

P + C Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 6th October 2021

Minutes recorded by Victoria Lush

Meeting started 7.01pm

Attendees – meeting was held via Zoom

BPS: Maria Lambos, Annabel S

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

Via Zoom: Clare R, Peta Joyce, Sophie Knox, Thalia Anthony, Conor McCormack

Welcome and introduction – Shehana Darda-Teixeira

Apologies – Victoria Lush

Nancy Ferguson, Sean Baumann, Belinda MB

Previous Minutes (Sept 2021) – Victoria Lush

Read and ratified – Cliff/Gemma

Correspondence – Victoria Lush

- Two new grant openings (form Sept but not followed up as yet)
 - 1) COVID development grants (open until Jan 2022) – details were sent through today – has been circulated to the Exec and Maria Lambos – will explore options especially in regards to air filters in learning spaces
 - 2) NSW environmental education (to be open on Sep 2021) – no details received as yet
- Air filters in the classroom - discussion & thoughts - Gemma
 - Govt is taking some action
 - Maybe P&C can help fund air filters
 - Parents can get wholesale filter
 - Need to look at \$\$ and engaging others
 - Not just for COVID – smoke/back burning etc
 - Parent feedback – run for a long time and are robust
- Feedback on Well-being Wednesdays – passed to ML and addressed through parent/carer survey
- Fund Raising Idea – BITE SIZE Cookies – good idea but hard to drive at the moment with no-one on site and parents working from home – no one to sell them too – keep up our sleeves for next year
 - Bite Size – Gemma used to work for them and has good info about the model
 - Used Cadbury's as a model
 - Each student to sell 15 boxes – good potential to work
 - Park for next year and hopefully see some proof in profits from other schools

Principal's Report - Maria Lambos

- Ventilation – continue discussion
 - Being audited by DoE – go through the buildings and check ventilation – has not seen any results from audit
 - Article in SMH – purchasing air filters for school – but not confirmed from the DoE as yet – 2200 schools but no idea how this is being worked out
 - Advised to open windows – ours do open but can't open fully due to workplace
 - Bars won't be allowed due to fire safety etc – trap
 - Clean filters – use air cons etc – use fans etc (thanks to P&C)
 - Portable air con units

- Lessons outdoors as much as possible etc
 - If P&C wanted more then will need to discuss further
- According to the SMH, although not yet confirmed by the DoE: the DoE will be purchasing 10,000 air filters. If they are divided amongst the 2,200 public schools across NSW, that's 4.5 units per school:
- <https://www.smh.com.au/national/nsw/nsw-education-department-scopes-10-000-air-filters-ahead-of-return-to-school-20210929-p58vun.html>
 - Back to school a week earlier – still staggered return
 - Following departmental guidelines with staggered return
 - Will not be any parents or carers
 - Kiss and drop
 - Staggered finish continues
 - Not have mingling of stages/year groups
 - At this point in time no buddies – keep cohorts
 - All staff to be fully vaccinated
 - by 18th Oct 1st
 - all staff fully vaccinated by 1st Nov
 - masks for staff – students recommended – asks P&C to support
 - Yr 6 fundraiser – exciting and kids purchase and wear if they like
 - Activities - As per DoE website, 'Schools will **stop** the following activities during school hours or within school grounds:\
 - singing, chanting, group repetition and choirs (except for HSC preparation and assessment purposes as outlined above)
 - school performances, productions, concerts, speech nights and award presentations
 - excursions, camps, field trips and principal-endorsed activities for students
 - international excursions
 - student visits to aged care facilities
 - community events (fetes, grandparents' days etc.)
 - playgroups
 - P&C activities, including meetings (unless held online only)
 - All external providers and specialist programs not directly related to educational outcomes and support, including community use of school facilities (such as markets and all after school activities) unless delivered online only'
 - Hopefully things will ease up for end of year for some sort of awards
 - Hopefully can have the Yr 6 Bizarre but with no parents
 - No ethics or scripture
 - No transition or orientation for next year – is working on an online transition
 - Q – Shehana – as things ease – will there be a different roadmap for schools – new premier etc – any update for December? ML – not at this stage but will pass on any updates – as they do ease hopefully they will have schools in mind – department working with NSW Health on guidelines etc
 - **IT Levy:**
 - \$369 added to IT Levy (4.5 students)
 - Funds received as at 06/10/21 - \$24,642 (equates to 300 students - 83%)
 - **Balance - \$15,732 + \$369 = \$16,101**
 - Q – Clare – has the DoE given any guidance on when/if a POSITIVE test result?
 - ML – 20 schools in Iron Cove network – 5 of these schools have already become non-operational before the end of last term – with on-site staff/students (more) that
 - As soon as there is a positive case – non-operational for next day – super clean – then reopen – depending on close/casual contacts etc will be advised is self-isolate for 14days or can return.

- Thalia – how do they define it? ML – if the school is contacted with positive case, up to principal to search who was on site for staff & students and see what the contact was. Spreadsheet that has to be filled in – goes to NSW Health and they give instructions from there. Messaging goes out from there.
- Clare – no updates from DoE once whole school goes go back? With new world, vaccinations, not working towards zero etc but kids not vacc'd? ML – no this is the current situation – agrees - generally it is case by case.
- SDT - can you feed these question in to the Department on behalf of the P&C?
 - Questions to ask please:
 - *What will the policy be re isolation if a school has a positive case once it opens up?*
 - *What is the roadmap in terms of mingling/events/parent access to schools as part of the 80% and December milestones*
 - ML – of course
- Gemma – are there any barriers to us going back to school? Teacher vac etc?
 - ML – casual staff are being vaccinated as well – everyone has to be in order to work for the department – prac teachers – everyone. Contractors etc, volunteers – fully vacc'd for when we open up.

Finance Report – Paul Galpin

- \$131K total cash position
- Two movements – \$7500 solar my schools has been transferred to the school/\$360 DIM invoice for sheet music
- Toilet upgrades
 - Brendan in contact – plumbers and electricians primarily locked in for Christmas holidays – will liaise with Maria and Kate/vacation care arrangements
 - CBP funding submission update – due to find out in November
- P&C Issues/General business
 - Solar My Schools - progress report - Maria L
 - Progress report – have paid – have not heard back from the department as to next step
- 2021 P&C Events Calendar
 - BFR update - as per last meeting SDT – looking forward to next year for options
 - Yr 6 Farewell - Committee Update
 - Cliff/Clare
 - Allison has received the masks today – listing on Flexischools going live – tea-towels and masks – Yr 6 fund raiser – pricing and discounts being sorted out
 - Zoom meeting with ML and Annabel for what we can do next
 - Balmain Fun Day
 - Gladstone Park Club – advised to book dates
 - Asked for some dates from ML when any celebrations could
 - Monday evening the last week of school – traditionally for Yr 6 – Mon 13th Dec
 - Celebration of Learning Tues 14th
 - Cliff will email Renee to lock in these dates
 - Trivia Night 2021 – **NEW DATE PENDING – Oct 23rd** Gabrielle Levette
 - White Bay Passenger Terminal update??
 - Gemma – will follow up with Gabrielle
 - Shehana – can we look at December? Need fundraising for air filters/toilets etc as we need to do something – will email Gabrielle
 - NSW Local Election BBQ – Dec 4th- Cliff
 - Will wait closer to the date in regards to restrictions

- Actions Arising
 - Classroom/hallway ventilation issue – update - Gemma/Sophie
 - 19 to 20 learning spaces that all would need ventilation/air filters – do you need two per space for 30 kids??
 - Link in with funding opportunity
 - Sort out sheds and buy new BBQ to store – ON HOLD - Cliff/Krishna
 - Swim Caps/all PSSA needs - update - Cliff
 - Needs someone to take this on?
 - Email members to see who can take project on
 - Setting up Balmain P&C as a donation option
 - on the new bottle drop off on Roberts Rd - Cliff – will follow up with IWC
 - Paperwork has been lodged – waiting to hear back
- OOSH Report - Conor McCormack
 - Enrolments are open again from 2022
 - All health orders are being adhered to for ESC services
- Uniform Stall Report - none
- Any Other Business?
 - Gemma – new parents Welcome group – Facebook – need to start this conversation again with what needs to happen for 2022 newbies
 - Cliff – asking if Paul/Kirsty would help run this? Yes! Gemma will talk to Melissa and replicate what has been in the past
 - Gemma – needs to look at recruitment for P&C – need to start getting the word out – Shehana will email the school community for 2022 for handover

Meeting finished at 7.55pm

Save The Date – future P&C Meetings

Nov 3, Dec 1

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

NOTE – all Term 4 2021 meetings will take place via Zoom