

MINUTES OF THE GIRRAWEEEN HIGH SCHOOL  
PARENT'S AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION MEETING  
JUNE 27, 2007

**The meeting opened:** 7.30 pm.

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

**Apologies:** Sue Watts, Liz Dawes

**Acceptance of minutes of the meeting of May 23, 2007:**

Acceptance of minutes moved Ram Matta, Seconded Chris Hockley, Signed by President.

**Business arising from previous minutes:**

None

**Principal's report**

Timetabling of Year 11 Accelerants – The Trial exam period has been quarantined for assessments. Teachers cannot guarantee that no assessments will be due at the same time as chemistry tests because there are so many subjects to co-ordinate. The ambiguities in the assessment booklet have been noted.

Concern about falling standards in Year 11 – Ms Das Neves said that it was normal for there to be a dip in results as students came to grips with the increased workload. In Biology the average mark across the year was moderated to 80% because new assessment procedures are in place and the exam was too long.

ELLA results – pleasing, especially Yr 8 in which 100% of students were in the top band . There was a fall off in the boy's reading scores. Staff will be addressing this result. Ms Das Neves feels that we are doing better than other like-schools (other selective schools).

New Applicants for Yrs 8-11 – Ms Das Neves wishes to increase the size of the committee selecting students applying for positions in these years. She feels that a greater emphasis on literacy is warranted, as very high literacy requirements are placed on students at Girraween. Students who cannot meet these requirements will not have their needs met in this environment. Ms Das Neves plans to have head teachers perform an initial cull and have parent representatives attend the final session. Applications for students will close end of July.

Recognition Assemblies - Yrs 12, 11 and 10 have been held with other years to follow early in the term.

Rain - has caused problems particularly with excursions and athletics carnivals. It has highlighted the lack of space for wet weather activities.

Executive Meeting – Addressing mid-term targets in strategic plan.

Cyber Bullying – One or two isolated incidents in Yrs 9 and 10. Police liason officers called and students reminded that it is against the law. Brochures handed out to parents with information on teaching kids to use the internet safely.

Water Grant – Thanks to Chris Howard who has worked hard at obtaining quotes. He has prepared the application form and secured the support of Nathan Rees, Julie Owens and Barbera Perry (State MP, Deputy Mayor of Holroyd). The plan is to install two tanks in the front of the Library. These tanks will collect water from the library roof. Hopefully this water can be used to augment the supply to the A-block toilets. Presently applying for funding to upgrade these toilets, might request P&C in future for funding to re-furbish these toilets.

Safe Schools - \$2000 received to be used towards a review of cyber bullying.

School development day – to look at provision of Gifted and Talented ( G&T) education.

Tree Planting Day – 27<sup>th</sup> July.

Yr 8 Elective Selection evening – August 14<sup>th</sup> , evening. Ms Das Neves requested that the P&C cater, suggested wine, cheese, dips, crackers and soft drink. Two Community Liason officers to address parents on adolescence and pressures in the selective school environment.

Ban Concert – Silver medal to Concert Band in Yamaha Band Competition. Congratulations.

**Correspondence in:**

Thank you card from Greame and Cheryl Holden.

Asthma Friendly Schools program information.

P&C conference

Various Fundraising

**Correspondence out:**

Letter of condolence to Greame Holden.

**Treasurer's report:**

Tabled and moved for acceptance by Conie Lau.

Balance per Cheque Account statement MAy 1, 2007,	\$ 43, 418.03
Income: Includes Canteen sales, Interest, Members subscription	\$ 16, 408.08
Expenditure: Includes Wages and Salaries, Superannuation contributions, Suppliers, Student Diaries, Pie Warmer door, gift for outgoing treasurer.	\$ 8, 041.88
Balance per bank statement March 31, 2007	\$51, 784.23
Less reserved Amount: Long Service Leave, Equipment replacement, Contribution for refurbishing of gym, monthly payment to suppliers.	\$ 25, 517.20
Amount reserved in term deposit	\$18, 404.08
Total Funds	\$70, 188.31
Available Funds ( not including term deposit)	\$44, 671.11
Tabled, copy kept with secretary	

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

**SRC Report:**

No SRC Report

**Presidents report:**

Nathan Rees – has informed us that both the \$20, 000 from the RTA and the \$20, 000 from the council have been approved so that money is available for a raised crossing on Gilba Road. In addition, flashing lights will be installed to inform drivers of when the area is a 40 km/hour zone. This should be done in July.

Nathan Rees plans to come to the July 25 meeting. It would be good if we could have a high attendance. Note to go in Newsletter.

Landscaping – School grounds need sprucing up. Suggestions for some landscaping work that students could be involved in. Peter Rose to look into liasing with TAFE. Maybe some students need a project.

## General Business

### **Motion:**

That the P&C fund the Year 8 parent evening to a maximum of \$200. Moved Chris Hockey, Seconded, Ram Matta. All in favour, passed. Suggested a dozen bottles of wine, cheese, biscuits, orange juice, mineral water, dips (3 platters). Will need plastic glasses, napkins etc.

Parents expressed concern at the service LOWES is offering. Items are unavailable or take a long time to come in. Ms Das Neves will look into it. We are presently awaiting samples of material to be made up into girl's pants. This is taking a long time too.

General discussion on uniforms including scarves (black is OK) and socks (need to cover ankle).

### **Meeting ended:**

Peter Rose closed the meeting at 9 pm

Next meeting:	Wednesday, July 25, 2007
Time:	7.30 pm
Place:	Staff Room