

## **P + C Meeting Minutes**

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022

**Minutes recorded by Victoria Lush (departing secretary)**

**Meeting started 8.10pm**

**Attendees – meeting was held in person at The Cricketer’s Arm Hotel and via Zoom**

**BPS:** Maria Lambos, Nancy Ferguson, Felicity Bowman

**P&C:** Lauren LaChapelle, Gemma Puplett, Paul Galpin, Nathalia Stone, Renate Harris

**Via Zoom:** Alma Dayawon, Anne Irvine, Sarah Spencer, Krishna Neelamraju

**In Person:** Nathalia Stone, Renate Harris, Natalia d’Morias, Hamutal Mazrier, Natalia d’Morias, Tara Smith, Kate Dryden, Stuart Hunter, Gabrielle Levette, Robert Hynson, Karen Reiner, Shehana Darda-Teixeira, Victoria Lush, Cliff Philipiah

**Apologies:** Annabel Son, Belinda Mikhail Bryant

Welcome and introduction - P&C President – Lauren La Chappelle

- Looking forward to a great year

Apologies – Victoria Lush

- o Noted as above

Previous Minutes (Feb 2022) – Victoria Lush

- o Read - Alma, Shehana - ratified

Correspondence – Victoria Lush

- Contacted via email to be interviewed for Inner West Courier article: air con and classroom heat – Shehana/Gemma following up – Gemma has contacted via email
- Requests for funding received – discussed below:
  - o Request for funding for library books – Margie Whelan
  - o Request for garden project proposal – Felicity Bowman
  - o Request for funding for ART Show proposal – Felicity Bowman
- *Note the new format for funding requests so we have timer as a committee to consider requests*

Principal's Report - Maria Lambos

Congratulations to our 2022 P&C Executive Committee. We look forward to our ongoing partnership in supporting our students and wonderful school!

**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

- **Final RAT distribution** - 8 x saliva tests were sent home with students on Monday, to be used when the children are displaying possible symptoms. The DoE will NOT be distributing any further tests, as they are now so widely available in the community
- **Masks** - students and staff will be supported should they wish to wear a mask past Friday 4 March. Each classroom will continue to have a supply of child-sized masks
- **Buddies** - as cohorting is no longer necessary, we are in the process of organising Kindy-Year 6 buddies to begin with, with additional buddies throughout the rest of the school to be scheduled in a little later
- **Outdoor community activities** are preferred, as our indoor spaces, such as the hall, are subject to number limits (as per the initial ventilation audit). The hall has a capacity of 52 students/adults -

as well as Harmony Day, we will be having an K-6 Easter Hat Parade on the last day of term, with all our parents and carers invited onsite. This could be an opportunity to combine it with a P&C event?

- Due to large numbers of furry friends since COVID, we are no longer able to have them onsite. They will need to stay at home when their humans are visiting
- **Gradual introduction of stages in mornings**, commencing with a special Kindy visit. This will be communicated as we go
  - Parent helpers will be allowed back, classified as a visitor and need to be fully vaccinated and sign in
- Moving forward, afternoons will most likely remain similar to current pick-up procedures. Our gates need to remain locked to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students.
  - Shehana queried why parents can't come onto schools grounds in the afternoons
    - ML – gates need to remain closed until 3pm due to current cohort and risk of running to ensure they remain safe

**Classroom Money:** as approved post last meeting - thank you. Class teachers are beginning to spend on resources to complement the programs/learning.

**Reading Support:** as approved post last meeting - thank you. Supporting students with reading difficulties has commenced.

**Solar My School update:** no further comms as yet

- Victoria requested that ML chases this up directly - needs following up as we are in danger of having to return the money at the end of March 2022 if we cannot explain why the installation has not been commenced/completed

**IT Levy:** Opening balance - \$17,689.50

- \$4,590 = (equates to) 54 students paid to date (approx. 15%)

Current balance as at 02/03/22 - **\$22,279.50**

Finance Report – Paul Galpin

- o Classroom resourcing funds request received ML and been approved
- o Reading Support funds request received ML – invoices have come in
- o Books for the library - \$7000 request from the library –
  - **Put to a vote – approved**
  - Natalie d'Morias – can we ask for a review of what the money is spent on to be delivered to the P&C please?
  - Needs help with covering – push on the class reps
  - Stickers in the front of the books “THANKS TO THE P&C”
- o **Needs to transfer money from uniform account to pay for these – approved**

P&C Issues/General business

- 2022 P&C Events Calendar
  - o **BFR update** - Cliff
    - Update on 2022 options will come when the BFR Committee has met for 2022
    - Stuart Hunter – how will this be resurrected? Cliff – tap into the old parents group and Barnaby Jenkins – whole separate committee – will hook up with Stuart and BFR committee
  - o **Trivia Night 2022** - Tara Smith
    - White Bay Passenger Terminal
    - Was booked for March – hoping for a big night – postponed to the 27<sup>th</sup> May
    - Has secured \$5K from Bresic Whitney will which cover the venue hire (rest is bond)
    - Committee still meeting regularly
    - Send out comms for Save the Date

- Current sub-committee happy to stay on – will need lots of volunteers – securing prizes etc
- o **Calendar for 2022** - P&C Representative
  - Natalia d’Morias – asking about the calendar – map out fund raising versus community etc
  - Shehana - be aware of volunteer burn out but also know you have the opportunity of a unicorn year
- o **Art Show** - Felicity Bowman
  - Has sent proposal for idea for potential
  - Previously a bi-annual event – each child produces a work in class time
  - Also produced a class artwork which is auctioned off – bid on the items – P&C help coordinate
    - Friday night event
    - Saturday event
    - Tea-towels of major works
  - Proposal is for funding of these artworks
    - Eg screen printing/paper/framing
      - o Build on what they are already doing
  - Great community event/Yr 6 fund raiser opportunity
    - Q – Kate – agrees how fantastic it was – can we have events?? FB – parents are allowed to be invited to an event
    - FB – envisage for term 3 so hopefully no restrictions
    - ML – currently yes, community can be invited on for specific events (hoping for Easter Hat Parade, awards ceremonies etc) outdoor activities preferred, indoor have to follow current ventilation regulations and people limits – hopefully will ease as the year goes on
  - PG - \$5000 for cost of materials – balanced out by sales and ticket sales (past events have raised from \$15K to \$23K in the past)
  - FB is happy to be on the committee with the P&C to run the event/collaborative approach
    - Natalia d’Morias – is there a calendar of events??
    - Cliff – there is a calendar – will hand over to Karen. Plus a BPS calendar run by Maria
- **Voted on to support – CARRIED for funding \$5000 approved**
- o **Garden Club/Working Bee** - Felicity Bowman
  - Proposal sent requesting \$3K
  - In memory of past teacher who encouraged all kids in the gardens and other projects
  - Her legacy and wish was for BPS to recycle and be environmentally friendly, did not produce waste – with her team of environmental warriors (kids)
  - Two years not on-site – things have gone astray – Stage 3 from last year have made a donation to start this process
  - Proposal – has had guidance – is an out of bounds area – what we have is a small piece of gold to turn in to something they will enjoy – limited green space – dream is for an active green space – in memory of Ms Paulina.
    - Level it/Lose the gully
    - Raised garden beds
    - Has one hour every fortnight with the new environmental warriors to tend the gardens – have just been appointed so timing is urgent
    - Had someone coming to quote- sound scapes etc (Scully)
    - School fund raisers
    - Parent working bee???
    - To help save costs
    - Landscapers in our community??

- Cliff – consider – ESC is not for profit – so they might be happy to submit some money – maybe half?? (ML – upgrade of the canteen coming from ESC \$160K so might not have any more to give to this project)
- Hamutal – opportunity for grants – yarnning circles/rain water tanks
- Rob – teachers federation and council grants – will look into this
- Has meeting this Friday – will know more then – maybe do in stages depending on what we can fund this year
- o Paul – we need to asses – is this via a grant? Working bees? Etc
  - Cliff – Q to ML – Yr 6 from 2021 \$500 committed? ML - No. Donated to this project!
  - Lauren – will be lovely to have this space – whatever we need to do
  - Shehana – part of the sustainability project – Stephanie Alexander school garden kitchen grants (ML has said this is no longer an option).
- o In summary - P&C supportive in principal and will support how the funds are gathered. More work needs to be done around this.

### Actions Arising

- o Swim Caps and PSSA needs – Kate Dryden & Natalia d'Morias has volunteered to get quotes
  - School contact with be Carlton/Cooper/Reedy – can reach out to Emelia Cooper and Rose Reedy

### OOSH Report

- o Committed to a canteen upgrade - Quote needs to fit under amount of \$150K
- o Kate Dryden – communicated that there is big issue coming up – need update from ESC as there is a change in regulation coming up in regards to the future as a not for profit parent run versus a third party out to tender – controlled by the P&C?? Kate Murphy needs to update the P&C at the next meeting.

### Uniform Stall Report – none

### Any Other Business – Lauren LaChapelle

- o Kate Dryden – Q about scripture classes? Is there an issue?
  - ML – half way through wk 5/6 opened up in term 4 2021, from then on ethics and scripture could come back on site. Ethics came back immediately. No comms from the scripture teachers at that time – older volunteers worried about COVID .
  - Ethics and scriptures did start as of Friday last week – not full cohort of volunteers but as of this week they can combine stages and get kids to combine classes and attend.
- o Cliff – for Mother's Day walk – Sole Sisters walk – all schools on the peninsula – P&C from Nicholson St – have approached us to be involved again – was a great event last year and post event follow up with the fund raisers lunch and then helped pack the kits.
  - All in favour.

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

2022 dates

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 closed 9.18pm**