

P + C Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 4th August 2021

Minutes recorded by Victoria Lush

Meeting opened at 7.04pm

Attendees – meeting was held via Zoom

BPS: Maria Lambos, Nancy Ferguson

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

Via Zoom: Ash Guven, Anne Irvine, Mark Coughlin, Clare Rumbole, Mick Darda, Peta Joyce, Thalia Anthony, Wei Zong, Conor McCormack, Nikki Rooke

Welcome and introduction - Shehana Darda-Teixeira

- Shout out to teachers and support from the school
- Thank you! Audio files are a huge support.

Apologies - Victoria Lush

P&C - Hamutal Mazrier, Gabrielle Levette

BPS - Sean B, Annabel S, Belinda MB

Previous Minutes (June 2021) – Victoria Lush

- Gemma/Paul – read & ratified

Correspondence – Victoria Lush

- Solar My Schools – detailed below
- Feedback from coffee vouchers for teachers – parents wanting to thank and contribute
- City Hoops – voucher offer – have handed over to Trivia Night coordinators
- Offers for help/info for Sustainability Project (Suchi Szczepanski) – Shehana has followed up
- Band Programme Update – DIM response - Ash Guven
 - Working perfectly and is pleased with how it is running in lockdown this time – they have taken the feedback and it is much better

Principal's Report - Maria Lambos

- **Shout-out:** I would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank all our teachers and staff who spent their holidays redesigning and adjusting their programs/students' learning for remote learning, as the current situation in NSW was, at that stage, unfolding. As per last year, our staff quickly jumped in to ensure continuity of learning during this period and stage teams have been exploring various possibilities with the structure and delivery of lessons, to ensure our 363 students are supported and engaged. Minimal onsite supervision has been a little more difficult this time round, as we have over 25% of staff, including myself, who live in affected LGAs and must work from home. An additional special shout out to our roster of onsite teachers, who are also managing their Google Classroom, whilst simultaneously supervising and supporting students who are at school.
- **Kafeine Coffee Tab:** The teachers and staff are so grateful to the P&C for organising the coffee tab at Kafeine. Our community has also been so generous and adding to it. Thank you all so much!
- **Refunds for PSSA/PCYC:** As all non-essential activities are currently not allowed under Level 4 restrictions, Jenni has organised refunds for PSSA and PCYC.
- **IT Levy:**
 - Funds received as at 04/08/21 - \$24,273 (equates to 296 students - 82%)
 - **Balance - \$15,445**
- **Decodable Readers:** Thanks to the P&C for the generous \$10,000 allocation for decodable readers, so support our younger readers! It has been spent and all books have now been delivered. Ms Brigit Karstrom is currently working on creating the class sets, in preparation for when we return to face-to-face teaching. You may have read that the DoE has also organised for decodable readers to be sent to all

schools. Ours arrived yesterday and Brigit will add these to the class collections. Thanks to Brigit for organising.

- **Footsteps Online Disco:** The school has purchased an online disco event, which will run for 45 minutes through Google Classroom, for the entire school, on Wednesday 11 August at 2pm. The theme is 'Olympics', of course!
- **Synthetic Grass - underneath new COLA and concrete horseshoe steps:** I have received notification this week that installation will occur during this quieter period at school, due to minimal numbers during the day, as well as at before-school care. COVID-safe logistics are currently being finalised. It will take approximately one week.
- **Plumbing Works:** During the 2nd week of the holidays, plumbing works commenced to reline the sewer lines from the toilets. Thanks to Kate at ESC for accommodating this large estimate, last-minute (EOFY) approval from the DoE for the works to go ahead. The works were completed at the start of Term 3. These works do not affect the proposed P&C toilet upgrade.
- **Solar My School:** On 2/7/21, I received an email from the DoE Infrastructure (AMU) Sustainability Projects Officer, confirming that we have been successful in receiving \$7,500 funding under the School's Renewable Energy Co-contribution Program for our solar project. On 15/7/21, AMU confirmed that they are now responsible for the next steps - they will engage a solar contractor and ensure the project is delivered. I have yet to receive any further information at this stage.

Finance Report - P&C Treasurer – Paul Galpin

- Main account – we have had \$6000 go in since last meeting
 - \$5500 – Solar my Schools
 - \$308 – parent donations
- \$12500 White Bay Trivia Night deposit – for Trivia Night – is fully refundable – will be organised if event cannot go ahead on revised date
- SDT – the P&C Exec did record a new video to attract new donations for the P&C – will hold off in this uncertain period but will release soon

P&C Issues/General business – Shehana Dard-Teixeira

- School Technology update - Paul/Shehana/Rick
 - Push to next meeting
- Solar My Schools – CBP money received – NEXT STEPS: Victoria/Maria
 - Progress Report due by **15 July 2021 (completed)**
 - DoE approval then tender the job – update in Principal's report
 - CBP20 projects are required to be completed by **31 March 2022**
 - Completion Report submitted by **30 April 2022**
- Climate & Sustainability Action Plan – Sub-Committee - Shehana
 - Suchi offer of help –
 - Moved to the back burner due to current circumstances due to COVID
- Toilet Upgrade - Paul
 - CBP funding submission update
 - Brendan (parent/project manager) to approach vendors and service providers –
 - Start date? On hold a bit but will continue to push so starts before Christmas
- PSSA netball/soccer – fee refund?? - Cliff
 - Refunds coming (as per Principal's report – in action)
- Swim caps for BPS Zone team – by Feb 22 - Gabrielle Levette
 - Review what is needed for all zone sports (Cliff)
- Setting up Balmain P&C as a donation option on the new bottle drop off on Roberts Rd/Gab Levette
 - Cliff – will follow up with IWC

- 2021 P&C Events Calendar – Cliff Philipiah
 - BFR update – Nov 14th - Mick Darda
 - With recent COVID lockdown the BFR committee is reviewing if we can continue or postpone
 - Have decide to postpone for 2021 – difficult situation – especially for those businesses we need to come and support
 - Potentially to have something early next year – have 2021 BFR in March 2022 – and then run 2022 in Nov – just like the Olympics 2020....needs more discussion, tolerance etc especially as we are coming out of shutdown – when it does we need to get the feel from businesses.
 - Logistics involved – we would have to be spending money now that we just can't commit to
 - Challenges in businesses being able to keep operating in the current crisis – also the committee members under pressure for their own businesses
 - Yr 6 Farewell - Committee Update – Cliff/Clare Rumbold
 - Clare R – not much to say – 1st meeting is with ML on Monday
 - Loosely formed committee – nobody knows what is happening and what we can plan
 - Aim to do some fundraising this term
 - Will update next meeting
 - Mid-Winter Disco – was to be first fund raiser – had to be postponed
 - \$1500.00 from hoodies – a start!
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 - Trivia Night 2021 – **NEW DATE PENDING – Oct 23rd**
 - White Bay Passenger Terminal update – subject to restrictions – planning to go ahead As planned
 - Clare R, Chandra and Krishna plus P&C Exec – Paul/Vic/Shehana – ratified payment for deposit
 - If COVID still interrupts plans then will look at virtual options
 - Belle Property Sponsorship update
 - Mid-winter Disco – Friday 30th July - CANCELED / Cliff
 - Father's Day BBQ - cancelled
 - Halloween Disco – Friday 29th October / Cliff
 - NSW Local Election BBQ – NEW DATE - Dec 4th / Cliff
- Actions Arising
 - BPS Band Review (Rick & Tara)
 - Late in 2021
 - Sort out sheds and buy new BBQ to store (Cliff/Krishna)
 - Will have to wait till they can go on school grounds
 - Don't need BBQ till later in the year
- OOSH Report – Conor McCormack
 - Parents have been very supportive – this shutdown has no federal support for staff and centre
 - Casual bookings are welcome and available
 - Open at 2.30pm until 6pm daily
 - ML – advised the current advice is that families MUST stay at home wherever possible – changed from strongly encourage (kids are getting it this time around)
 - Ash – wants to confirm – are the parents having to pay as if the children are attending? (Conor – Yes) – is there anything else we can do to support ESC – parents still pay and get the rebates – in terms of numbers/payments, there is nothing from the government yet.
- Uniform Stall Report - None
- Any Other Business??
 - Mark Coughlin
 - Kudos to all teachers and parents for efforts and challenges

- Providing feedback – Google classroom has been a struggle as requires interaction from parents – has designed a learning platform to give to BPS for free – no obligation – wants to show what it can look like – saves a bit of work for everyone. Ipads or web based – installed on phones etc
- For parents to see how engaged the kids are – user friendly. Drag and drop content
- Offering himself to help
- All media is really accessible
- Did a screen share to present to the P&C
- ML – needs to keep in line with the expectations of the DoE – likes the look of it – would like feedback from Nancy F (as she is not the person creating lessons).
- NF – really like the annotation aspect – submit as is – interaction
- MC – can set up parent forums – will touch base off line with NF (Nancy – is mindful that a lot of this content is already on Google classrooms – and parents have different levels of IT literacy – but would look at better options etc)
- Will catch up with Nancy and Maria – ML will check through channels to see what they can look at.
- Meeting finished 8.10pm

NOTES – post meeting follow-up form Maria Lambos

Solar My Schools update: Maria has informed us that forms have come through for the upcoming Solar Installation Project at Balmain PS - needed to be signed and returned – so project is on track and in motion with DoE.

Alternate On-line Learning Platform: Maria checked whether there is a possibility of using an alternate platform – feedback was that Google Classrooms is the DoE approved platform. Noting that all of the tools that the NSW DoE recommends had to pass NSW DoE privacy and security testing.

As per the DoE's website, <https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/learning/diversity-and-inclusion/online-learning-technologies>

Mark C – Will explore options directly with the DoE

Save The Date – future P&C Meetings

Sept 1, Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 1

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

NOTE – all Term 3 2021 meetings will take place via Zoom