

# BATHURST PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C MEETING MINUTES

15 February 2017

## **Attendees:**

Tony McBurney, Sueann Brown, Tracey Platt, Luisa Simeonidis, Angela Morris, Kate White, Liz Arrow, Brenda Cutler, Annabelle Hillsdon, Heather Price, Renetta Wolfe, Mauricia Withyman, Kim Trenergy, Lucy Campione, Jodie Goninan, Rajju Basnet.

## **Apologies:**

Cindy Fox, Roz Townsend.

**Meeting opened:** 7.05pm

**Motion:** *That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2016 be adopted as a true and accurate record of events.*

**Moved:** Sueann Brown

**Seconded:** Heather Price

*Motion carried all in favour.*

## **President's report**

Tony gave a general welcome and introduction to newcomers.

## **Treasurer's report**

Tabled at meeting. It was noted we remain in a favourable financial position. Angela also prepared a list of our annual reoccurring costs to keep in mind when considering future expenditure and fundraising.

**Motion:** *That the P&C pay the Westco account for soap (\$493.40) and reimburse T.Platt for picture framing of 2016 school captains' gifts (\$260) and presentation day flowers (\$80).*

**Moved:** Angela Morris

**Seconded:** Annabelle Hillsdon

*Motion carried all in favour.*

**Motion:** *The February P&C treasurer's report be adopted.*

**Moved:** Angela Morris

**Seconded:** Liz Arrow

*Motion carried all in favour.*

## **Canteen committee report**

Tabled at meeting. It was noted that new canteen guidelines are likely to be introduced soon and some recommendations have already been adopted at BPS.

The P&C also noted the extremely hot working conditions for canteen staff and volunteers during the recent heatwave and will keep an eye on this situation.

**Motion:** That the February 2017 canteen report be adopted.

**Moved:** Sueann Brown

**Seconded:** Angela Morris

*Motion carried all in favour.*

## **BUSINESS ARISING:**

### **Lambert St Hall**

Tony summarised his discussions to date with the education department, council, ex-staff and our local state member about imminent plans to convert the Lambert St hall into 2 classrooms.

The P&C resolved to form a sub-committee to lobby the NSW Government and voice our strong opposition to these plans due to the detrimental effect it will have on our school, in particular our special needs and performing arts students.

The subcommittee (Tony McBurney, Annabelle Hillsdon, Luisa Simeonidis) will report back to future P&C meetings.

### **McMullen Hall access**

Tony presented draft plans for a wheelchair-friendly ramp into the hall, which also incorporates seating for our often over-flowing assemblies. We asked Kate to take the plans to the department's property section to seek funding for this project as we believe it provides much-needed disability access to the hall, while also preventing potential falls down the grass slope.

### **Purchase of event marquees**

Annabelle is currently finalising the purchase of 4 marquees in house colours with the school logo (expenditure approved November 2016 meeting). These will be used at sporting and other events.

Annabelle also suggested we consider purchasing hydration stations for the school (see pdf attached). This was noted for mention next meeting.

### **Cricket net resurfacing**

Kate reported the refurbished cricket nets are now ready for use.

### **Library stairwell**

The artist we have commissioned to paint artworks for the library stairwell will attend the school this Friday to measure up the space and get started. There was discussion about potential copyright issues but we determined the artist was the best person to decide what she feels comfortable with.

## **Book club/ clothing pool**

Both these perennial services are underway, with nothing new to report.

## **New member recruitment**

Remains a work in progress. We were happy to see three new faces at this month's meeting.

## **Call for champions**

Expressions of interest were called for people to champion/coordinate our annual P&C projects, with the following people nominating:

Event/project	Champion	Date
School discos	Annabelle and Brenda	<b>Term 1 and Term 4?</b>
Kindergarten tea towels		<b>Term 1</b>
Mother's Day gift and breakfast (Sunday May 14)		<b>Week 3 Term 2 (Friday 12 May)</b>
Year 6 tea towels		<b>Term 4</b>
Year 6 Jumpers 2017	Liz and Heather	<b>Term 4</b>
Year 6 gifts	Tony and Annabelle	<b>Term 4</b>
Father's Day gift and breakfast (Sunday Sept 3)		<b>Week 7 Term 3 (Friday Sept 1)</b>
Photo Opportunities (Year 6 Grad, School Concert )	TBC	<b>Term 3 and 4</b>
School concert fundraiser	Tracey	<b>Term 3</b>

As some people cannot attend P&C meetings, we decided to invite the broader school community via the newsletter to be involved in championing these projects and discuss further at the next meeting.

## **AGM**

It was noted our AGM is due next meeting (March 15). If Angela and Sueann confirm that our audit will be completed in time, the AGM (and its purpose/vacancies) will be advertised to the school community via the newsletter.

## **Principal's report**

Tabled at meeting

- Kate mentioned that the school is in dire need of general sporting equipment such as tennis balls and skipping ropes. Annabelle suggested asking for tennis ball donations as part of the Sports Fundraising Day.

- General discussion about the merits/pitfalls of giving out more age-based awards at the swimming carnival.
- General discussion about notifying parents about extra-curricular opportunities (such as band and choir). Kate to list information in an upcoming newsletter.
- Kate asked whether we would consider allowing student representatives to attend P&C meetings to provide student input on issues. The P&C agreed we would be happy for students to attend.

### **Other business**

- Request for the use of microphones during assemblies.
- Discussion about the cost and relevance of all equipment in school book packs.
- Discussion about airconditioning. Kate advised BPS doesn't meet temperature-based criteria for govt-funded airconditioning and if either the P&C or the school purchases airconditioning it would also involve electricity upgrades, ongoing maintenance and running costs, and the department would insist on the installation of solar panels.

**Correspondence:** Letter of thanks from Mr David Given.

**Next Meeting:** 15 March 2017

**Meeting Closed:** 9pm (ish - I forgot to write it down...)