

BATHURST PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C MEETING MINUTES

19 August 2015

Attendees:

Tony McBurney, Kate White, Kirsty Ridley, Sueann Brown, Tracey Platt, Renetta Wolfe, Emma Spinks, Liz Arrow, Brenda Cutler, Heather Price, Karla Hanrahan, Fernanda Puebla, Denise Di Fazio.

Apologies:

Annabelle Hillsdon, Deborah Munns, Lesley Macready, Angela Taylor, Sally Hamer.

Meeting opened: 7.10pm

Chaired by Tony McBurney

Motion: That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 June be adopted as a true and accurate record of events.

Moved: Sueann **Seconded:** Heather

Principal's report

Tabled at meeting.

Kate advised she expects 537 enrolments next year, resulting in the need for 2 more demountable classrooms. Funding for a Deputy Principal will also become available next year.

Kate also drew our attention to SASS recognition week in the first week of September, which celebrates the important role school administrative and support staff play in education.

Tony requested that Naplan results be placed on the agenda for the next meeting and advertised to the general school community.

The meeting also agreed to promote the installation of flashing lights in our school speed zone in the school newsletter and to recognise the excellent job performed by staff who supervise pick-up after school. It was noted that double-parking remains a concern as it is hazardous to student safety and should be discouraged. It was disappointing to learn that people are sometimes rude to staff trying to ensure student safety in these instances.

Secretary to check with Sally Hamer as to whether a sports voucher had been awarded to Johnny Mocaraka for his state rugby selection.

President's report

Tony attended the launch of Education Week at BMEC recently and accepted a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the P&C. He also noted that the school concert was of exceptional high standard again this year and that photos would be available for sale soon.

Tony advised that due to family commitments our Treasurer will not be able to attend meetings for the rest of the year but, unless someone from the P&C wished to put their hand up for the role, there was probably no need to change the status quo until next year's AGM. The executive is to provide assistance to the Treasurer or reassess this arrangement if necessary. On behalf of the P&C, Tony extended our thanks to Sally for her work in this important role over the past three years.

Treasurer's report

Tabled at meeting.

There was further wide-ranging discussion about how our significant kitty could be spent, including:

- school signage
- multisports field
- paving artwork
- participation in the CSU RoboCup
- assisting the school obtain resources for the new science curriculum
- the need for more general school resources due to growing student numbers.

It was decided that as we still don't have a firm consensus about how the funds could be spent that members continue to investigate ideas for consideration at future meetings.

Motion: That the treasurer's report be accepted.

Moved: Kirsty **Seconded:** Karla

Motion: That the P&C transfer \$15,000 into a term deposit and that the Treasurer investigate and choose the best term/interest rate for an investment of up to 6 months.

Moved: Karla **Seconded:** Sueann

Canteen Treasurer's report

Tabled at meeting.

The need for a special queue to pick-up recess orders was discussed. This is to be set up at the window closest to the wall. Students using this queue who don't have orders will be asked to stand in other lines.

Sueann sought P&C approval to move to electronic payment of accounts. The meeting accepted this was a good idea and suggested it could also be useful for the general P&C account (to discuss with Sally). Tracey and Emma to obtain Netbank access to allow this.

The canteen committee is to discuss the need for extra casual staff to cover sick leave etc.

BUSINESS ARISING:

School uniform policy

Fernanda provided the meeting with copies of the updated BPS School Uniform Policy, which has been on public display. This was discussed at length to clarify some points and suggestions were offered about possible layout improvements. The P&C thanked the committee for their hard work in developing this document, which will now be discussed with staff before being finalised.

Back to BPS Souvenirs

As we have recouped most of our costs - and taking into account the difficulties of administrating further sales - the meeting decided to donate the remaining Back to BPS tea towels and badges to the school to sell/gift as they see fit.

Kindergarten tea towels

Sueann asked for advice on the best time to distribute order sheets. It was suggested to send them out soon with a view to obtaining all orders before the end of the term. The issue of collecting the money was raised, with Denise outlining the extra work involved for staff. It was suggested that the school collect and retain the funds, however a decision on this was put on hold pending discussion about online ordering (see below) and remains unresolved.

Father's Day

Kirsty volunteered to champion the BBQ and will require volunteers closer to the date.

There was lengthy discussion about organising a Father's Day gift with such a short lead time. It was agreed that the school community would expect the P&C to continue providing this service and various ideas were floated (cookie dough, father's day stall, photo frames etc). Emma Spinks volunteered to coordinate a Father's Day activity bag – Sueann and Renetta also offered to help. The bag is to be included as an option on the Father's Day breakfast order form to be sent out by Monday next week.

Other business:

Emma and Sueann outlined the advantages of an online ordering system for the canteen (which could also be used for fundraising activities such as Kindy tea towels). They presented the meeting with the costs of the Flexischools ordering system and there was general agreement that this idea was worth pursuing.

Tony asked that the canteen committee obtain quotes from other providers of these types of systems to allow us to compare the costs to the P&C and parents and the reliability of the system. Kate also asked that the P&C consider offering the canteen on a 5-day-a-week basis as it is the largest school in Bathurst and continuing to grow.

Next Meeting: 16 September 2015

Meeting Closed: 9.55pm