MEETING OPENED: 7.35pm

ATTENDANCE: Sandra Green, Vicky Kalatzis-Vlahais, Deb Burford, Carmel Pemberton, Vicki Dodd, Kate Callinan, Heather Rutty, Ana Villaca, Robyn Tindall

APOLOGIES: Marion Payne, Susan Engall, David Robson, Sharon Anderson, Kate Atkinson.

GUEST SPEAKERS: VICKI KALATZIS-VLAHAKIS HEAD OF WELFARE. Vicki told us how the welfare department assist the student in a wide variety of ways. The welfare team supports students with physical, emotional, social or learning needs by connecting them with the best staff member to help them with their needs; this includes the school counsellors who are trained psychologists. The welfare department is also responsible for making the year 7 transition as easy as possible; the immunisation programs for our children, and constantly provides opportunities for the professional development of staff to create fully inclusive classrooms.

SANDRA GREEN, SUPERVISOR OF FEMALE STUDENTS: The supervisor if female students’ role is to create a safe and supportive space for the female students. This is achieved by looking after their physical and mental wellbeing, working with both the male and female students for good integration by making sure that both the male and female students understand how to be respectful to one another.

ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Heather Rutty, seconded Robyn Tindall

BUSINESS ARISING:

* LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP DINNER REPORT: on the 17th of July we had a farewell/lifetime membership dinner for Lauren Borst. Lauren sends her gratitude for a lovely dinner, wonderful gifts and lifetime membership. Lauren, unfortunately, has yet to find a suitable occasion to wear her new bucket hat. As a side note in regards to the dinner, Robyn (president), Heather (treasurer) and Kate (secretary) had an executive meeting to allow funds to be used for gifts, flowers and certificate. The amount agreed on was $170.

* WOT OPERA DONATION INFORMATION: The last time this came up the past P&C agreed to contribute a shortfall amount up to $500. It is agreed that we shall do this again. Carmel will find out how much money, if any, is needed

* BLOG FOR MINUTES: we have decided not to blog the minutes as they are readily available on the schools website.

* FIVE ISLANDS TEACHING AWARDS: the P&C will have input in the awards given.

* INPUT FOR PARENTS WORKSHOP FOR HSC: Cathy, Heather, Robyn and Deb will organise the workshops.

CORRESPONDANCE:
* Media releases from the federation about the closure of small public schools.

* P&C association of NSW 2015 AGM to be held on August 22nd from 9.30am in Parramatta. Unfortunately no members are able to attend this year

* P&C insurance renewal for 2015-2016, Kate to find out exactly what is covered through the school.

* Waminda bakery information for a pie drive. To keep for future reference.

* Roya; Far West charity asking for a donation. P&C decided to continue to give to the charities that we have already chosen.

* Letter from Sharon Bird about an upcoming grant called Stronger Communities Programme. Grants can be from $5000 - $20,000. Kate to email an expression of interest. Applications will be sent at the end of August, applications close on the 30th October.

TREASURERS REPORT

* The grant from Ryan Park has now arrived; we are getting closer to our goal. A big big thank you to Heather Rutty and Tracey Tzanopolous for all their hard working in getting this grant for the school.

* we have 7 outstanding entertainment books which is much better than last year. Thank you to Carmel and all the roll call teachers for all your help in this.

* Carmel was given a certificate of appreciation by the P&C for all of her amazing help.

PRINCIPALS REPORT:

DEPUTY PRINCIPALS REPORT:

* Electives selection is coming up. Year 10 students can have a “taster” class to help with choosing their electives.

* Earn and learn is doing well

GENERAL BUSINESS

* ideas are needed and appreciated for future guest speakers

* David is getting an award at the UOW on Wednesday the 12th August, for his contribution to Education. Congratulations David.

MEETING CLOSED: 8.55pm