

NEGS P&F Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 27th January, 2016

W H Lee Room

Meeting opened: 7.05 pm

Attendance: David Fenwicke, Jenny Swan, Tracey Whitehill, Joanne Campbell, Heather McPhie, Etoline Galbraith, Anne Larsen, Cath and John Farrar, Libby Parry, Karen Kaul, Clive Logan.

Apologies: Amanda Glasson, Sally White.

Minutes from Previous Meeting: Moved as a true and accurate copy by Heather McPhie, seconded Etoline Galbraith.

Correspondence: Mindy McDouall has accepted the invitation to be Patron of NEGS Parents & Friends Association.

Reports:

Principal's Report:

Clive thanked the P&F for their involvement in the Orientation event and confirmed there are 43 new students this year (Years 7 – 11) and all attended Orientation. A total of 67 new students have joined the School this year including St John's enrolments. Due to rain relocation to the MPC for the event worked well.

Clive referred to the Community Letter which confirmed the 2015 HSC students performed as well as expected. There was a smattering of Band 6s in Music, Biography and the Dux of the School excelled. Unfortunately not enough Exams were sat for NEGS to be included in the Sydney Morning Herald's Honour Roll. NEGS was placed 206th and in 2014 the School was placed at 153rd. Universities are offering places 40 ATAR points below the cut off point.

Speech Day finished the year well with the Vice-Chancellor of UNE as an inspirational guest speaker. The staff do not vet the Head Girls' Speech. The School has started the year with enrolments at 317. The boarding numbers represent 150 students which is 63% of enrolments.

A few changes have been made with trees cut down to allow light into rooms. A television has been placed in the Library and is on News 24 to enhance current affairs awareness. The debate about BYOD has been interesting as the laptops are expensive.

Staff Changes:

Ms Emma Pracy has been appointed to teach Year 6 this year in St John's Junior School. Mrs Deena Ford will be job sharing with Mrs Marcia Bell - Learning Support and Administration - in St John's Junior School.

Mrs Maria Craven will be teaching Christian Studies in the Junior School and some classes at

NEGS.

Mrs Ingrid Evans has been appointed to teach Technology Mandatory, Design and Technology (Textiles) in the Senior School.

Ms Louise Lawrence has been appointed to teach Science and Maths in the Senior School.

Ms Catherine Curtin has been appointed to teach PDHPE in the Senior School.

There is a good mix between experienced and inexperienced teachers.

With expanding boarding numbers some Year 11s will be in a separate wing in White House and others in Saumarez with year 12 as it only accommodates 40. Years 7 and 8 share rooms together and Years 9 and 10 together. There are seven spare beds across the three boarding houses and the option of casual boarding is still available. The start up costs to open Dickens House are too expensive at this stage.

President's Report:

Thank you everyone who helped with the Orientation barbecue. The coleslaw which was not collected in time will be delivered to the Dining Room. Despite the rain the event ran well in the MPC.

The Swimming Carnivals are the next events at which the P&F will cater:

St John's Junior School	Friday, 12 th February, 2016
NEGS	Friday, 19 th February, 2016

The AGM will be held on Monday, 25th April at 7.00 pm and a replacement for President will need to be found as well as a few new Committee members.

Liaison Parents for 2016:

Year 7: Need to be found

Year 8: Michelle Bookallil, Trudy Hancock, Cindy Clonan

Year 9: Kate Blackmore, Etoline Galbraith

Year 10: Sarah Edmonds, Heather McPhie, Rose Meehan

Year 11: Sally White

Year 12: To be found

Libby Parry will contact parents to replace outgoing Liaison Parents.

Treasurer's Report: (See attached)

Opening Balance @ 6/10/15 \$47,542.25

Closing Balance @ 27/1/16 \$47,842.02

Emails are coming in from staff for the Wish List. The Executive will meet with Clive Logan in the next two weeks to make a decision on allocations. The Equestrian Centre wishes to erect lights. The Executive approved an allocation for an ice machine for the Hospital last year and picnic tables and barbecues were purchased by the P&F. The P&F will need to purchase more catering equipment and keep supplies maintained. Profits of around \$10,000 were made from the Spring Fair.

Action: Clive will follow up the issue of P&F donations for the COLA at the Junior School as one has not yet been erected.

Business Arising:

Patron for NEGS P&F: Mindy McDouall accepted.

Wish List: Executive to make decision in two week's time on allocations of funds.

Name Tags: Resolved to wait until AGM when all roles have been filled and name tags will be arranged for Liaison Parents and Executive Committee members.

Netball Carnival: As there has been a change of staff in the Sports Department Clive will ask whether they are interested in holding the Carnival. A suitable date in April could be hard to find due to the TAS Rugby Carnival being held the first weekend and Anzac Day Long Weekend being on the last weekend.

New Business:

Fundraising Events:

NEGS ODE will be held on 19 – 20 November. In the past the P&F has not charged enough for food and it will need to be available earlier in the mornings. A Bar is not worth running. P&F to approach Equestrian Centre and offer to provide catering for NEGS ODE.

Trivia Night which has raised \$2000 in the past. A fun night held in winter months with tables of ten and BYO drinks and food. Consult Kylie Wanford who co-ordinated the last event and secure Hugh Nivison as host. Need to establish an organizing group of parents.

Lisa Haynes suggested a Golf Day to be run on Mothers' or Fathers' Days.

School Day App – Clive to raise with David Rose.

Parents encouraged to Like the NEGS P&F Facebook page to keep up to date with P&F events.

Meeting closed: 8.00 pm.