**NEGS Parents and Friends Association Inc (NEGS P&F).**

**Ordinary General Meeting**

**Wednesday 11 June 2025**

**6.00pm**

**WH Lee Room and via Google Meets**

**Minutes**

1. **Meeting open:**

6:03pm

1. **Attendance:**

Liz van Genderen, Jo Watson, Belinda Keogh, Kaye Suan, Roseanne Burns, Peter Moffitt, Mandy Simpson, Jason Simpson, Mare Foster, Courtney Skerrett, James Fairbank

1. **Apologies:**

Jenny Chapman, Shaun Cassidy, Fi Macarthur

1. **Acceptance of Minutes from previous meeting:**

**Motion to Accept**: Liz / **Second:** Jo

1. **Principal’s Report:**
* The principal noted that current enrolments are sitting at 245, which has increased since the beginning of 2025. Numbers are steadily moving towards 300 for the commencement of teaching in 2026. This is contributed to positive marketing tours and feedback, staff, students and P&F in supporting our school.
* A Memorial service was held for Anna Abbott, with approximately 60 people in attendance. A special thank you from Anna’s daughter, Stephanie has been received.
* The 130 Yr Ball was held with approximately 100 people in attendance. The venue, meal and band made for a wonderful evening. The auction items were well received with an energetic auctioneer and bidders who were up for some healthy competition.

**School Updates:**

* NEGS Junior and Senior debating teams had significant wins in their last competiton
* NEGS were the recipients of the Pool Family shield at Coona
* Year 12 students proudly represented the East Rugby team at the CIS Championship, securing the gold medal. Congratulations to the entire team, with a special shoutout to Reagan Simpson!
* Our four 18s NSW Country Rugby representatives competed at Concord last weekend and claimed victory for the second year in a row.
* Congratulations to Emily, Bonni, Regan and Lorraine who trialled for CIS Rugby Leage
* Grace represented NEGS at the Legislative Council in a highly competitive public speaking competition, coming away with equal runner up status
* A huge congratulations to Evie who has been awarded an internship with Womenkind, a wonderful opportunity
* The Athletics carnival will be held this Friday,13th June due to being rescheduled
* The Rescheduled social with Farrah will be held on Tuesday, 24th June

**Motion to Accept**: Mandy / **Second:** Peter

Peter Moffitt proudly acknowledged that the recent inspection by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) has resulted in the school being granted approval to operate for the next five years. This rigorous process is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the Principal, Liz, and the entire staff, and they should be immensely proud of this achievement.

1. **Presidents Report:**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the 130-Year Ball. The P&F deeply appreciates the support of the school and its staff in making this event possible. It was a fantastic evening, enjoyed by all who attended. The auction was a particular highlight, with strong participation helping us raise valuable funds for this year’s wish list items. A special thank-you to our guests for making the night truly memorable.

Looking ahead, we have the P&F Canteen at the Athletics Carnival this Friday. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time, and a big thank-you in advance to our bakers for their contributions.

The final event for the term will be the Junior School Disco. A special shout-out to Rasha for organizing the chocolate grazing boards. We’re looking forward to seeing all parents at the Yarning Circle for this fun-filled event.

Thank you again for your continued support and involvement.

**Motion to Accept**: Liz / **Second:** Belinda

1. **Treasurer’s Report:**

Please see attached report

**Motion to Accept**: Mandy / **Second:** Peter

1. **Business from previous Ordinary General Meeting:**
	1. **Athletics Carnival**
* The P&F will run canteen out of kitchen in MPC
* Set up will be Thursday
* Donations of baked goods will be greatly appreciated and can be either dropped at the front office or directly at the canteen on Friday
* Price list needs to be printed
* Belinda will organise a float and bring the squares
	1. **The BBQ trailer wrapped**
* Phil – Liz to follow up
	1. **Fundraising Team update**

A heartfelt thank you to all the amazing helpers who contributed to the fundraising efforts for the 130-Year Ball. Your dedication, time, and energy played a crucial role in making the event such a success. From organizing and promoting the auction to ensuring everything ran smoothly on the night, your efforts have made a lasting impact. We are incredibly grateful for your support in helping us achieve our fundraising goals.

* 1. **Twilight Fair**

To broaden the range of stallholders for this year’s Twilight Fair, it would be beneficial to reach out to businesses in Tamworth that may be interested in participating.

***ACTION***: Jo to contact the Chamber of Commerce who may be able to provide details of stallholders.

The question was raised as to why the fair is scheduled for a Friday and could this be a Saturday as more parents may be able to help. It was noted that given the confirmation of stall holders this year will remain on a Friday, however, to discuss Saturday as an option for 2026.

To ensure the successful planning of the Twilight Fair, it is proposed that the first meeting in Term 3 be dedicated to the event. The focus will be on forming a committee to oversee the fair, outlining tasks to be completed, clarifying the school’s responsibilities and assistance, and identifying areas where the P&F will need to take responsibility.

Further conversation about the new established year groups, it would be advantageous if a notice could be included in NEGS correspondence to advice parents to join their respective year group on Facebook.

1. **Correspondence:**
	1. **In:**

Anna Abbotts’s daughter, Stephanie, sent a letter to thank NEGS and the NEGS Community for the memorial of her mother.

Her words are below:

*Dear NEGS Community (and community team),*

*I wanted to share my gratitude and that of my family for the wonderful memorial event for my lovely mum, Anna, last Friday.*

*It was a moving and poignant celebration of her life and her contribution to the school - of which she was so proud.*

*Thank you to all who helped make the event such a success, to those who attended and who sent their fond wishes.*

*Sincerely,*

*Stephanie Abbott*

* **NEGS Wish List items (Attachment 1)**

The attached list has been updated to reflect the Wish List items that have been approved. There are a couple of items that have been held over and may be approved depending upon the funds available.

* **SRC Funding request (Attachment 2)**

It was agreed that the SRC Funding request be approved. The $80 per term fee will now be covered by the school. A confirmation letter will be drafted and forwarded to the SRC.

* 1. **Out:**

There has been no correspondence sent.

1. **Other Reports:**

There were no other reports presented

1. **General Business:**

The Board is exploring the possibility of raising funds to purchase a third bus, with an estimated cost of $80,000. A 12-seater bus, which costs approximately $70,000, has been identified as a potential option; however, this is an out-of-budget item. The P&F’s assistance in fundraising for this purchase could be valuable. A formal proposal would need to be presented to the P&F for discussion to determine the feasibility of providing funding. Additionally, considerations around the practical use of the bus, such as identifying drivers for times like Sunday evenings, would need to be addressed.

**Late Business:**

Jo mentioned that the Junior School had previously been supplied with glow sticks, poppers and some minor miscellaneous items for their disco and this would be possible again this year. The P&F generally funds the cost of these items upfront and then will be reimbursed after the event.

It was unanimously agreed that this precedent will continue, and that the P&F will purchase the items required.

It was proposed that sporting equipment for the athletics carnival be organized into mobile trolleys, with all relevant items grouped together, such as javelins, shot puts, discuses, rakes, spikes, and tapes. This approach would address the current issue of disorganized equipment, making it easier to transport and set up at their respective areas around the oval. Additionally, conducting a stocktake of the equipment would be beneficial to identify any items that need replacement.

It was also proposed that a permanent shotput circle be installed, as the current circle is misshapen and does not allow for accurate measurement of throws. Installing a concrete slab would resolve this issue and provide a durable and reliable solution.

1. **Next meeting:**

30 July 2025

1. **Meeting Close:**

7:08pm