

# RAMSGATE PUBLIC SCHOOL

## P & C MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> August 2009

Called to Order 7.35pm

Welcome to new attendees

### Present

Helen Spaul	Jan Sharkey	Belinda Shepherd	Vanna De Blasio
Nancy Stefos	Athena Venetsanos	Zara Trevitt	Amanda Clark
Jeremy Clark	Graeme Vaughn	Fay Vaughn	Kerrie Clarke
Nicole Grskovic	Sadhana Vagana	Kylie Towns	Nathan Robinson
Denise Robinson	Greta Harmer	Geoffrey Cantelo	Amanda Cantelo
Peter Kafetzi	Greg Kearney	Stuart Midgley	Anne Spencer
Iromi Samarasinghe	Peter Hill	Shana (Xiu Qin) Zhang	
André Flamer-Caldera			

### **Apologies**

Bianca Skinner, Julie Hatswell

### **Meeting**

- Previous meeting minutes tabled
  - accepted no changes

### **Casual Vacancies**

- Vice President position declared open after Vanna's resignation
  - nominations called for
  - Athena Venetsanos nominated Nancy Stefos
  - Seconded by André
  - Nancy accepted
  - Elected
- Treasurers position declared open due to resignation of Joint Treasurers – Nina and Rebecca
  - nominations called for
  - Nancy Stefos nominated Shana Zhang
  - Seconded by Belinda Shepherd
  - Shana accepted
  - Elected

### **Business Arising**

- One bank account all others closed
- Suggest internet banking for statements only no transactions

- Calendars to be done by Crazy Camel
- P&C insurance tabled – Shana to finalise
- Spare emergency underwear now held at office – Thanks Vanna

### **Correspondence**

- Large back log of correspondence tabled – mostly fund raising ideas – some relevant to special project / grant ideas. Available from André if interested
- Belinda Skinners note re Father's Day preparations read
- Mrs Potocki's thank you note read out

### **Principal's Report – Helen Spaul**

- Well done Under 9s League teams – thanks Mr Cahill
- Congratulations to Netball team, Aus Tag and Soccer teams that made finals
- 30 students are attending the Zone Athletics Carnival – currently in training with Mr Andrews
- Miss Murphy and Mrs Lincoln are working with the Gifted and Talented students
- Moorefield and James Cook transition programmes
- 48 students and 4 teachers off on the Snow Excursion
- Art Display 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> September
  - P&C welcome to do refreshments
- In Service – DET & Health
  - Crunch and Sip programme
  - mid morning break for fruit/veg and water
  - positive response to date
- Bike pants looked good at the athletics

### **Treasurers Report – Nancy**

- Balance sheet tabled
- All monies transferred to Westpac account
- Statements at 30<sup>th</sup> June approx. \$54K
- Suggest 1-3mth term deposit for \$50K at 3.2%
  - no objections - approved

### **Canteen Report – Zara**

- P&Ls tabled for March – \$6564.90 profit, April - \$6696.93 loss, May - \$711.91 loss, June – require statements to finalise, July – not finalised – require statements. Holdings at bank \$19,814.04
- Margaret to measure lino – DET or P&C to repair / replace

## **Fundraising**

- Father's Day – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Sept
  - Stock ordered stall to be held 26<sup>th</sup> August
- Visual Arts Display
  - Wed 16<sup>th</sup> September
  - Helpers – Vanna, Nancy, Belinda, Shana, André
- Christmas Under the Stars

## **General Business**

- Jeremy Clark spoke in favour of retaining the services of Jack Petsche
  - What is the benefit of him leaving?
  - Jack is an asset for the school and makes the school unique
  - Can anything be done to encourage him to remain
  - Mrs Spauld indicated that the situation was unfortunate but the decision lay with Mr Petsche
  - Mr Petsche is no longer an employee of DET and thus needs to be regarded as an external person renting space from the school. The existing arrangement is a consequence of Mr Petsche going on long service leave but continuing to instruct the band and his private tuition
  - That leave has ended and now Mr Petsche has retired.
  - The existing arrangement of approx 72c/hour is not consistent with other external uses of school property e.g Taekwondo – \$16.50/hour etc.
  - Mrs Sharkey indicated that the existing arrangement has been going on for a long time and some renegotiation was necessary. The developments were quite rapid there was no interim measure to ensure the music instruction would continue.
  - Stuart Midgley, a former student, spoke in support of Mr Petsche and that he was inspired to take up music professionally because of his experience at Ramsgate. Stuart indicated that the market price for music tutor may be in the order of \$900.00 per week
  - Graeme Vaughan suggested that the extra value the school is getting by Mr Petsche remaining may make the move for renegotiation unwise
  - Mrs Spencer, a former Assistant Principal at Ramsgate, spoke of the original arrangement 20 or more years ago. She felt it would be difficult to replace his skills
  - Amanda Clark spoke in favour of Mr Petsche
  - Peter Kafetzi spoke in favour of Mr Petsche
  - Amanda Cantelo, who works with the DET, noted Mr Petsche's good reputation and suggested a mediated re-negotiation
  - Jeremy Clark suggested that Mr Petsche shows considerable loyalty to Ramsgate
  - Other schools such as Brighton and Oatley pay in the order of \$100 per term
  - Mrs Spauld indicated that there was room for compromise, however the school was responsible for the music assets and that there needed to be

some level of management of these assets by the school. Mrs Spaul indicated that there may be room for a reduction in the increase for the use of school property.

- Procedures need to be implemented for ordering, collecting of money and loaning of instruments.
- Parents should be prepared for an increase in private music tuition and this was agreed
- All agreed that the school should not subsidise Mr Petsche's private music tuition business

**Meeting closed 8:45pm**

**Next P& C Meeting – 7.30pm, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2009**