

## **P + C Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020

### **Meeting Opened 7.00pm**

**Minutes recorded by Victoria Lush (P&C Secretary)**

### **Attendees (via Zoom):**

**BPS:** Maria Lambos, Sean Baumann, Felicity Bowman

**P&C:** Shehana Darda-Teixeira, Alvin Lau, Cliff Philipiah, Victoria Lush, Alex Panikkar, Kate Hirst, Marilyn Olson, Gemma Puplett, Daniel Tan, Chandra Shastry, Doug Talbot, Ash Guven, Kim T, Mick Darda, Gabrielle Levette

**Welcome and introduction** - Shehana Darda-Teixeira (P&C President)

**Apologies** – Victoria Lush (P&C Secretary)

Alma Dayawan, Van Allen, Peta Joyce, Jo Nicholas

**New membership** – Victoria Lush (P&C Secretary)

New attendees – as we are via Zoom we cannot gather new forms - – if you are not receiving the minutes please send us your email.

Noted that the Issue with on-line registration has been fixed.

**Previous Minutes (August 2020)** - Victoria Lush (P&C Secretary)

**Motion** to accept previous minutes proposed Shehana Darda-Teixeira, Seconded Gemma Puplett. **Carried**

**Correspondence** - Victoria Lush (P&C Secretary)

Hats have arrived and are in use - Jo Nicholas

Suggestion received to put time limit on meetings - agreed!

**Principal's Report** - Maria Lambos

- Phone meetings currently taking place over a 4-week period
- Current Term 3 procedures continuing - school has had to come up with contingency plan regarding Year 6 Graduation and Celebration of Learning - to occur on school site

### ***If it remains that it has to be a student-only event:***

- During school hours: Formal presentation to be held at school
  - Brief teacher speeches
  - Class videos
  - Graduation certificates (a photograph of each student will be taken - with the assistance of a member of the graduation parent committee?)
  - Baby/Kindy/Year 6 photos video

**Question (Shehana) – can the proceeding be videoed or live-streamed for parents who cannot attend?**

**ML – can consider**

- During school hours: Teachers to organise a fun day of activities (e.g. film, games, sport, craft)
- Catering for lunch (with the assistance of the graduation parent committee?)
- Students can come to school dressed in mufti / according to a theme

### ***If restrictions change, to allow on-site parent attendance:***

- During school hours: Teachers to organise a fun day of activities for students only (e.g. film, games, sport, craft)
- Evening time: Formal presentation to be held at school for students and parents

- Brief teacher speeches
  - Class videos
  - Graduation certificates
  - Baby/Kindy/Year 6 photos video
- Catering for dinner (with the assistance of the graduation parent committee?)

### **Celebration of Learning**

As per above, the Balmain Town Hall is now not required.

In the case of a **student-only event**:

- During school hours: Formal presentation to be held at school - in hall or under new COLA (to be erected in September holidays)
- Photos of all award recipients to be sent to parents/carers

With **eased restrictions**:

- During school hours: Formal presentation to be held at school - in hall or under new COLA (to be erected during the September holidays)
- Parents/carers of award recipients to be invited to attend

- Current restrictions would also affect the disco, as well as the Balmain Fun Run
- IT Levy
  - 02/09/20 \$13,123 - 160 students (out of 382) - approx. 42%
  - (August meeting \$9676 - 118 students - 31%)
- Meeting with parliament re: playground has occurred - currently awaiting quotes
- **Semester 2 class room money? (Alvin/Treasurer responded to invoice it in)**

### **Finance Report – Alvin Lau (P&C Treasurer)**

Reviewed financial report (insert) not much has changed from previous month – narrative is that there is money there that previous parents have fundraised, so the consensus is the money should be spent).

There has been a new request from the school for iPads – this motion was passed

Request to replace 3D printer (currently on loan and being returned) – grant option was explored but there is nothing currently available (as per Alma) – this motion was approved to purchase inclusive of one year's worth of plastic to the value of \$1,500.

### **IT Plan 2020 – expanded scenarios on BYOD - Sean Bauman**

After further research/investigation his opinion is that we look at the BYOD for Stage 2 onwards – devices should have a 4 year life-span so will take the child through this period Yr 3 to 6

All laptops will do the job that is required so does not feel the need to stipulate to families what they need to buy – rather let them take advantage of summer sales etc to get the best price – other schools have found they get a 90% involvement.

There will be consideration for the haves/have nots – option to borrow a device/supply everyone

Shehana – asked about e-safety/digital and social education around devices – potentially putting devices in the hands of kids before their families might ordinarily consider it

SB – resourcing guidelines sent out to parents as well – there are refreshers at the start of each year with what's relevant – does feel that there also needs to be education in the home around what they can access on the home internet systems – very monitored and controlled at school

ML – does rest with school restrictions & family guidelines – the e-safety police-hosted talks would be extended to Stage 2 – online parental e-safety course information is sent out in the school newsletter  
**Shehana – as a P&C should we look at getting in experts to talk to parents?**

Ash G – asked if devices would be left at school or brought home?

SB – cannot guarantee safety of devices left at school – also need to be taken home and charged

Maria – needed to take home to complete homework

Daniel Tan – can refurbished devices be used?

SB – no problem – as long as they have what is needed

Alvin – thanked SB for research – simplicity is the key – will have a spread of views in school community – need to consult greater community – also consider bringing in slowly

Alvin – noted the price has dropped – SB explained that since he is not locking in parents to buy through school recommended avenues/procurement (and not a top level device) then no set costs and assumes lower \$\$\$. Will be a 3-4 yr project.

**Chandra – agrees does not need to be a high-end software heavy device – also suggested to lock in child accounts at home (has a back ground in IT and can help guide parents through this!)**

SB – school has e-safety locked in. Can do up a “how-to” for parents to help with home e-safety

**Next Step – feedback to be sought – Y/N**

**P&C Issues/General business** - Shehana Darda-Teixeira (P&C President)

Updated on Strategy work – group of new parents have come together to work on the Strategy Plan (will be presented at the next meeting), sponsorship direction for community and P&C – IT/P&C/Events etc –  
**Asked Maria for her ideas on school priorities**

Great to have new blood and new ideas – more information & emails to follow.

Alex Panikkar – brought up idea of school Kiss & Drop Zone:

- Run by volunteers
  - At drop off & Pick up
  - Remove car parks outside the school gates on Eaton St – make a kiss & drop zone
  - Suggested staggered pickup times
  - Has approached the council who have asked for feedback from the P&C
  - Petition?
  - Good for parents – no parking fines – will reduce traffic congestion
- Lots of conversation around this – is there actually a problem that needs to be resolved– reducing available car spots is not fair to parents who do want to park and pick-up younger children – does this fit with our move towards sustainability and encouraging walk/ride to school rather than drive?
  - ML – staggered times not an option once we are through the COVID restrictions – required by law to return to a full day teaching until 3pm

**ACTION – more work is needed on this proposal – suggest a vote/survey monkey??**

**2020 P&C Events Calendar - In light of latest advice/guidelines from NSW Health and the Department of Education (DoE).**

**Balmain Fun Run 2020** - update from meeting held outside of P&C – discussion presented by Alvin & Cliff on behalf of the BFR committee – Doug Talbot had to leave the meeting earlier. (Include minutes from this meeting).

There were queries around the financials presented in this report - but for now the discussion needs to be around what can we hold, how and when – just need to lock in and any revenue from sponsorship is a separate conversation.

In summary – the BFR in its current format cannot go ahead this year – the BFR committee are still looking at options of a Strava-style virtual event to be conducted for the running community (not linked to BPS for 2020). Can then look at feasibility of BFR for 2021 and beyond (this is a discussion for early next year).

BUT – for the kids at BPS – we are looking at a fun run day/colour run – has to be something that can be run without parents as not allowed due to restrictions – ML is finding out what we can do from council if we hold it in Mort Bay Park or Gladstone Park – there are companies who manage these sorts of events and can assist with on-line sponsorship from parents/carers.

Teachers Nancy Ferguson and David Carlton are keen to coordinate.

There are no up-front costs with this sort of event.

**Art Show – Felicity Bowman**

Has come up with a proposal – a full Art Show is also not feasible this year – cannot have parents on school grounds etc

Proposal – “Balmain Art Gallery” for the kids – middle floor/Week 2 Term 4 – display works, students are taken through, see artworks on display – about creating memories

For parents – a virtual newsletter/filming/behind the scenes/process

Posed questions around framing or mounting on back boards. Selling as a fundraiser?

Consensus was to not frame – everyone liked the idea of making a tea towel or tote bag for each class’s art works.

Idea for a book to be published – art works – 2020 impressions of an unprecedented year – view from the kids – poems/art/self-reflection....

Conversation as to whether this would sell? Does it compete with the year book? Should it have a local community – outside the school community feel? Could we present to sponsors?

For now this idea has been parked until next year.

**Virtual Trivia Night**

Kate Hirst & Gabrielle – have run virtual events/trivia nights before – have volunteered to coordinate this event.

Proposal is:

- to set up a virtual event where people host 6-8 friends in their home
- different platforms & sponsors to explore – will work with 2019 committee
- a Term 4 event – proposed date is 20<sup>th</sup> November
- looking at food & beverage options

**Year 6 Graduation – Jen Galama**

## Update:

- the event this year is a moving feast due to changing restriction advice/guidelines
- so far \$5.5K raised
- Looking at holding event on-site at the school
- Events have been sent out for a hold the date – Dec 14th
- “Twilight” theme for dress code and decorations
- There will be videos/slide show etc
- More details to come
- No requests from the P&C at this stage

**2021 Welcome to New Parents** – Facebook group has been setup

**Halloween Disco Update/feasibility** - Cliff P – on hold for now pending lifting of any restrictions – can pull together quite quickly – can make decision in a few weeks

**Actions Arising**

Proposal for pre-approved P&C funding - Rob Taubman not present – moved to Nov agenda

**Meeting concluded at 8.55pm**

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

4 November/2 December

All P+C meetings take place 7pm to 8.30pm in the school ConneXion Hub, unless otherwise notified.

**NOTE – 2020 Nov meeting and all other scheduled meetings will take place via Zoom until further notice**