

P & C Meeting Minutes

MEETING: Wednesday 4 March 2020

Minutes recorded by: Alma Dayawon

Introduction

Meeting opened at 7:45 pm

Attendees

BPS: Kate Tamplin, Lauren Goodridge, Maria Lambos

P&C: Alma Dayawon, Alvin Lau, Andy Bingeman, Anne Irvine, Ash Guven, Ben Liqueste, Candy Jenkins, Chandra Shastry, Cindy Scheule, Claire Talbot, Elena Kudinov, Emma King, Emma Weir, Gemma Puplett, Jason Ockerby, Jen Hsieh, Justin Dunwoody, Kate Dryden, Liam Reid, Mariana Boulos, Marilyn Olson, Melissa Slavin, Mick Darda, Natasha Foster, Renate Harris, Shehana Darda-Teixeira, Stanislav Kudinov, Victoria Lush, Victoria Rampton

• Welcome and Introduction P&C President

• Apologies P&C Secretary (acting)

BPS: Sarah Weston, Annabel Yau

P&C: Van Allen, Joanna Nicholas, Cliff Philipiah

Actions Arising

- Kate Tamplin presented on STEAM (presentation/funding request attached) Approved \$4,519.91 for STEAM funding (proposed by Alvin Lau; seconded by Jen Hsieh).

Correspondence

- The previous bicycle rack was binned by a contractor during playground renovations. As the replacement rack doesn't correctly support bicycles without causing damage to spokes, recommendation to ask contractor for like-for-like replacement. **Action:** BPS to contact contractor.
- Two parents have emailed to report that soap dispenser in girls' toilets are not functioning properly. Per Maria Lambos the dispensers were not effectively working, and the supplier Ecomist installed new dispensers on the 26th of February. Other parents have reported the issue persists. **Action:** Maria Lambos checking to ensure the dispensers are functioning properly.
- Rob Taubman has confirmed that Balmain Town Hall has been booked for year-end activities.

• Principal's Report Maria Lambos

- Interactive Whiteboards (projectors) installed and in use - KG, 1/2C, 3/4M, 5/6F - as reported at last P&C meeting, \$2,132 balance from 2019 - Kate Tamplin reported IWB in STEAM Lab faulty - Mr Sean Baumann checked (unrepairable, out of warranty, 1st IWB installed in the school) - P&C exec asked for 2019 IT

balance to be put towards new IWB for STEAM – projector only (at this point) installed at same time as 4 x IWBs.

- School resource fee ready to be sent out - awaiting P&C advice (to be sent simultaneously).
- Reading support funded by P&C 1 x day/week for 3 terms - Liz Newell working alongside Margy Whelan and Judith Shumack, Learning and Support Teacher (LaST), to target students requiring extra support with their reading. School is funded for 2 x days/week LaST - school budget paying for 3rd day.
- Gum tree just inside boundary corner in Ms Pauline's Garden has unfortunately died (quite quickly) and has had to be removed. Kate Tamplin noted that the trunk was able to be cut and remnants to be re-used in garden area.
- Hand wash dispensers have had to be replaced in the toilets, as they weren't dispensing properly - also looking to order hand sanitiser for all classrooms/spaces.

• **Finance Report**

Referred to Finance Report presented during Annual General Meeting.

• **P&C General Business**

Balmain Fun Run

Jason Ockerby and Natasha Foster (with Doug Talbot joining via phone) presented an update on Balmain Fun Run, which for the last 11 years has been the school's largest annual fundraiser, raising \$40-50k and drawing 1,500 participants.

With parent participation is flagging, the team is raising the question of the fundraiser's sustainability. The recommendation is that 6-8 people are needed from the school community to join the committee and commit for a minimum of two years.

Action: Jason and Doug will organise meeting to take place within the next three weeks to gauge interest in and discuss continuing the event in the future. Also suggested looking at Mini-Mos (Mosman Public School) and the Dobroyd Public School Bay Run as models for integrating the event into the community.

Sharepoint for P&C Use

School parent Chandra Shastry has offered to take over administrator duties on the BPS P&C Sharepoint site, which was set up in 2019 by former BPS parent Neil Lawrie. The Sharepoint suite includes a range of tools including file storage, messaging, communications and the Office suite itself - if required- is free, as the P&C can take advantage of the lifetime license as a non-profit. Potential uses suggested include P&C document management, event management and uniform stall. Chandra will work with P&C to identify upcoming event that could be used as trial.

Climate and Sustainability

As an action from the February 2020 meeting, Shehana Darda-Teixeira presented a report on what other schools, locally, interstate and around the world are doing to create a more sustainable school environment and actions related to climate change.

The team that put together the report recommended that a Climate and Sustainability Subcommittee of the P&C be created to develop plans to support climate action.

The motion to create the new Climate and Sustainability Subcommittee was approved. (Proposed by Shehana Darda-Teixeira, seconded by Mariana Boulos).

Parent Social Event

Confirmed for Friday the 3rd of April. Anne Irvine seeking volunteers to assist with silent auction, typically the evening's largest revenue source. Justin Dunwoody, Andy Bingeman, Victoria Rampton and Ash Guren kindly agreed to help.

Art Show

Planning underway for 18-19 September event, led by Josie Simpson, with Felicity Bowman and Brigit Karstrom from BPS. Request for \$1,540 for hire partition to display works was approved. (Proposed by Alma Dayawon, Seconded: Justin Dunwoody)

• **2020 P&C Events Calendar**

- **Parents evening event:** Friday 3 April; 7-10pm
- **Art Show:** 18-19 September

• **Any Other Business**

Next meeting: 7pm Wednesday 1st April in the Connexion Hub

Meeting closed at 9:10