

Meeting Minutes Wednesday 1st August 2018

Present:

BPS: Maria Lambos, Belinda Mikhail-Gogos

P+C: Lyndal Rutgers, Rob Taubman, Richard Banks, Jason Ockerby, Sophie Knox, Josie Simpson, Lauren Nahkies, Joanna Nicholas, Mark Chambers, Van Allen, Liam Reid, David Sidman, Mel Daniels, Sarah Linhart

Minutes recorded by: Lyndal Rutgers

1. Welcome

Meeting opened at 7:05 pm with welcome from Rob Taubman and acknowledgement of country from Josie Simpson.

2. Apologies

Anne Irvine, Barnaby Jenkins, Nyree Morrison, Mel Slavin, Victoria Lush, Tiffany Zehnal, Doug Talbot, Jo Edwards, Ariana Davis, Linda Lovett, Sarah Weston

3. OOSH Update – Rob Taubman

- The ESC Director, Isabelle Kim has stepped down, and the role is in the process of being filled. Matt Tichelaar is the acting Director in the interim
- There has been a third incident on the stepping posts near the library during OOSH, with the injured child requiring treatment at hospital. ESC Committee are considering keeping this area roped off during OOSH as a safety measure. Possible alterations to the design of this area are being considered by P+C, however no course of action has been decided at this time.

4. Previous Minutes

July 2018 – Minutes accepted (Proposed: Jason Ockerby; Seconded: Richard Banks).

5. Actions Arising

- Investigations re: toilet repair locks/new seats
⇒ **Maria Lambos; Sophie Knox; underway (see 6.4)**

6. Correspondence

- P+C have been receiving numerous correspondence regarding ‘fundraising opportunities’; however it is noted that in all cases, the company involved would be taking a cut of any funds raised, and parent volunteers are still needed to coordinate the activities
- P+C Federation – ongoing lobbying of gov’t for more funding

6. Principal’s Report

6.1 Vote of Thanks

On behalf of Maria, the staff and students, a huge vote of thanks was extended to P+C, and especially to Scott Feeney, for the amazing transformation of the Year Six Area. The new space is wonderful, and the students are really enjoying using it. There is also potential for it to be utilised during class time as an outdoor space for learning.

6.2 Change to Break Times Schedule

This term K-2 and 3-6 are trialling separate break times on Mon-Thu, in order to reduce the number of incidents in the playground due to overcrowding. The teachers have found break times

to be much calmer, with the children enjoying more space to move, and greater access to the park equipment. Friday break times are still combined, which provides the children the opportunity to mingle across stages. The teaching staff have adjusted to the change, and have found that it has streamlined the timetable, allowing shared activities within stages.

6.3 IT update

- A small increase in levy funds has been received since the July meeting. Laptops – although the purchase of 30 laptops was approved at the July meeting, as IT equipment has to be ordered through Procurement, Ms MG has been waiting for an economical entry-level laptop. There is now an HP model available, which can be used as a laptop or a tablet, at \$587 each including 2-year warranty and support – these will be ordered shortly.
- The projector in 1/2G isn't working and hasn't been able to be fixed. Replacement of the projector is expected to cost \$1200-1500; although the associated board is already 8 years old. An LCD smartboard will cost approx \$6500 wall-mounted, or \$8000 with a moveable stand.
- In preparation for the addition of coding to the curriculum in 2019, BPS have ordered four LEGO ev3 mindstorms robotic units, for use by Stage 3 students. These will complement the Beebots already being used in Stages 1 & 2.

6.4 Education / Science Week

There will be an Open Morning on Wednesday 8th August in celebration of Education Week and Science Week. The band will be performing at morning lines, and the classrooms will be open from 9-10am for parents and carers to visit.

6.5 Toilet block improvements

A new lock has been ordered to replace the broken cubicle lock, and new seats have been ordered for the children's toilets. These will be installed by the GA.

7. Finance Report

- \$108343 at bank, with \$45K remaining to spend, taking into account allocations and provisions.
- \$16K has been raised so far by the P+C levy, from 101 families.

8. P&C Goals and Issues

- Term Three Calendar – details are being published by Maria in a rolling calendar in the school newsletter, with school events highlighted in yellow and P+C events highlighted in blue.
- Reading Program – better reader initiative. To complement funding further assistance for readers needing extra support, the P+C would like to fund an initiative / incentive to encourage readers at all levels to further engage with reading. This could be provided as a small incentive at class level (per week / month), or additional inspiring books for the library with the opportunity for students to write reviews for their peers. Teaching staff and Ms Whelan to be canvassed for their ideas.
- Book Exchange – a parent has proposed the idea of a BPS book exchange, in the form of a box / basket in the playground to enable students to swap books. There was support for the idea, although questions were raised regarding when and where the exchange would be made available, where the books would be stored, and who would be responsible for overseeing it – possibly the library monitors? Ms Whelan to be canvassed for her thoughts.
- Tax Deductible Building Fund – there is a small subcommittee discussing the details behind implementing such a fund, hoping to put together a brief summary to bring to the group. As there are formalities involved, it would make sense to inaugurate it at the same time as the P+C AGM, so that the necessary office bearers could be voted in.
- Art Show
Tickets and children's artworks are now for sale through Flexischools. The class artworks are underway, and the kids are excited about their projects! The staff will be invited to attend the

Friday evening event, as guests of the P+C. Josie has done an amazing job sourcing external artworks from some highly regarded artists (both donated and by commission) for the silent auction. A number of local businesses have made generous donations of goods and sponsorship for the event, and their details will be published on the programs as a vote of thanks for their support. There is an online volunteer roster prepared, to be sent out Week 3, along with details to be published in the newsletter.

- Year Six Valedictory Dinner
The town hall has been hired, and plans for the event are underway.
- Fans / Temperature Monitoring
The data from the audit period required by DOE (January) to determine eligibility for air conditioning did not meet the required average of 30-33°C. However, P+C are interested to know the influence on room temperature once the children are in the classroom, as anecdotally teachers and students still find the rooms uncomfortable during summer. Liam will bring a data update at a future meeting. Next steps are to determine costings for the more achievable remediation options (including venting of the roof cavity; ceiling insulation; and repair of the upper level windows), for P+C to decide a preferred approach, and then prepare a project submission to DOE for approval. There have been reports in the media of possible further political funding of air conditioning for schools – this would be worth raising with the local members.
- BFR
The committee are in the process of signing sponsors for this year's event, although this has proved more difficult this year and is requiring more work for the committee.

10. Events Calendar

- Father's Day Breakfast – Friday 31st August from 8am, planning is underway
- Art Show – Friday 14 and Saturday 15 September, Week 8 Term 3
- Halloween Disco – Friday 26 October, Week 2 Term 4
- BFR – Sunday 18th November, Week 7 Term 4

12. Canteen report

- Planning for 2019 is underway – details coming soon.

13. Any Other Business

- Change of Uniform – at this stage the survey of BPS community members and students indicates that the uniform colour will be changed. A number of respondents indicated dissatisfaction with Pickles as a supplier. BPS does not hold a contract with Pickles, so the change of uniform would present an opportunity to change suppliers. Alex, an OC student who presented her FTL project last term with a parade of sustainable clothing which she crafted from recycled materials, has been in liaison with a company called Sustainable Schoolwear. She has continued her interest in the topic of sustainable clothing, and is meeting with the company to obtain details and pricing for a uniform made by them using bamboo. She will bring a presentation to Maria and the P+C to outline her proposal. A question was raised regarding recycling or repurposing of existing uniform stock once the new uniform is introduced – to be further investigated.
- NAPLAN 2018 – results have not been received by the school yet, but are expected in August.

Meeting closed 8:40 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday 5th September at 7.00pm in the staffroom. All welcome!