Young High School P&C Association

General Meeting 27 February 2013

Meeting opened 7.28pm

Present: Janelle Staff, Kerrie Coulter, John Coulter, Melissa Burt, Annette Richard, Helen Higgins, Kerry Walker, Patrick FitzGerald, Adrienne Beck, Catherine Hall, Sharon Staff, Tamsin Kemp, Mary Dodd, Vicki Coddington

Apologies: Nicole Tiedemann, Andrew Turvey, Keith Duran, Sharon Langman, Kate Zuzek, Joe Zuzek, Joy Dawe.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were moved correct by Catherine Hall, seconded by Kerrie Coulter. Carried.

Business Arising:

1. Year 7 welcome BBQ was great – thanks to all. Great job done by the student leaders – they looked fantastic in their uniforms.
2. Incorporation still in progress.
3. 2013 Deb Ball – 1st June. Practice will be 6.30pm til 8pm every Tuesday in the school hall. At present we have 31 Debs – ball will be at the PCYC, band is the Young Ones, Nancy Saines to make the cake, boys to be measured by Karana in 3 weeks time for their suits, David Butt is the dance teacher (no cost). Have asked for security quotes from both TTM and Mitchell Security. Teachers involved A Beck, P FitzGerald & C Cole. Native Botanical and Karana both to supply quotes for flowers. Girls are wanting wrist corsages – boys black and white suits with black bow ties. Main colour to be decided. Tables of 10 – tickets to go on sale earlier – ticket price to rise? Quotes to come back before final decision made on price increase.
4. TV in the school foyer went up today – power to be connected. Who is putting together the promotional package to be displayed? Multimedia students involved?

Correspondence Out:

1. Thankyou letters to Dance Party sponsors.

Correspondence In:

1. P&C Journals
2. SWSCU – Certificate of Fixed Term Deposit due May 2013
3. SWSCU – Statement of Accounts for November 2012 and January 2013 (Mary obtained December online)
4. Two term deposit maturity notices - due 28th March 2013
5. Letter from P&C Federation re incorporation (request sent to Minister for Education)
6. Letter from Tester Porter Services
7. P&C Federation Handbook
8. Letter from Kym Steele re C Boland & W Coulter
9. Email from Kate & Joe Zuzek

Principal’s Report: Following is an email received from Andrew Turvey.

My sincere apologies for not being at the meeting this evening. As I type this I am still sitting in Sydney after my daughters operation yesterday evening.

The year has started well with a very successful swimming carnival held in the second week of term. We have then had one of the biggest representative teams head off to Regional level last week and had some god results from this carnival.

We have had a great response to our push for increased compliance to the school uniform policy and have had some tremendous comments back from visitors to the school and the community in general. Publicly I would like to thank the business community who have also supported the school by stocking the uniform items. I have needed to explain to a few parents the fact that the uniform has not changed; and we are just enforcing what has always been in place, as some great rumours were going around over the holiday period. The compliance with the school uniform policy also seems to have had a calming affect across the school, which has been great to see.

Year 7 have settled in really well and some great comments are coming from teachers and the students about how well the students are getting into their work. Thanks to the P&C for the great welcome to Young High BBQ that was held on the 13th.

Year 12 are approaching their ½ yearly examinations which will give us a great indication; in a formal sense, as to how they are progressing to date.

Our enrolment in the junior school has been solid and we have held a number of enrolment interviews over the past few weeks, which continues to grow our numbers. Our senior numbers are down a little on expectation but the majority of these students have picked up employment over the Christmas period, so as a school we cannot be unhappy with this. The total enrolment will mean a small reduction in staffing entitlement, which may mean a shuffle in our timetable, but I will be able to provide more detail at the next meeting as to how this plays out.

Our senior school is also very settled this year with students engaged with their learning. We have introduced compulsory study on Wednesday mornings for our ATAR based students, which has been incredibly successful to date. I wish to publicly thank Patrick FitzGerald who is running this program for us, for his work and dedication to assisting the school provide the facilities for our students to achieve their best. It is pleasing to see the improvement in student application with the introduction of this program.

We are once again offering a study afternoon program for students and this is being run by Mrs. Janine Carters. Thank you goes to her for her dedication in this and for her drive to support the schools direction to improve student results. Study afternoon is available to any student who wishes to spend some time in a supportive environment to complete homework and gain assistance with assessment tasks. On this front, all parents should have received a copy of the assessment outlines
for their children. If you have not please feel free to call in at the office to grab a copy as your knowledge of upcoming tasks will also assist your child to receive their best out of their schooling.

One of the school’s main focuses for 2013 professional learning is the Australian Curriculum, which will come in to affect next year in year 7 and 9 and then in years 8 & 10 in 2015. We have dedicated a number of our staff development activities in creating the programs necessary to comply with this change in curriculum and providing your children the best educational opportunities possible.

Andrew Turvey - Principal

**Deputy’s Report:** Nil

**General Business:**

1. Discussion re letter from Kym Steele – request for 2 additional students to receive our support for participating in the Hong Kong International Youth Music Festival. Janelle Staff moved that P&C support the 2 students with $75 each. Seconded Sharon Staff. All in favour, carried.
2. Discussion re letter from Tester Porter Services offering insurance for taxation department audit. General consensus that this was an unnecessary cost.
3. Discussion re email from K & J Zuzek – letter to be written, P&C would like fund raising ideas to be put in writing so that they may be discussed at a general monthly meeting. Discussion re placing P&C minutes on the school website so that those unable to attend may see what is being discussed at meetings.
4. Tamsin – next date for school disco / dance party – Thursday 4th of April 7pm to 9pm. Young S&C Club will provide the venue for free. DJ David Munnerly cost $150. Can we ask the prefects/school leaders for theme ideas? Tickets $5 each.
5. Tamsin – would P&C consider financially supporting speakers to come into the school – eg Bell Shakespeare? Also the Premiers Reading Challenge – perhaps if we offered prizes this would encourage more students to participate? General discussion. Tamsin Kemp moved that P&C provide $100 to purchase a number of gift cards to be used as prizes for the Premiers Reading Challenge. Seconded Patrick FitzGerald. All in favour carried.
6. Janelle – has sent an email to Grant Denyer from “Sunrise” to request he be a special guest at our Deb Ball – no reply yet.
7. Janelle – Keith Duran has requested that the P&C consider sponsoring the “Barinya Awards” again this year to the value of $800. General discussion – perhaps students could be given the option of Barinya card or merit card? This request to go before an Executive meeting. Janelle Staff moved that the P&C support the wearing of uniform by the students with the Barinya Awards to the amount of $800. Seconded John Coulter. All in favour, carried.
8. Helen – Students are looking great in their uniforms, but are there any change rooms – toilets not satisfactory. Kerrie believed that from next week a separate change room would be available. General discussion for the need to have individual space/ partitions for changing – phones/social media problem. Doors in toilets, toilet seats – not good. can we discuss with A Turvey.
9. Patrick – Details for next meeting – can P&C assist with a working bee?

**Meeting Closed:** 8.35pm
**Next Meeting:**

AGM - Wednesday 27th March 2013 – 7pm

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