

Parents and Helpers of Illawarra Sports High Agenda
Wednesday 17th February 2016

Meeting opened: 9.30am

Attendance: Raechel McCarthy, Natalie McCann, Michelle Johnson, Christine Okoniowski, David Trewartha, Suellen Veigel, Odette Edwards

Apologies: Roxanne Dean

Agenda Items:

- **Welcome Natalie!**

- **Principal report**
 - Staffing news
 - Natalie McCann CLO
 - Tracy McGrath Rel HT PE
 - Renee Bortolazzo and Erica Patton temporary Autism class teachers
 - Matt Hood temporary science teacher
 - Carrin Demillia temporary TAS teacher
 - Meagan Hannon new permanent PE teacher
 - Enrolment Return
 - Larger numbers than in previous years, particularly in Year 7 therefore anticipate new timetable Term 2

- **Swimming Carnival Presentation (Natalie)**

- **2016 RAM Funding**

- **Tour of new toilets!**

General Business:

Minutes

- 2016 brings forth new changes in staff. Some are a result of staff changing roles but also that our student numbers have grown which means more staff are required.
- Term 2 will see us with a new timetable which will hopefully mean smaller classes which is better for the students and teachers.
- Our TSDP program is drawing students from a large area.
- The position of one of our Autism teachers is being put to a panel again Permanent appointment made by the end of the due to an appeal being upheld.
- It was great to see the turnout of students to our swimming carnival. Some students even thought it was the best swimming carnival ever! The introduction of mufti clothes and dressing in your house colours was definitely a positive and encouraged more school spirit on the day. It was suggested that perhaps we should introduce a house shirt that students can wear to any of our sporting carnivals. When students leave this could be donated into the school clothing pool. This idea of a house shirt should be put to the SRC and other members of our school community for feedback.
Also should we implement a house chant for the students and points for the best dressed house at carnivals? This may increase the positive spirit in our students at these events.
- The new girls toilets are finished and look fantastic. The girls have pride in their new facility and as such are taking care of them i.e. no graffiti etc.
- The school is hoping to start SMSing parents when children are absent from school. Staff need to ensure the rolls are up to date and when students are late they are actually getting their names marked off to show they are present.
- The issue of a small number of students smoking outside school grounds was addressed. Christine will speak to the Community Centre about having someone come to school to speak to students about smoking and its effects.
- Yr. 5 / 6 Expo night. It was mentioned that Hayes Park did not get any information about the Expo night. It was also addressed that perhaps as only TSDP staff go to the primary schools, which a lot of parents assumed the open night was just for students who were interested in the TSDP program and not just general admission. It was discussed that later this year, Jane Jarman as the 2017 year 7 year advisor should go to our feeder schools and introduce herself.
- Yoga classes are being held in the school on Tuesday afternoons from 3 – 4pm. So far it is just staff attending and usually there are between 8 and 10. The cost is \$10. It was suggested that this could be offered to our senior students as there are probably a number who would be interested in going. Should it also be offered to the community at large as well?

- TAPS classes will put on a play this year. It was suggested that the children to perform the play to the community and not just the students families. We could also charge a small entrance fee which would help raise funds for the school.
- Our boys WRAP class has been very successful.

General Business

- Air conditioning in the classrooms. Raechel said it is the cost of a power upgrade that prevents this and not the cost of the unit. Raechel will look into the power and what could possibly be done.
- Students were told prior to the swimming carnival at assembly, that the winning house will get a BBQ but the only students that can attend are ones that have attended both the swimming and athletics carnival and were present at school on the day of the cross country.
We need to speak to Berkeley pool about why on the day students could not do a controlled swim as has happened in previous years.
One parent enquired what the \$5 entry was for if entry to the pool is free. Raechel is going to look into this.
- David Trewartha offered to repair some fences at the school
- Next year in the year 7 we should include details about e-news, website etc. this will allow parents to stay in the loop of ISHS if they are interested in coming into year 7.
- Review of the school newsletter. Perhaps a detailed newsletter should go out once or twice a term and just include a 'what's on' or calendar of events every week. Natalie and Raechel to discuss.
- The year 12 formal is at City Beach with the exact date to be confirmed. Only students are allowed to attend. Parents and family are able to come and take photos and there are mocktails prior to the meal. One parent suggested parents should attend the year 12 dinner. This will be discussed with staff and year 12 students to see what the feedback for this suggestion is.
- Next meeting will be Wednesday 16th March at 9.30am
- Meeting closed 11am