting

Accepted by Gai Ramesh; seconded by Stephanie Davison.

4. Business Arising

Winter coats

- Peggy Looby was contacted by the uniform supplier for Murray Farm PS. Keen to provide us with a quote but needs a sample coat which is currently with another supplier.
- We expect to have 2 quotes plus the one already supplied to Stephanie Davison.
- Agreed to hold over to next meeting so we can compare all 3 quotes.

Sound and lighting booth

- Stephanie Davison has received one quote.
- Ben Mees is also seeking another quote.
- Danielle Gorton passed on a builder’s contact details to Suellen Lawrence for a third quote.
- Agreed to hold over to next meeting pending receipt of another one or two quotes to compare.

5. Correspondence

- General fundraising letters.

6. Principal’s Report

Email newsletter subscription

- This is a new service the school has signed up to. Parents subscribe to receive newsletters relevant to them. Text messages have been sent out to all parents alerting them to this new service.
- Unfortunately, the take-up rate has been disappointing – only 94 families have signed up to date.
• To encourage more take-up of this service, excursion notes will be moved to the email subscription page of the school’s website so that parents will see link.
• This service includes apps which parents can download. Peter Chan mentioned that he had downloaded the app but not subscribed to the emails. Perhaps the 94 subscriptions are only those who subscribed to the emails hence the low numbers? Leigh Crangle to investigate.
• Gai Ramesh suggested that this service be included in the incoming Year 7 paperwork.

Year 7 2013 enrolments

• Enrolment day took place last Friday, 31 August. All went smoothly, with a steady stream of parents attending all day.
• Second enrolment day will take place this Thursday 6 September, after which we will look at the waiting list.
• There are currently 80 girls on the indicative area waiting list.

MADD2

• The MADD2 (Music, Drama Dance) Concert took place last Wednesday 29 August.
• This was perhaps our best ever MADD concert. The last item featuring the concert band and dance company in “Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon” was particularly outstanding.

Open Soccer Finals

• This also took place on Wednesday 29 August, the same day as the MADD concert.
• After last year’s disappointing loss, we WON 1-0 in extra time this year!
• Congratulations to all the girls and enormous thanks to Mr Necic who has coached the soccer team for quite a few years.

PDHPE

• Miss Harriman, head of the PDHPE faculty has asked to attend the next P&C meeting to talk about how sports is taught at Cheltenham. All agreed to invite Miss Harriman.

Year 12

• Only two and a half weeks of school left for Year 12.
• Graduation ceremony will take place on Wednesday 19 September.

Sports assembly

• This will take place on Tuesday 18 September.

Presentation Day

• This will take place at Sydney Town Hall on Tuesday 11 December.
• Only the second time we are not holding Presentation Day at the Opera House (last time was 1986) due to building works taking place underneath the Opera House during the day.
• Because of this change of venue and time constraints, there will be a change to the program.
• Girls who will be performing and receiving prizes will leave school at 6am instead of 7am.
• There will only be one mass choir item; only the orchestra will be performing; and the junior and senior choirs will combine for only one item.
• Due to time constraints, fewer students will be presented with prizes at Sydney Town Hall. Mrs Bridge is aware that this will disappoint many students but logistically, this cannot be helped.
• The school service awards e.g. transport prefects, revival, social justice, etc will be presented at a separate ceremony on Friday 14 December in the school hall. Service awards will be given to students as well as staff, parents and community members.
• This change is only for this year – we are going back to the Opera House next year!

7. President’s Report
• This has been a busy month with the Trivia Night taking place on Saturday 25 August and Working Bee on Saturday 1 September.
• The Trivia Night went very well, netting the school $7,500, an excellent result. Thank you to Danielle Gorton for organising, Richard Rasker for hosting as quiz master, and Anne Pascoe for sourcing donations. Thank you also to the school’s GA for setting up the hall for the evening.
• The Working Bee was attended by 6 parents, a number of staff members and the school’s GA. A lot was achieved in 3 hours – topsoil was spread, gardens were weeded and 6 camellia bushes were planted.
• The school will be a polling booth for the local council elections this Saturday 8 September. We have been granted permission to hold a sausage sizzle and cake stall on the premises. However, due to lack of time and volunteers to organise the event, it was decided that we would not proceed with the stall.
• We have received a request from the History faculty for funding of $100 to purchase trophies for Year 9 interclass debating. All voted in favour.
• The current contract for the running of the school canteen expires at the end of the school year. The contract is up for tender and the P&C was asked if they would like to take over the running of the canteen. All voted against taking over the canteen.
• The school will now go to tender on the contract and a committee comprising of students, teachers and parents will be formed to evaluate the tenders.

8. Treasurer’s Report

Nil – the Treasurer was unable to attend the meeting.

9. General Business
Clothing Pool

- Refer to Business Arising for update on winter coats
- Plenty of stockings for sale for Presentation Day – will advertise on school website.

Fundraising

- Refer to President’s report for Trivia Night update.
- Next year’s date for Trivia Night – Saturday 24 August.
- Stephanie Davison to organise card and flowers to thank Richard and Heather Rasker for hosting the Trivia Night.

10. Next Meeting

Monday 29 October 2012

11. Close

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:30pm.