

BATHURST PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C MEETING MINUTES

18 May 2016

Attendees:

Tony McBurney, Kate White, Sueann Brown, Tracey Platt, Jodie Goninan, Liz Arrow, Heather Price, Brenda Cutler, Annabelle Hillsdon, Deborah Munns, Angela Morris.

Apologies:

Sally Hamer, Luisa Simeonidis, Deb North, Sam Wilson, Heather Kimbel.

Meeting opened: 7.05pm

Chaired by Sueann Brown

Motion: That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2015 be adopted as a true and accurate record of events.

Moved: Heather Price

Seconded: Sueann Brown

Motion carried all in favour.

Principal's report

Tabled at meeting. Short discussion about extended drop-off zone. Brenda reported council said marked angle parking is unlikely.

Jodie Goninan also presented the school's latest Anti-bullying and Anti-discrimination policies.

President's report

Tony took the chair. No report provided as matters will be dealt with in business arising.

Treasurer's report

Tabled at meeting

Motion: That the P&C pay the following:

- 2 x \$20 – Sports Vouchers for Western cricket and rugby league reps.

Moved: Liz Arrow

Seconded: Deb Munns

Motion carried all in favour.

Motion: That the P&C accept the May 2016 treasurer's report.

Moved: Angela Morris

Seconded: Annabelle Hillson

Motion carried all in favour.

Canteen report

Treasurer's report tabled at meeting.

Motion: That the P&C accept the May 2016 canteen treasurer's report.

Moved: Sueann Brown

Seconded: Angela Morris

Motion carried all in favour.

Sueann also reported:

- Thursday sales are picking up and while overall profits may not be as high as the previous year, the 4-day canteen appears to be going well.
- The canteen policy is almost complete.
- Request for Flexischools link to be added to school Facebook page.

Discussion about slushies. The meeting resolved to maintain the status quo until new govt canteen guidelines are released.

Kate to respond to parent re online ordering mishap (Sueann to forward details).

BUSINESS ARISING:

Lambert St Hall

Tony has spoken to the Regional Director of Asset management and has been advised there is no funding allocation for these works this financial year. The heritage review is being carried out and Tony will follow up the school's space entitlements to ensure they are in line with rising enrolments (now 575 students). Tony will also seek a meeting with the new regional director Toni McDonald to stay up to date on the issue. Our next step will be to write to Paul Toole MP and continue to explore our options on the use of this valuable/historic space.

Father's Day Stall

To be discussed in more detail at our next meeting. Discussion about organising a 'made' gift rather than holding another stall (we may consider alternating stalls/gifts each year).

Election Day Cake Stall – Saturday July 2

Deb to contact Amanda Lynch to see if she is still happy to champion a cake stall. Principal/Secretary to obtain required approvals. Further planning at our next meeting.

Library makeover

A detailed proposal and quote for new library furniture from bfx Furniture was tabled at the meeting. This project would constitute a major makeover of the library to make it a more exciting, engaging and functional space for students.

It was noted that other companies (including Raeco and Sebel) had been contacted by phone and followed up by email but failed to respond in time. Comparative costings were

obtained online and the quote seems fair and reasonable as it included a design concept and significant freight costs have been waived.

There was general discussion about new carpet and wall painting but at this stage it was decided it would not be required. The school is to finalise colour schemes in consultation with bfx to enhance the existing décor and possibly add more laminex panelling. However, it was agreed the stairwell leading to the library requires attention (possibly a book-related mural).

Motion: That the P&C accept the proposal and quote by bfx Furniture (approx. \$15,500 ex GST) and donate that amount to the school, along with funds for painting the stairwell, for a total cost of no more than \$20,000.

Moved: Deb Munns **Seconded:** Annabelle Hillsdon

Motion carried all in favour.

Kate to obtain quotes for painting the stairwell (possibly by person/s used by South Bathurst School) and present to the next meeting.

Discussion about holding an open day/book drive to update/extend the library collection and possible alliances with Ugandan schools – to be continued at next meeting.

Playground artwork

Everyone agreed the first stage of this project has been a great success. Sueann to discuss dates for next phase (handball courts) with Ms Roberts. Date to be advertised in school newsletter to encourage interested parents to become involved in painting.

District athletics canteen

BPS will be responsible for the canteen this year. Details to be discussed at our next meeting when the date has been finalised.

Grant applications

Deb volunteered to coordinate the following grant applications:

- CSU Education Grant (for purchase of beehive boxes and books for infants section of library)
- NSW govt Celebration grant (mural?)

School artwork donation

We agreed to accept the donation of an original watercolour of the school and pay for the freight costs (approx. \$70).

Cricket nets

Original fencing has been removed and new fencing is to be installed. Playing surface is proving stubborn to remove and may require new concrete.

Other business:

Discussion about holding a family portrait fundraiser. Sueann to investigate cost of packages and available dates.

Correspondence

- Sponsorship request from Bathurst Eisteddfod. Noted.

Next Meeting: 15 June 2016

Meeting Closed: 10pm