

BATHURST PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C MEETING MINUTES

21 October 2015

Attendees:

Tony McBurney, Kate White, Sueann Brown, Tracey Platt, Emma Spinks, Liz Arrow, Brenda Cutler, Annabelle Hillsdon, Kylee Francis, Jodie Goninan, Renetta Wolfe, Luisa Simeonidis

Apologies:

Heather Price, Sally Hamer, Angela Morris, Deborah Munns, Lesley Macready, Kirsty Ridley, Heather Kimbel

Meeting opened: 7.15pm

Chaired by Tony McBurney

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

Moved: Emma Spinks **Seconded:** Liz Arrow

Principal's report

Tabled at meeting.

Discussion about an Education Department proposal to convert the Lambert St hall into 2 classrooms to cope with the growing student population. We expressed our concern about losing this valuable space but under departmental policy Kate said the school is not entitled to 2 halls.

For the same reason, we were advised it would be unlikely that the dental clinic could be converted into extra school accommodation (the P&C had suggested it might be able to fund refurbishment of this building so it could be used as a science lab or art room). However, Kate will discuss this with Properties when they come to inspect the hall.

President's report

Tony reported that he had attended a recent Bathurst Ministers Association meeting that had discussed the school chaplaincy program the school has applied to take part in. He provided the meeting with some background information on why the program has been developed and how it will not be religion based/biased.

Treasurer's report

Tabled at meeting. Tracey advised that \$997.50 had already been paid to Expressions Australia for the Kindergarten tea towels as this was an expense we had committed to in previous minutes. Sueann reported that we made a profit of \$257.50 on this fundraising activity.

Motion: That the treasurer's report be accepted and that the following amounts be paid:

- 1 x \$20 voucher (Sport or Books Plus) to Matilda McDonald for Western Region Debating.

Moved: Liz A **Seconded:** Sueann B

Canteen Treasurer's report

Tabled at meeting.

Motion: That the report be accepted and that the following amounts be paid:

- \$68 to reimburse Sueann Brown for the purchase of a fan for cooling the canteen.

Moved: All in favour.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Canteen operating hours and online ordering

Emma advised that the trial of online ordering will not start until Term 1 2016.

We revisited the proposal to increase the number of days the canteen operates and the following decision was made:

Motion: The P&C supports a proposal by the Canteen Sub-committee to trial operating the canteen for four days a week in Term 1 2016.

Moved: Liz A **Seconded:** Annabelle H

It was suggested Thursday might be the best new day to add and that we consider making it a "Healthy Meal Deal only" day to encourage healthy choices and to reduce workloads. Final decisions will be made by the Canteen sub-committee.

Due to a drop in volunteers and the extra workload of operating 4 days a week, we also agreed to the following:

Motion: The P&C supports the proposal by the Canteen Sub-committee to pursue participating in the Work for the Dole employment program in 2016.

Moved: Annabelle H **Seconded:** Liz A

Kate advised that a member of the school executive will need to be on the selection panel when interviewing applicants for this role.

Jodie asked if the Canteen Sub-committee could also look at the Healthy School Canteen Self-Assessment tool and provide the canteen's policy documents.

Fundraising expenditure

We decided to invite staff and the whole school community to suggest ideas for spending our fundraising kitty. Ideally it should be something substantial that benefits the majority of students. A call for suggestions will be placed in the newsletter and collated for the next meeting.

Personal Development, Health & Physical Education policy

Kylee Francis provided a copy of the draft PDHPE policy. There was discussion about the new mandatory 150hrs of physical activity a week and how that will impact on timetables and other areas of learning. We also raised the importance of swim safety and whether there was any way more students could be encouraged to take advantage of the program offered by the school.

Year 6 farewell gifts

It was decided to put a call out in the school newsletter for a volunteer to coordinate the Year 6 tea towels. If one is not forthcoming it is unlikely this will go ahead.

By majority vote we decided to purchase signature bears as the Year 6 farewell gift but possibly add a BPS USB stick if the budget allows (budget set at \$12 per student). Renetta and Annabelle to coordinate.

Brenda Cutler volunteered to coordinate Year 6 jumpers for next year.

Futureproofing the PC

Tony asked the meeting to think about ways of encouraging more people to join the P&C next year. Some of the ideas suggested included a family night at the beginning of the year (not just for Kindy parents) and an event that celebrates our growing multicultural community. This is to be discussed further at the next meeting.

Other business:

Liz provided information about Living Fundraisers (plants), which might be a good options for Mother's/Father's Day fundraising next year.

We received a lovely thankyou note from Miranda Campbell for the sports vouchers she has received.

Next Meeting: 18 November 2015

Meeting Closed: 9.10pm