

BATHURST PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C MEETING MINUTES

17 June 2015

Attendees:

Tony McBurney, Kate White, Kirsty Ridley, Sueann Brown, Tracey Platt, Deborah Munns, Jodie Goninan, Lesley Macready, Liz Arrow, Brenda Cutler, Heather Price, Annabelle Hillsdon, Karla Hanrahan.

Apologies:

Angela Taylor, Emma Spinks, Emma Simpson, Renetta Wolfe, Luisa Simeonidis, Sally Hamer.

Meeting opened: 7.10pm

Chaired by Tony McBurney

Motion: That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 May be adopted as a true and accurate record of events.

Moved: Kirsty Ridley **Seconded:** Lesley Macready

Principal's report

Tabled at meeting.

Brief discussion about the School Spectacular – appears we did not get in this year. This may be due to other schools be given the opportunity to participate on a rotational basis.

President's report

Tony said it was worth celebrating the achievements of the Back to BPS weekend. He said the historical information prepared for the event illustrates the proud history of the school and the P&C's ongoing role in its progress and development. The event attracted a good balance of past and present students and was a great example of what the P&C strives to achieve: community building, supporting the school, and fundraising.

Treasurer's report

Tabled at meeting.

Motion: That the P&C pay the following amounts from its general account:

- 8 x \$20 sports vouchers for western region reps (4 cross country & 4 netball)

Moved: Sueann Brown **Seconded:** Kirsty Ridley

It was suggested the school's sports teams have also been supported by the P&C in the past and we may wish to do the same for the netball team when they compete in September. This is to be discussed at a future meeting.

Canteen Treasurer's report

Tabled at meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Book Club

We have \$702 in credits to spend.

Books Plus is organising this year's Book Week. General consensus that this is a great way to support local business.

Back to BPS dinner and open day

Deb reported that the sub-committee believed the event had been a resounding success from both a fundraising and a community-participation perspective. The dinner was well attended and the fete was blessed with sunshine.

There was also wide-ranging discussion about the large amount raised and the projects/resources it could be put towards. It was suggested that we consider funding a large project rather than several smaller ones and that grant applications could help supplement this.

Some of the ideas included:

- extending the school hall or providing some sort of weather protection for the exposed area
- a multisports court
- playground artwork
- large chess sets
- more outdoor tables/seating for lunch
- vegie garden/chooks
- supporting the band
- scholarships.

It was decided the P&C should continue investigating ideas and obtain some ball-park price guidelines for further discussion at the next meeting.

As part of this discussion, Kate was asked about the possibility of future capital works at the school. Kate advised there was a proposal to redevelop the Lambert St building to include a lift and create more classrooms but this was likely to be a low government priority. We are likely to get another demountable next year. Tony volunteered to look at the dental clinic building to assess its challenges/possibilities as a functional space.

A decision was also made to sell the excess Back to BPS tea towels and badges at the school concert, while leftover sand-art kits will be sold prior to the Infant's assembly on the last day of this term (Sueann to create flyer).

Other business:

- Tony volunteered to take photos at the school concert.
- Father's Day activities to be discussed at next meeting.
- Sueann commended the support unit's article on a class activity in a recent newsletter and asked whether other teachers might consider doing this.
- General discussion about teacher training and protocols in place for casual teachers.
- Correspondence about the 2015 ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards was distributed and P&C members were encouraged to nominate via the website provided if they wish.

Next Meeting: 15 July 2015

Meeting Closed: 8.55pm