East Hills Boys High School P&C Minutes Monday 30th July 2018

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**Meeting Opened: 6.15 pm**

**Present:** Hend Zaid, Susan Boxall, Julianne Cakirsoy, Mary Letfallah, Sanee Chemeissem, Andrew Kontellis, Steve Cavanagh, Steve Suteski and Director Warren Finn.

**New Members:** No

**Apologies:** Karen Savins**,** Frederika Parrington, Janine Kateeb, Sarah Abdo & Ursula Jungo

**Approval Previous Minutes:** June minutes previously distributed via email.

Moved: Julianne Cakirsoy Seconded: Susan Boxall Any Amendments: Date of next meeting should have been 30/7 not 30/6. All agree: Yes

**Business Arising:**

**Community Building Partnership (CBP) Grant.**  It was discussed and decided that we would proceed with the purchase of some of the seating as applied for under the grant now rather than wait for grant decision in Nov/Dec with school to contribute now also. Whether school or P&C to purchase is to be clarified.

**MOTION**

**East Hills Boys High School P&C Association approve to spend $10,000 as outlined in the CBP to purchase seating from Unisite Group. The favouree of the cheque will be either the company or the school.**

Moved: Susan Boxall Seconded: Julianne Cakirsoy All In favour: Yes

**End of Year celebrations.** Possibly separate celebration days for the 3 stages. Determining the number of students with more information at the next meeting. P&C willing to contribute to the event.

**Insurance**. Hend submitted the annual insurance form and cheque for premium issued tonight.

**Incorporation.** The P&C was incorporated on 29 June 2018.

**MP Mr Coleman**’s visit was discussed, and he outlined further government grant. Further info to be provided but would be $10-20,000 and P&C would have to match amount. Presented some sports awards and spoke about buses and gym. Tonight’s meeting then discussed issues with school buses and parents can complain to Transport NSW about late buses.

**Correspondence In:** P&C Community News, Mr Coleman advised he has contacted the bus company, casual vacancy for P&C Federation, School Infrastructure, Insurance Options & Harlequin Group catalogue.

**Correspondence Out: Nil**

**Principals Report**

* Steve Suteski gave a presentation on the Y6 Transition to High School. Six local schools with 98 students attend the Create and Conquer day on the day of the swimming carnival. Great feedback and increase in parents as a result on open day. Primary Links for Y6 students commenced with boys attending 1 day per week for 8 weeks. Will look at including more Y5’s in 2019. Creates positive view of school. Possible 160-185 students in Yr7 in 2019 which is most for years.
* Purchase of school bus with suggestion from Warren Finn to approach Variety.
* Term 4 – Holding a high school experience day targeting 15 schools and looking at whether EHG will do the same. Another day for vulnerable students.
* Plans in 2019 for a Gala/Unity Day, possible spelling bee, promotional video of the school, an EHBHS showbag and establishing a Sentral Calendar for the local schools so events do not clash.
* Steve Cavanagh provided an overview of new Sentral interface. Login for parent interviews was positive with the greatest number turning out on the night and some teachers fully booked. Will be evaluated from staff feedback. Length of interview time and year groups may be reviewed.
* Parents logged into Sentral are 608 from 750.
* The 3 new science labs are operational. P&C may do walk through at next meeting.
* The Dept. is filming an item on the healthy canteens on 9/8. It will show how they operate across the 3 schools and how the joint tender worked.
* Japanese students have arrived and are billeted outside of school. At school they have a buddy system.
* Mind Marathon ran over 5 days for primary and high school teams. Some schools entered 3 teams. Entrance fee charged and is a major school fundraiser earning $10,000 approx.

**Treasurers report** See attached. No changes since last month with P&C contributions to be followed up.

**General Business:** Year 8 parents had to buy books from a list for literacy groups and these were difficult to find and lists then altered. Existing books can still be read. Cost factor for school to purchase online or purchase a bank of books and rotate amongst students. May organise a book sale to other parents. Executive committee will investigate further.

Warren Finn advised the Principals position will be advertised and hopefully will start T1 2019. He will attend another meeting this term but needs a community and parent representative for the panel. If not trained, any member can undertake it via the Depts website. Details to be provided.

**Meeting closed 8.10pm**

**Next Meeting**: Date to be confirmed. Should be 6pm Monday 27 August but school forms note it as 3 September.