

## BATHURST PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C MEETING MINUTES

17 February 2016

### Attendees:

Tony McBurney, Sueann Brown, Tracey Platt, Annabelle Hillsdon, Liz Arrow, Deb North, Stacey Stafford, Amanda Wells, Tania Wade, Brenda Cutler, Sharon Café, Jodie Goninan, Luisa Simeonidis, Deborah Munns, Heather Price, Sally Hamer

### Apologies:

Kate White, Lesley Macready, Angela Morris, Renetta Wolfe, Sam Wilson

**Meeting opened:** 7.09pm

Chaired by Tony McBurney

*Motion: That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2015 be adopted as a true and accurate record of events.*

**Moved:** Deb Munns

**Seconded:** Sueann Brown

### Principal's report

Presented by Sharon Café. Tabled at meeting.

Discussion about:

- Great team spirit displayed at the recent school swimming carnival and how to boost attendance levels (Luisa volunteered to investigate possibly banding with other schools to put pressure on BRC and Belgravia to reduce fees to improve access to swimming facilities)
- Whether the cost of hiring school musical equipment is contributing to low band numbers
- Displaying the school song and national anthem on the screen at assemblies
- Composite classes and their impact on teaching/student learning.

The P&C also acknowledged and thanked the school staff for the large amount of work they have put in to reorganise classes in order to accommodate our growing school population.

### President's report

Tony noted it was great to see several new parents at our meeting and welcomed them to the P&C.

He then provided an update on his representations to the Department of Education on the following issues:

- **Deputy principal:** He was advised that the school has to show it can sustain required numbers for 2 years before a deputy principal can be appointed. However, some extra funding has been provided to support executive level staff. He asked that staff keep us informed of any developments on this issue and any challenges it causes.
- **Parking of education office cars:** This has not been discussed in detail due to other more pressing matters but is still on the agenda.
- **Lambert St hall:** Following a meeting with Peter Harvey we received a written response from the regional director of asset management indicating that Lambert St Hall is considered 'surplus' and therefore the proposed conversion into classrooms is likely to go ahead pending a heritage impact assessment. The meeting was dissatisfied with this response when other alternatives appear available and space at the school has reached critical levels. As a result we will escalate our opposition to this

proposal. Annabelle, Tracey and Deb M volunteered to join a committee to assist Tony with this process.

Tony also reported that he had represented the P&C on a recent interview panel and been impressed by the standard of applicants.

**Treasurer’s report**

Tabled at meeting.

Sally advised she will need to resign from her duties at the AGM. On behalf of the P&C, Tony thanked Sally for her commitment and diligence to the role over the past 3 years and the many initiatives she has introduced to improve our financial reporting processes.

**Canteen Treasurer’s report**

Tabled at meeting.

**BUSINESS ARISING:**

**AGM**

The 2016 AGM was set for Wednesday March 16. Both the canteen and general P&C audits are expected to be completed before that date. Meeting and roles to be advertised in the school newsletter.

**Playground artwork**

Sueann advised that Lisa Roberts had surveyed teaching staff for artwork ideas and as a result plans were now well underway. It is anticipated that painting will be completed in the next school holidays. Sueann has also negotiated a discount on paint from Inspirations in Keppel St.

**2016 Twilight ‘Welcome’ Picnic**

This event was originally scheduled for March 11, however, due to the tight timeframe it was suggested it may be better to investigate alternative dates. Tony volunteered to do this and will require support in coordinating the event.

**Project champions**

The following people have kindly volunteered to champion these annual projects in 2016.

Event/project	Champion	Date
Kindergarten tea towels	Brenda	TBC
Mother’s Day gift and breakfast (Sunday May 8)	Annabelle/Tracey	<b>Week 2 Term 2 (Friday 6?)</b>
Year 6 tea towels	Brenda	<b>Term 4</b>
Year 6 Jumpers 2017	Annabelle	<b>Term 4</b>
Year 6 gifts	Deb Munns	<b>Term 4</b>
Father’s Day gift and breakfast (Sunday Sept 4)	Deb North	<b>7th week Term 3 (Friday 2?)</b>
Photo Opportunities (Year 6 Grad, School Concert )	TBC	<b>Term 3 and 4</b>

School concert fundraiser	TBC	<b>Term 3</b>
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Details for each event and other fundraising ideas to be discussed at the next meeting.

**Other business:**

- The meeting noted several parents have offered to assist with fixing the cricket nets and that we should continue to investigate ways to capitalise on this.
- The family that won the Back to BPS artwork last year have donated it back to the P&C as they have relocated. The P&C agreed that it should be donated to the school to be placed on public display.
- Liz advised that the Book Club has significant credits available for the school to spend. Several members suggested that some of this be spent on chapter books for the library.

**Next Meeting:** 16 March 2016 (AGM followed by March general meeting)

**Meeting Closed:** 9.30pm