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PARENTS AND CITIZENS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: 15 August 2016
MEETING OPENED: 7:30pm

VENUE: School Office

ATTENDANCE: Mark Tishler, Justin Perrett, Heather Costa, Hitesh Chandra, Sunil Bajpai, Dan Amos, Marianne Amos.

APOLOGIES: Jan Dolstra, Sokka Ung, Maria Ninopoulos.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST MONTH'S MINUTES: Sunil Bajpai added to attendees listing, Minutes 20 June 2016.

CORRESPONDENCE IN: Nil

CORRESPONDENCE OUT: Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance \$4235.92

- Cheque written out from our last meeting MFHS \$30000 (Furniture for the school hall).
- Cheque banked MFHS for P&C fees \$3804.00 + \$2 P&C membership.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Nothing to report.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Mark –

- Jan unofficially returns to school on Monday of next week but also remains officially, the Relieving Principal of Ingleburn High School until the end of Term 3. This is so she can follow through of the School Excellence Validation process begun under her leadership.
- Joshua Luc appointed on merit to the PDHPE/Geography position on merit selection.
- Another panel for a classroom teacher in Science to replace Stephen Fletcher who resigned.
- Roughly 120 applications for out of area consideration for Year 7 next year but as we were full we offered no positions directly but have created a waiting list of roughly 30 students who either have siblings and/or demonstrated excellence in academic pursuits, sporting prowess, leadership. Thanks to Melissa Tallar for being on this panel. More recently we activated the waiting list and have offered positions to the first five on this waiting list. Currently we are sending packages to parents of our in-area selective and comprehensive enrolments for next week.
- We ran our selective entry tests for years 8-11 last Saturday and these tests are in the process of being marked/portfolios ranked. Usually we take all successful applicants for Year 11 in the following year and usually offer quite a few places out in the junior years although this varies from year to year.
- Uniform shop is no longer on site – all uniforms purchased through the Minto shop now or online.
- Hands on High School next Monday night for parents of students entering Year 7 next year. The Year advisor Ms Carol Fong (history) has worked closely with Ms. Jill Peruzzo the Assistant Year Advisor and Imelda Judge, Head Teacher Welfare to put together the program of events.
- I would like also to acknowledge the hard work of staff giving up their evening to give parents a taste of high school education.
- Yanco trip returned safely last week giving a number of our future teachers a taste of rural living and the opportunity to teach in a rural/remote area of NSW. Perry Celestino headed up the group and Jan also went.
- Fire in the Fields – fabulous event held on Tuesday August 2nd. Our dancers whose costumes and choreography was planned by Karen Metcalf did our school proud. Minto Primary School's choir was absolutely fabulous!
- Last Monday we had our third Cumulative Professional Learning Meeting for the year and this focused on the Literacy Continuum 7-10 and the importance of developing all students' reading/comprehension skills to help them engage with the curriculum a key strategy in ensuring student well-being. This focus will remain as a key initiative in 2017 as we plan for the 2018-2020 Strategic School Plan.
- Also a focus will be the Aboriginal Education Capability Framework and our focus group comprised of at least one member from each faculty has been briefed and given direction for future planning and professional learning at our launch last Friday, August 12th.
- A big, big thank you to the P&C for their donation of monies towards new chairs and desks for the hall. Desks have arrived and Year 12 are currently using these for their trials. I expect the chairs to be delivered in the next two weeks or so.

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- I'd also like to thank Justin Perrett who has worked closely with Year 10 and Year 12, interviewing all of them in relation to their progress in their current courses, and in giving appropriate advice re subject selection to Year 10 for the senior school. Justin was assisted in this arduous but rewarding task by Judy Buckler (HT Administration and Careers Advisor) and Melissa Purdon our Transition Coordinator.
- School Funds (RAM and International Student Funds) have been used to employ Ms Vivian Kha five days per week for the remainder of this year to work with NESB; Aboriginal and Support students to develop their literacy skills in particular to make accessing the curriculum a little easier. She has settled well into this role and has already shown herself to be an incredibly valuable member of staff

DP'S REPORT

Justin –

- Year 10 subject selection soon.
- School is going through the Science Faculty evaluation at present.

Heather –

- Sebastian Toiava selected as a Feature Artist for the High School Spectacular 2016, 25th & 26th November 2016.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Hitesh enquired about school policy and food allergies.
- It was agreed ok to draw Cheque \$543.00., to Fed of P&C Assoc. of NSW for 2016-2017 Insurance.
- Marianne obtained 2 quotes for 300 bags of fairy floss for school Celebration Day. (King Tasty Foods \$445.50, The Fudge Shop Pty Ltd \$430.00.
- It was agreed ok to draw Cheque to The Fudge Shop Pty Ltd \$430.00. To be delivered 21st September.
- Next P&C meeting held 1 week earlier than usual 12th September.

Meeting Closed: 8:15pm
Next Meeting: 12 September 2016 at 7:30pm