

## Meeting Minutes Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016

### **Present:**

BPS: Belinda Mikhail-Gogos, May Ellwood,

P+C: Rob Bennett, Rob Taubman, Cliff Philipiah, David Finlay, Mike Fairhurst, Danielle Fairhurst, Kim Janson, Nyree Morrison, Van Allen, Alma Dayawon

**Minutes recorded by:** Kim Janson

### **1. Welcome**

Meeting opened 7.08 pm. Welcome from Rob Bennet and Acknowledgement of Country.

### **2. Apologies**

Maria Lambos, Lynda Lovett, Biddy McDermott, Lyndal Rutgers, Andrea Smith, Rob Smith, Natasha Foster, Vanessa James

### **3. Previous Minutes August 2016**

Minutes of meeting accepted (proposed Rob Bennett, seconded Rob Taubman)

### **4. Actions Arising**

Nil actions arising this month.

Actions arising for 2017- revisit the ticket price for the Art Show, BPS caps and stricter uniform policy, distribution of P&C storage area keys,

### **5. Correspondence**

Nil correspondence this month.

### **6. Principal's Report**

Thank you to those who assisted and attended the Halloween Disco, the evening was a great success and enjoyed by all those who were there.

Maria reported BPS has two full-time teaching positions vacant.

Due to increasing numbers of students at the school, Maria expressed a need for another smart board will be required for the 14<sup>th</sup> classroom. The purchase of the smart board was approved (proposed by Kim Janson, seconded by Cliff Philipiah)

Lost property continues to be a problem within the school, parents advised to label clothing and try to check the lost property regularly for missing school items. Discussion over ways to reduce the amount of lost property and find options to keep the amounts of lost property looking tidier in the school.

### **7. Finance Report (see attached)**

\$22K raised by the art show means that there are now enough funds to move onto the next stage of the playground. Maria to notify DOE and ULP about possible start dates.

The BPS P&C Levy, voluntary contributions reached close to \$15 000, thank you to the school community for a great response.

### **8. BPS P&C Goals**

2016 goals update/ comparison with 2015 and the Presidents Report to be compiled by Rob Bennett and made available by the end of the year.

### **9. 2016 Events Calendar**

**Footsteps Halloween Disco-** Cliff would like to thank those who volunteered and assisted with the running of the disco. A special thanks to Peter Lazareff and Emma King for donating the disco lighting to the P&C for this and future events. Set-up thanks to Tiffany Zehnal, Oddette Harvey, Christine Brown, John and Cath Chatterton, Emma King, Nicci Mozes, Karina Cecion, Emma Alt-Graham, Jennifer Del Baglivo and anyone else we may have forgotten, thank you. The evening raised \$2 127.

**Belle Property Fun Run-** are having a short sharp campaign this year. School class reps to send email to try to increase entries from the school community and to try to enlist more volunteers. A notice to go in the newsletter every week until big day.

Kate Melber & Jane Williams have the job this year of coordinating volunteers. Job descriptions will be forwarded to make it easier for volunteers to put their hand up. Rob Taubman to write a personal note to kindergarten and year 5 OC class reps to increase their understanding of the event.

Gold sponsor Running Science has set up a FREE Balmain Fun Run Club - 4pm every Wednesday. Kids and accompanying parent are shown running techniques. Can the school and P&C please market on their behalf. Running Science has set up a rival club at Orange Grove Public School.

Great response to sponsorship drive has seen increased sponsorship, 3-4 repeats, so the focus this year has been on growing the number of runners. Adverts have been placed in Runners World, Run for Your Life and other magazines to reach an audience of 25,000 runners in NSW. This year there is more media engagement through the running community.

Cliff Philiphia to contact Inner West Courier to get some coverage.

Drink Stations this year will be set up in non-Inner West Council parks (Drummoyne & City of Sydney Councils). Rob Taubman to allocate the 4 weekends from 22<sup>nd</sup> October to classes to man the stations. What is required is 3 volunteers per stand for 2 hours, 7-10am. A committee member will set up and brief, come back and pack up. BFR to send clear dates as it will only be either Saturday or Sunday per weekend.

The chosen charity this year is – Sydney Breast Cancer Foundation at the Chris O'Brien Lifehouse. BFR are hoping to raise \$4000 in donations. The staff at the Lifehouse are very accommodating for interested people to come through the building.

Dunking machine has been ordered (\$5/throw) – teachers are asked to volunteer please!

The two main priorities at the moment are volunteer and runner registration.

Paul Foster and Brenton Anderson are stepping down from next year; a new committee leader is required.

#### **10. OOSH Report**

No OOSH report was available this month.

#### **11. Canteen Report**

Van reported there was a record number of orders last week- 173 orders- Thanks to the Blue Eyed Dragon for their continued support to BPS.

#### **12. Any Other Business**

Lost property, as previously mentioned, continues to be a problem at the school. Rubbish, is also another problem that needs to be addressed. The school will look into formal clean up times and liaise with ESC about how to keep the playground tidy. Discussion about the lack of bins in the school yard and whether more can be obtained. Also the possibility of obtaining large plastic bins to assist in tidying up the lost property. Proposed rob Bennett, seconded Kim Janson.

Audit of the school shed to be attended next year.

Cobden and Hayson are looking to promote and revitalize the Balmain Market, they are offering to donate a stall once a term to BPS for their use. Anyone interested please contact Maria.

**Meeting closed 8.45 pm**

**Next meeting: Wednesday 7th December, 7 pm- Venue for the final meeting of 2016 TBA.**