

P + C Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 1st September 2021

Minutes recorded by Victoria Lush

Meeting started 7.01pm

Attendees – meeting was held via Zoom

BPS: Maria Lambos, Belinda MB

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

Via Zoom: Ash Guven, Cindy Scheule, Kate Dryden, Penny Oliver, Peta Joyce, Sophie Knox, Thalia Anthony

Welcome and introduction – Shehaha Darda-Teixeira

Apologies – Victoria Lush

- Anne Irvine
- Annabel Son
- Nancy Ferguson
- Sean Baumann

Previous Minutes (August 2021) P&C Secretary

- Read and ratified - Kate Dryden/Gemma

Correspondence - P&C Secretary

- Follow Up from Mark Coughlan re alternate online learning platforms
 - Detailed in August minutes
- Two new grant openings - Hamutal Mazrier
 - 1) COVID development grants (open until Jan 2022)
 - 2) NSW environmental education (to be open on Sep 2021)
- Email re returning to school - Gemma/Brydie Llyod-Roberts
 - Answered in ML report (or privately outside the meeting)
- Info sent re query about air filters in the classroom - Anne Irvine

Principal's Report - Maria Lambos

- **Coffee tab at Kafeine** - The teachers and staff are overwhelmed by the continued generosity of our P&C and community! Thanks so much!
- **Roadmap for student return to school:** as per SkoolBag/Pigeon Post
 - Under guidance of DoE/NSW Health – anything from the school has come from these departments (not school decisions).
 - As long as we are on track in state vac numbers then return to school is on track
 - Monday 4 October - Term 4 commences - learning from home for K-6 continues
 - Monday 25 October (Week 4) - Kindergarten & Year 1 return - learning from home continues for Years 2-6 (Yr 2 cannot allow to return)
 - Monday 1 November (Week 5) – Years 2 & 6 return - learning from home continues for Years 3-5
 - Monday 8 November (Week 6) - all students return
 - No parents/carers onsite
 - Kiss & Drop/staggered finish
 - All staff need to have mandatory double vac to return
 - As of Mon 25th October, any staff that is on site must be fully vac, or cannot come to work
 - As of 8th Nov – everyone on site, all adults who works for Doe must be fully vac
 - No parents/carers allowed on site
 - Masks mandatory for all staff (as per current procedure) & strongly recommended for all students
 - Some already coming to school with mask – Belinda – on in classrooms and playground
- **Wellbeing Wednesdays:** From next Wednesday, 8 September, all students K-6 will be participating in 'Wellbeing Wednesday', to encourage time away from devices and give everyone time to 'breathe'...activities will be on a grid and will involve items found at home. Students will be able to choose activities of interest.
 - (Belinda - should be a LOT OF FUN - get in a T-shirt with someone else, double handed and make a sandwich – colour wheel activities – connecting etc – fun things the kids will love – the direct their learning/choose focus area)

- Q – is this a mandated principle? ML - No - schools are choosing their own, different schools different structures. If it is a free day then it is hard for parents who are working – need the structure of school. Teachers are still available?
- ML – this is not a free day unsupervised – expected to choose from the grid and be engaged, and still post feedback
- Shehana – kids who are old enough to get along with home schooling OK – but those who need constant help makes it hard for working parents. Wanted to bring up the idea of well-being days/mental health days – encouraging kids to look after mental health and that this is OK. Really good message. Having a day without the pressure is a great idea.
- ML looking after everyone is really important
- Cliff – is DoE providing school with masks? Or would you need the P&C to use?
 - ML DoE has (from last year) provided sanitiser and masks, has sent them out – adults and kids sent as well
 - Cliff – is there enough for kids? – does P&C need to supply? (Belinda/ML – there are quite a few deliveries)
 - ML – yes will let P&C know if required
- Kate Dryden – any issues with vaccinations? Anything we can do?
 - ML – all on track – opening up vac for anyone in all age groups – all on track – all staff aware they need to be vac by certain date – mandatory
- KD – ventilation of classrooms?
 - ML At this point in time – there is no talk or any mention of ventilation
 - Yes windows open (for all work places) try to be outside where possible
 - Will have restrictions of keeping stage groups separate/break times (we are already on staggered breaks)
 - There is nothing from the DoE at this point
 - Shehana – this is what parents are asking – aware DoE can't ask that – if we as a school think that is an issue (can you tell us?) do we need to raise funds for?
 - ML – not that she is aware of research at the moment/is it worth our while?
 - Shehana – can the school seek direction from health?
 - ML – every classroom has fans and mini/portable air-con units – all we have
 - Windows are unable to open past a certain amount due to safety (height)
 - Ash – not aware of any data that is supporting this need
- **ACTION – do we need to research this further? Seek advice from health**

• **2nd Footsteps Online Disco:** The school has again purchased an online disco event, which will run for 45 minutes through Google Classroom, for the entire school, on Friday 17 September at 2pm. The theme is 'Pyjama Party'.

• **IT Levy:**

- \$287 added to IT Levy (3.5 students - 82.5%)
- Funds received as at 04/08/21 - \$24,273 (equates to 296 students - 82%)
 - **Balance - \$15,445 + \$287 = \$15,732**

• **Synthetic Grass - underneath new COLA and concrete horseshoe steps:** completed!

- **Belinda** – kids are rolling around on it! Soft and sensory.

Finance Report- Paul Galpin

- Cash P&C hasn't changed since last
 - \$139K in P&C accounts
 - Current cash position includes \$12.5K from trivia night deposit
 - \$5.5K – due to payout \$7.5K to school for Solar My School
 - \$400 for band (out of historic \$5700)
 - Toilets – plumber can get in from the end of term 4 and Christmas, then electrician, painter etc – in conversation to be on track

P&C Issues/General business

- Toilet Upgrade – Paul G
 - CBP funding submission update
- Solar My Schools update - Maria L
 - Solar funds request from department (Jenny sending)
 - No start yet but in the works as have asked for the money
- 2021 P&C Events Calendar
 - BFR update - nothing new to add
 - Can't hold in Nov as can't get level of sponsorship/ Looking at early next 2022
 - Yr 6 Farewell - Committee Update - Cliff
 - Sally Cooper (art teacher/former parent) did judging – 3 winners have been sent
 - KM Junior Face Mask winner
 - OC winner in tea towel comp
 - Claire and Alison handling the printing and ordering
 - Winning designs to go in newsletter this week
 - Everything else in limbo until once school re-opens and what can be held or done
 - ML – thinks Bizarre can go ahead with students only
 - Trivia Night 2021 – ****NEW DATE PENDING – Oct 23rd**** Gabrielle Levette
 - White Bay Passenger Terminal update
 - No update - Gemma
 - Halloween Disco – Friday 29th October Cliff
 - NO parents onsite till end of the year (ML)
 - This cannot go ahead
 - NSW Local Election BBQ – Dec 4th Cliff
 - Keep on the calendar for now
 - ML – school events different to local events

Actions Arising

- Sort out sheds and buy new BBQ to store Cliff/Krishna
 - On hold
- Swim Caps/all PSSA needs review Cliff
 - From last meeting ML said nothing had been organised
 - 2014/15 swim caps gift
 - ML – said singlets – brown & gold – no longer being used
 - ML – swim caps – before my time – also in her office – yellow with black logo
 - Not missing – just need updating
 - We need to order new ones with Lyndal
 - 20 caps
 - 20 rep shirts
 - Keep track of who we give them to
- Setting up Balmain P&C as a donation option
 - on the new bottle drop off on Roberts Rd
 - Cliff – has paperwork – is trying to list BPS as a charity so we can get donations
- Meeting finished 7.55pm

Save The Date – future P&C Meetings

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 & 4 2021 meetings will take place via Zoom