

MINUTES OF THE GIRRAWEEEN HIGH SCHOOL  
PARENT'S AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION MEETING  
August 22, 2007

**The meeting opened:** 7.35 pm.

**Attendance:** as per the attendance book.

**Apologies:** Greg Murty.

**Acceptance of minutes of the meeting of July 25, 2007:**

Acceptance of minutes moved; Ram Matta, Seconded; Conie Lau. Minutes signed by president.

**Business arising from previous minutes:**

Nathan Rees' offer of hosting 4 students has been confirmed. Year advisors to nominate the students.

**Principal's report**

Year 8 parents' night a great success with many attending. Thanks to P&C for providing catering.

Trial HSC ran smoothly.

School musical (Bye Bye Birdie) running now. Residents of the local nursing home were invited and gave a valuable critique.

Letter from Holroyd council confirming plan to install lights. No news on crossing received lately.

ICT: departmental upgrade to internet filtering expected to be problematic particularly for arts and economics students. In addition it will be a disincentive for teachers to include ICT in their classroom practise (practice?). The new whitelisting system means that teachers must request permission to access a site. This takes time and extra paperwork.

Yr 8-12 applications: completed now and letters to be sent out last week of August. Thanks to Trish Turner for assisting staff in this difficult task.

Student Welfare: Yr 11 camp proposed to assist integrating new arrivals to the year. If this were to occur, the CROSSROADS program (personal growth, study skills etc.) could be delivered in this time.

High Resolves initiative: *High Resolves* is a leadership program encouraging students to engage in global citizenship issues. Ms Das Neves proposed having some Year 8 students participate in the 2 day workshop which looks at identity and collective identity, justice and world poverty. Also might have a study day promoting global citizenship. May also involve Yr 9 and/or 10 leadership groups.

School Promotion: 2 day course for staff and parents on school promotion has become available. It offers training in practical skills for all aspects of school promotion. Peter Rose to attend. (Friday, October 19)

Quality Teaching Program Grant: applied for. Hope to use it to focus on G&T teaching and ICT in the classroom.

Solar Hot Water: \$50, 000 guaranteed for solar hot water heater or water tank.

**SRC Report**

none

**Correspondence in:**

Various fundraising/advertising

**Correspondence out:**

Nil

**Treasurer's report:**

Tabled and moved for acceptance by Conie Lau.

Balance per Cheque Account statement July 1, 2007,	\$53, 686.15
Income:	
Includes Canteen sales, Interest, Member Subscription	\$ 8, 985.27
Expenditure:	
Includes Wages and Salaries, Superannuation contributions, Suppliers, Taxation, Mural, Stationery, Sundries	\$ 11, 886.63
Balance per bank statement March 31, 2007	\$50, 784.79
Less reserved Amount:	
Long Service Leave, Equipment replacement, contribution for refurbishing of gym, monthly payment to suppliers.	\$ 23, 975.08
Amount in term deposit	\$18, 404.08

Total Funds	\$69, 188.87
Available Funds ( not including term deposit)	\$45, 213.79
Tabled, copy kept with secretary	

That the treasurer's report be accepted seconded by Ram Matta.

### **Presidents report:**

Egg cooker, new fridge installed in canteen and working well. Thanks to Shane and Thomas for unloading the fridge.

Canteen going smoothly, may need to increase prices to ensure increasing packaging costs are being met. Terri to organise newsletter and advertising of new prices. Thanks Terri. Propose reconvening the canteen committee.

### **General Business**

Reconvening of the canteen committee: With the continued operation of the canteen this has become necessary. Suggest 5 members – Terri Cox and Liz Dawes, A P&C member, a P&C executive member and a student. Chris Howard was elected P&C member, Liz McLoughlin exec P&C member. Hopefully a student (maybe from SRC) will also be able to attend. The committee will oversee general running of the canteen, monitor profit and loss etc.

Election of a parent representative for the school finance committee. Aziz Shekh volunteered to fulfil this role. Thanks Aziz.

Reconvening of the uniform committee. At present the committee consists of Coral Williams, Trish Turner and Zuie Harvey. If they are unable to continue their roles, Ram Matta, Terri Cox and Melissa Cabrera will step in. Thanks! We need to get the girls pants issue resolved.

Chris Howard requested that funding be made available to assist a student to attend the mathematics summer camp in the ACT?

General discussion of making money available for elite sporting, cultural, musical or academic events.

SUGGESTION: that we also approach local businesses who might be interested in sponsorship.

SUGGESTION: That we set aside a certain amount of money each year for such events.

MOTION: That we budget for elite participation in sporting, cultural, musical or academic activities. Moved, Ram Matta. Seconded, Stuart Cox. Carried.

Chris Howard plans to run chess classes for the chess club. These teachers charge about \$80 per hour. Chris is planning to run these classes for a term and charge the participating students \$5 a lesson.

**Meeting ended:**

Peter Rose closed the meeting at 9 pm

Next meeting:	Wednesday, September 26, 2007
Time:	7.30 pm
Place:	Staff Room