Meeting open – 7:30 pm

President – Kevin Manners
Snr Vice President – Nicole Burt  Jnr Vice President – Tracey Breen
Secretary – Sharon Kelly  Treasurer – Mark Bancroft

Uniform shop - Leanne Minny, Kathy Osborne (and Kerrie Leask repairing uniforms)

Apologies – Maria Costello

Attendees – Kevin Manners, Tracey Breen, Sharon Kelly, Mark Bancroft, Caroline Boots, Kathy Osborne and Michelle Schafer.

Staff – Terry Vallis, Holly Northey, Scott Wilson and David Brookes.

Minutes – The minutes from the P&C meeting held on 14th October were accepted.

Business arising from previous minutes - Nil

Treasurer’s Report – Mark Bancroft presented the report and noted that September/October had been a quiet period for the P&C financially. It was also noted that there has been $1798 in sales through the Uniform Shop this year.

The current balance is $9,882 dollars and $5,582 of that balance is not allocated.

There is also the $20,000 in the bus fund account. It was agreed, that the plan to purchase a bus will not go ahead, so this money should be re-allocated. The use of this money for a different purpose may need to be cleared with some of the original donators, e.g. The Lugarno Lioness Club.

Mark noted that the requests listed in the Principal’s report below would total approximately $6000 when GST had been removed.

All present at the meeting supported the requests for funding listed below.

Terry thanked the P&C for this great support and advised that this would be announced at the school assembly this week.
Principal’s Report – Terry Vallis welcomed all participants and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Terry noted that the latest School Newsletter had been distributed. The Principal’s report included in this issue, contained information on the development of the School Management Plan for 2015 – 2017.

In the past the Senior Executive team has developed the School Management Plan with other staff, based on the schools priorities and issues identified by the Department of Education. The framework for the new school management plan is the ‘Melbourne declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians’. This framework was used to develop the new Australian curriculum and hence the emphasis that is now placed on general capabilities across all key learning areas. This time there is also greater emphasis on consultation with all stakeholders, i.e. parents, students and teachers to encourage greater ownership of the School Management Plan by all involved in the School community.

Three strategic directions have been identified with the ultimate goal being: what is best for the students and the support required for each student to reach their potential. A Forum is planned for the parent body next year to provide an opportunity for input and ideas.

In addition Terry advised the parents present that the School would like some input now and so a brief ‘brain-storming’ session was held with feedback provided to the following 3 questions:

- As parents, what characteristics do you want your child to have when he/she leaves GRC Peakhurst?
- What is a good school?
- What makes a good teacher?

Holly noted that the parents had come up with a very similar list of responses to these questions, as the staff had when they carried out the same exercise.

Terry thanked the parents present for the feedback.

Terry advised there is an audit of the School next week covering financial, WHS and student attendance records. Mark Bancroft noted the on-going problems with the new accounts system for the School and issuing invoices to the P&C.

It was also noted that the minutes of the P&C meetings will now be loaded onto the School website.
Terry also advised that the outstanding transfer of money from the drink sales at the 50th Anniversary is being resolved, as is the payment of the P&C support for the girls who attended the National Sports Aerobics Competition.

Terry thanked Kathy Osborne for volunteering to be the parent representative on the panel for the school captain interviews.

Finally, the following requests for financial support were presented to the P&C:

- Fridge in the TAS department - $3000.
- Fridge in the library - $500.
- Cordless indoor and outdoor microphones ($500 per microphone) and a lectern – ($1100 +$250 for logo on the lectern) for the new hall.

**Deputy Principal’s Report** – Holly Northey noted that the new fridge in the TAS department is very impressive and that the teachers and students are very happy with it.

A Remembrance Day Service was held at the School today. The younger students led this service as the Year 10 students have had exams all week including today. Also the School Captains led the Riverwood Legions Club public service.

Staff are currently very busy marking exams and preparing the end of year student reports.

The nomination process for the 2015 SRC is currently in progress.

An ex Peakhurst student may be going to help improve the front garden beds, but it would also be good to hold another working bee before the presentation days scheduled for next month.

Year 9 students have been trialling a new program for roll call that involves 15 minutes of physical activity. Each roll class is divided into girl and boy only groups and they work their way through a rotation of different activities. The students have been enjoying this program with the only teething problem being the need to change uniforms each morning. This program may be introduced across all the GRC campuses next year. Ms Larkin from Hurstville Boys has received a fellowship to further study this program internationally.
Deputy Principal’s Report – Scott Wilson advised that the Year 10 students completed their exams today. The Year 10 students will be participating in two days of Orientation at the Oatley Campus on 1st and 2nd December and the Big Day Out on the 4th December.

The Year 10 Formal is being held at Darling Harbour on 26th November.

The Year 10 Presentation day is 12th December and the Year 7, 8, 9 Presentation day is 15th December.

The Sports Presentation day is Friday 5th December and Rob Horne is attending as guest speaker.

GRC Peakhurst has now reached the top of the list for funding under the Supporting Disability Children’s Program and this money will be used to improve access to the area for all students under the shade cloth and will include a new surface and seating. Also work will be done to improve access to the car park and basketball courts for all students. The current plan is for this work to be carried out in week 8 or 9 of this term.

Scott suggested that the SRC students could sell the left over bottles of water at the mufti day on Friday. The charity for this mufti day, is compassion and the supply of clean water to third world countries.

The Year 9 electives have now been sorted out including the re-allocation of students as a result of the need to cut one IST class because of staff re-allocations. The students involved were given options for changing.
Correspondence

An email was received from Lauren Osmond seeking a parent representative for the School Captain interview panel. Kathy Osborne has volunteered.

The Banks Online Safety Forum presented by David Coleman MP and Paul Fletcher MP was held on 11th November at the Oatley Campus. This Forum was attended by Kevin and Doug.

General business

Mark Bancroft queried when the Duke of Edinburgh Awards from 2013 would be received. Scott and Holly agreed to investigate why these rewards have not been distributed.

The Uniform shop will open on the Orientation Day but not the Presentation days.

Ken from Lugarno Lions club has suggested the School grounds could be used for parking for the Lugarno Festival in 2015 as a fund raiser. (The Oatley campus charge $5 per car for parking for the Oatley Lions Festival.)

An email was received from Carolyn O’Brien expressing concern regarding the introduction of the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program at a local primary school and also Penshurst Girls and Hurstville Boys but not Peakhurst. Concern was expressed that the students from Peakhurst would be disadvantaged as they would not have been using technology as part of their daily lessons.

Terry and Holly confirmed that there is a bank of laptops and as well as the computer laboratories for use by all students at GRC Peakhurst. There are problems such as connectivity, compatibility and security issues when introducing a BYOD program in a School.

It was further noted that Peakhurst will be reviewing this issue again, but a high priority is to ensure all students have equal access to technology in a non-discriminatory way. In a trial at Penshurst with Year 9 students earlier this year, there were 39 students unable to bring a suitable device for use at school.

Terry also noted that the bandwidth appears to be slow at GRC Peakhurst. This should however be addressed as part of ET4L and new Wifi system.

Next meeting – 9th December 2014 from 6pm at the Maso’s Club.

Meeting closed – 9:15pm

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