



WATERFORD KAMHLABA

United World College of Southern Africa

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Minutes of the PSA AGM held on the 13/03/2007, at 5.30 p.m. in the amphitheatre, Waterford Kamhlaba, Mbabane.

1. PSA Chair Welcome to Parents

The PSA Chair, Peggy Bide, welcomed all the parents, new and old to the meeting as well as Laurence Nodder and his staff. She thanked parents for attending especially those parents who had come, especially for the AGM and were not going on, to the Form 1 and 2 "Meet the Teacher."

Apologies were made for the fact that there were no minutes for the previous year's AGM, this was an oversight. It was announced that the first meeting of the new committee would be held on Thursday 12 April and that the office bearers for the coming year, (April 2007 –March 2008) would be elected then.

Peggy then introduced Laurence Nodder, the Principal and asked him to make his remarks.

2. Principal's Remarks

Laurence Nodder presented his report (See attached report)

3. Treasurer's Report

Nira Sarugaser, PSA Treasurer, then presented the financial report (See attached report). Parents were asked if there were any questions or comments, nothing was brought up.

4. Chairperson's Report

Peggy introduced herself and the existing committee members to the parents, thanking each one individually for their efforts for the PSA this year. She then introduced Tony Mallia, the outgoing staff representative on the PSA, thanking him for all he had done for the PSA and welcomed Lisa Mbuli the incoming staff representative. She then thanked Bruce Wells for his excellent leadership during Laurence's absence and for all the support he gave the PSA. She also thanked Laurence Nodder for his efforts and dedication to the PSA following his accident. He started attending PSA meetings again and being thoroughly involved as soon as he was able to and we really appreciate this.

Peggy referred to the letter sent out last week telling parents about the PSA. She reiterated what the letter had said by explaining that although we are involved in fundraising we also contribute to the school at large and therefore feel we are a real part of the Waterford community.

As a PSA we have also contributed to the community service projects. Our international dinner dance raised funds for the various community service projects, as did our bookstall at the annual fete. The

PSA is a good way of meeting other parents, staff, and the Governing Council thus giving one a holistic view of WK.

Peggy finished off by saying that being a member of the PSA was an enjoyable way of contributing to life in Swaziland and making a difference to the school.

5. Any other Business

Peggy opened the floor to parents who may wish to comment or ask a question.

A question was asked about feedback on a meeting with South African universities re the IB qualification. Peggy asked Laurence to answer. Laurence said that IB has been misunderstood by South African universities and that Kobus Lotte head of the old Joint Matriculation Board had spoken to the universities and that Waterford may be invited to a joint meeting of the universities in May in Stellenbosch to explain the IB. IB applicants form a very small part of total applications but the situation may be better in the future.

A second question was asked about a possible bus running from the Ezulwini in the mornings. Laurence said that when the new bus arrives it will be looked into but a morning service from the Gables is being considered.

Tony Mallia, Director of Residences, explained briefly about link parents. They are “parents “ for boarders who live far away and cannot get home for holidays. He asked any parents who might be interested in being link parents to contact him.

The AGM ended at 6.15 p m

The meeting of the new PSA Committee (2007/2008) is scheduled for Thursday 12 April at 5.30 p.m.