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PARENTS AND CITIZENS MEETING MINUTES

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

VENUE: School Library

ATTENDANCE: Mark Tishler, Justin Perrett, Heather Costa, Paul Donovan, Kylie Donovan, Raj Krish, Alan Scudder, Dan Amos, Marianne Amos, Sunil Bajpai, Rita Farzana Rahman.

APOLOGIES: Jan Dolstra, Sokka Ung.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST MONTH'S MINUTES:

- Nil

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

- ANZ Bank Statements

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

- Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Chq MFHS (Fees Term 3&4) \$10648.60. Bank Balance \$13748.92.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Welcome to everyone. Its great opportunity to attend the meetings to see what is going on in the school. Everyone is welcome. The P&C fees help fund resources for the school. Last year we helped build covered walkways, refurbishing the library & the TLS room.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Given by Mark Tishler - Relieving Principal

- Welcome back to 2016 and many thanks again for the P&C contributions made to the school in 2015.
- Principal Jan Dolstra remains relieving as Principal at Ingleburn High School for Term 1, so I will remain as Principal for most of this term. Mrs Costa continues to relieve in my position as Deputy Principal (School Management and Welfare) and Mrs Metcalf will relieve as the Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts for four days a week and Ms Minh Thi Tran will relieve for one day per week. Mr David Ralston is on leave for twelve months and Mrs Vicki Shipley will stand in as the Acting Head Teacher of TAS (Home Science and Industrial Arts) during 2016.
- New staff to the school. Jillian Vella who joined the English faculty in Term 4 last year replacing Vesna Stojceva and Dylan Nguyen, replacing Sasa Vuujanic in the Mathematics faculty.
- Our 2015 HSC results were again outstanding in many areas. Notable achievements:
 - Adib Rahman achieved an ATAR of 99.35 and was placed 7th in the state for Economics.
 - Amy Huynh was placed 10th in the state for CAFS. Excellent all-round HSC results.
 - Teresa Bernado scored Band 6 in every subject.
 - Raymond Cheng; Joanna Gollon; Matthew Bekkema; Diana Vitale and Chloe Zhou achieved excellent all-round results along with Mark Sorial and Jasmine Schlage.
 - It should be noted that students from both the Selective stream and the comprehensive stream achieved excellent results.
 - 100 Band 6 results across a range of subjects.
- Outstanding all round faculty results particularly in: Mathematics, English, Ancient History, Legal Studies, Studies of Religion, Music, Art, Engineering Science, CAFS, Economics, Business Studies, PDHPE and Chemistry. We have noted areas for improvement and are planning strategies to improve results overall in areas of weakness.
- Staff have undertaken mandatory training in: Asthma; CPR; Anaphylaxis on the first day of term this year. We have purchased a Zoll defibrillator and are the first public high school in the state, I believe, to have purchased this to help keep students safe.
- Child Protection updates will be delivered at the Thursday staff meeting on February 25th. Our first CPL (Cumulative Professional Learning Meeting) will be on Monday, February 22nd, for all staff on the School Well-being Framework. This is the first of four sessions to be held over the course of the year in lieu of the last two days of term 4 at the end of the year.
- Lisa McDermott currently on Maternity Leave gave birth to a baby girl, Mila Savannah McDermott on February 8th.

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- Year 7 comprehensive classes are formed on the basis of information given to us by the primary school. Currently we have three classes which are full. We have 91 students enrolled as in area students for 2016 in Year 7 comprehensive classes. Classes are generally, mixed in ability. Some students in need of extra literacy support have, for the time being been placed in the "A" class which we are monitoring carefully. We cannot move students in and out of or between classes. (One move was made on the basis of an erroneous placement). Shortly we hope to reduce the sizes of some classes, especially the "A" class, in some subject areas by forming a literacy class (and hopefully a numeracy class) with special support strategies in place for identified students. Note these classes will not necessarily be identical in terms of students but based on need (if both run) and could be comprised of students from each of the three classes.
- At the end of the year, based on the performance during the year and relevant testing, students should be streamed in English, Mathematics and Science.
- Our enrolments at the moment are 1077 plus 21 students in the support unit making a total of 1098 students.
- From Term 2 (actually the Term 1 holidays) Lowes will be the official supplier of our school uniform. Uniform will be available for online ordering or from the Minto shop. They will run the uniform shop on site here, one day per week until the end of year when the onsite shop shall close for good.

DP'S REPORT

- Justin Perrett - DP
 - We have had a smooth transition to the start of the year.
 - Working on student timetables.
 - Stage 4 curriculum review.
 - Year 7 transition Reports.
 - Year 12 examinations week 10 & 11
- Heather Costa - Relieving DP
 - A very busy time with enrolments, working with the Community Liaison Officer.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Dan enquired about cooling in the hall.
- Alan mentioned the recent newspaper article about courses paid for by the P&C, any possible assistance needed by school.
- Rita enquired about Bengali being taught.

Meeting Closed: 8.55 pm
Next Meeting: 14 March 2016 at 6:30pm; AGM followed by General Meeting.