

## **P + C Meeting Minutes**

9<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Minutes recorded by Victoria Lush

**Meeting started 7.03pm**

**Attendees – meeting was held via Zoom**

**BPS:** Maria Lambos, Belinda Mikhail Bryant

**P&C:** Gemma Puplett, Shehana Darda-Teixeira, Victoria Lush, Paul Galpin, Cliff Philipiah

**Via Zoom:** Nathalia Stone, Tamara Heath, Renate Harris, Doris Lan, Bec, Karen AT, Alma Dayawon, Lauren LaChapelle, Natalia d'Morias, Claire Chivell

**Apologies:** Hamutal Mazrier, Anne Irvine, Nancy Ferguson, Annabel Son

Welcome and introduction – Shehana

- Acknowledgment of country
- Welcome and introduction - P&C President
  - Thank you to Cliff & Vic for seeing P&C through to AGM
  - Thank you to teachers
  - P&C proud of achievements from last year
  - Huge thank to Paul for the toilet upgrade
  - This will be her second last meeting – thank you to new parents who have indicated to join P&C – send questions through

Previous Minutes (Dec 2021) Victoria – read & ratified by Alma, Renate & Shehana

Correspondence – Victoria

- Hamutal has emailed the P&C Exec with suggestions for new grant opportunities to look and consider for application opportunities
  - Note there is only 2 days until the application is due so unlikely to have time to consider
  - Michael Ward Community Award – just to minute this as was submitted after last P&C – Cliff asked, to avoid in the future can we get invoiced earlier? Maria will do now – submit invoice for 2021 and 2022.
  - Zoom – renewed the billing
  - Some new parents have emailed to say interested in joining the P&C – they will be contacted!
  - Victoria also asked new attendees to email contact details to the P&C email address (can't fill out forms as via Zoom)

Principal's Report - Maria Lambos

- Welcome to country
- All our students are now finally at school, with our youngest members, Kindergarten starting on Monday this week! Belinda update...
  - Belinda – kindy summary – all started and learning has started
  - Been wonderful – no tears – great start to the year
- **Toilet Upgrade:** Huge THANKS to all involved in the toilet upgrade - from Lexie B (Prime Minister 2021) who initially approached me and then presenting to the P&C; the P&C in wholeheartedly supporting the initiative; parent Gabrielle L for the assistance with the grant application; parent and P&C Treasurer Paul G and parent Brendan O'B and his crew for making it all happen! What a difference it's made to the appearance of the toilets! Hopefully, your children have noticed and commented!

- **COVID-smart measures:** As per SkoolBag comms, we continue to follow DoE guidelines this term and will update if/when there are changes, through the usual channels
  - **Positive Cases @ BPS** - we follow guidelines as to the comms that are sent out to the community. Please understand that we are unable to name specific classes or notify each time a positive case is reported. I understand that ESC inadvertently reported the number of cases attending ESC to the families in their comms, which does not align with our advice.
  - **Masks are strongly recommended** (but not mandated) - each class has a box of child masks, in case children would like to wear one/forgotten theirs at home
    - Shehana – Q – do teachers remind the kids to put masks on– are they allowed to remind them?
      - ML – yes, will send out note to teachers to remind younger kids
  - Students should continue to attend school, unless they are unwell
  - **Schoolwork during isolation** - the DoE has packs available for students who are isolating, as per the link in the newsletter. Teachers are not able to supply work to individuals who are isolating
- **Solar My School update:** no further comms since my December report – was told February 2022 – will let the P&C know any updates
- **IT Levy:** No change since the December report (Balance as at 8/12/21 **\$17,689.50**) - before we send out this year's School Resource Fees, could you please decide whether you'd like the IT levy to remain at \$82, or would you like to increase?
  - Shehana – is there an update to say that this amount won't cover needs? Or needs to go up?
    - Maria thinks this can stay especially as there is a healthy balance
    - P&C voted to update to \$85 (small increase)
- **Classroom Money:** Our teachers are very grateful for the financial support annually and hope that this will continue this year. If so, are you able to decide on an amount this evening, so they can start planning and buying resources? Thanks in anticipation.
  - **\$500 a semester per classroom – ML to send through invoice**
- **Reading Support:** Last year, the P&C was able to fund a specialist reading teacher for one day/week for the entire year, with some very pleasing results. Is there any plan to continue this in 2022?
  - Paul – is this \$20K again?
    - ML – would love to start straight away
    - \$5K for one term
    - **Shehana has asked for the breakdown of \$\$ for term by term – wants the habit to be more transparent and have forward planning – include \$\$ for IT support – planning ahead**
    - **Cliff has asked if we can be invoiced per semester to manage cash flow**
- **Art Show/Garden Club:** Felicity Bowman will address the P&C later in the meeting

## Finance Report – Paul Galpin

- Since last meeting cash \$91K – \$12.5 White Bay Trivia Night deposit
  - \$2K variation due to
    - \$900 from cake stall, \$1K election day BBQ
    - \$480 net donations for air filters – good support from the community
      - Updated coms to advise new parents of any donated \$\$ are for ongoing maintenance of the air filters
- Cliff – some expenses have come in – will sort with Paul
  - \$4K for Yr 6 expenses – overall profitable
  - \$270 Yr book money coming in

- Funded \$34K for the toilet upgrade – money that will come in from the grants more than covers this outlay \$6-700 left over
- Lodge the funding deeds last week – there is a bit of a delay but will come back to the P&C
- AGM coming up – Rozelle PS will continue with reciprocal arrangements to be ready for AGM – still looking good for the March 2<sup>nd</sup> date
- Tiling in outdoor toilets – looking for another grant – needs redoing, steam cleaning did not do much

## P&C Issues/General business – Shehana

- Filling roles in the P&C - volunteers
  - Still need a new secretary for next year before the AGM
  - Also need a call out for President and VP roles
  - Shehana to draft email re roles and time commitments
  - Ms Biggins and Ms Karstrom – how sad to hear we have lost them – such a huge part of Balmain – Ms Biggins was heart and soul of the school – hope we can give a really great farewell.
- Set date for next AGM – March 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 2021 P&C Events Calendar
- Suggest new Exec come up with the new Events programme
  - Still can't do events on school grounds due to COVID restrictions
  - Gabby still working hard on Trivia Night – has been pushed back to a new date in mid-year
- BFR update
  - Nicola B – child in Yr 2 – has taken on the role of BFR coordinator – very hard to plan events at the moment!
  - Update on 2022 options
- Trivia Night 2022 - Gemma
  - White Bay Passenger Terminal Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022
- Cliff – Sally to split P&C Events role with other parents
- New roles – need to sign up -

## Actions Arising

- Swim Caps and PSSA needs

## OOSH Report – no report

## Uniform Stall Report – no report

## Any Other Business?

- Felicity Bowman – can we look at doing the **Art Show** this year?
  - Good support for this
  - Alma – might clash with Trivia as don't usually hold 2 big events in the same calendar year – but there is an appetite to try
  - FB – thinking Term 3
    - Each child produces one work to go to parents
    - Every class produces a collaborative piece – goes up for bidding and goes to the P&C
    - Fund Raisers - as big or small as we want – invite community artists etc or can do smaller school virtual event
  - Maybe table this for the new Exec
  - **Garden Club** – in memory of teacher Ms Pauline who passed away – garden near the kindergarten area – FB has tried to drive this initiative – has pursued this during her “on duty” I the garden club
    - Have an hour every fortnight where classes have environmental experience
    - Yr 6 2021 gift to this area as well

- Lots of options – re-vision the area –
- Shehana – overwhelming support for the Art Show – needs to hand over to the new Exec – whole heartedly support this – Garden Club again for the new committee – needs an idea of what costs you are looking at, upkeep maintenance, bigger project etc
- Paul – spent a lot of time at the school over the holidays, there is a lot of people who would get together for a work crew (working bee??) loads of parent volunteers over a holiday or weekend...some monetary costs – but this would help benefit – feels positive about her requests – especially environment to showcase for the kids and support as a P&C
- Cliff –
  - Maria invoice for the \$500 from the Yr 6 contribution
  - With a working bee - P&C puts on lunch and pays for equipment – but last time we held this we did a great deal of work and was really successful
  - Garden Club - Any produce we can sell through a stall at Rozelle Markets – Cliff had negotiated this
- Victoria – to FB - please send through proposal for both Garden Club and Art Show \$\$ wish list

### Save The Date – future P&C Meetings

2022 dates

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, April 6<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup>, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sept 7<sup>th</sup>, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>

All P+C meetings take place at 7pm in the school ConneXion Hub, unless otherwise notified.

Meeting ended 8.06