Barrenjoey High School

P&C Association

Wednesday 15th August, 2018

MINUTES

Meeting opened at 6:05pm

ATTENDEES: Ian Bowsher, Kalinda Hawson, Peter Thompson, Sally Mayman, Cilla Cole, Nicki Inger, Christy Bishop, Mel Couston, Clare Hawkins, Sheridan Binns, Jenny Parkes

APOLOGIES: Susie Thompson

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from 27th June meeting approved by Christy Bishop, seconded by Kalinda Hawson.

CORRESPONDENCE:

• Invitation to Rob Stokes' High Tea Reception for community leaders, 11th September, 4-6pm. Need a representative to attend.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (lan):

A number of areas were discussed at Exec meeting. Items to be implemented next year as per below:

- Subject Choices
 - o Yrs 9, 10, 11 complete. Line structures for the 3 year groups agreed to.
 - Accelerated HSC (Yr 9 into 10) also complete. Two courses offered (Ancient History and Business Studies). 37 students attended Accelerated HSC evening. Of the subsequent applications, only 7 wanted to do Ancient History which is not enough for the course to run. Decided to run 2 Business Studies courses instead
- Assessment Procedures
 - o Reviewed for Yrs 7-9. All students who submit work unjustifiably late will receive 50% off.
- Roll Call
 - o Parents, staff and students surveyed. Roll call will be moved from end of period 1 to end of period 2
 - o Vertical roll call has not been very successful. Will return to horizontal/year group roll call next year.
 - o Outdoor roll call only on Mondays and every alternate Wednesday.
- Mobile Phones
 - A great deal of surveying/discussion on this topic quite contentious. Result is that each classroom is to have a mobile 'drop box' (with slots/compartments for phones) at the front of the room.
 Phones to be deposited in drop box at beginning of lesson and collected at end. To be implemented for all years groups.
- Gender Initiative
 - o Interviewed parents, students, staff etc

- Data analysis: Semester 1 2018 Yr 10 (gender specific classes) compared to same cohort (mixed classes) in 2017 Yr 9 Semester 2. The delta between the two (growth / decline) was then compared to previous 3 year average.
- Zero movement overall in GPA when compared to last 3 years. Gold and Silver awards did not show much growth either. Big growth demonstrated in REC awards. Indicates increased effort being put in by students in gender specific classes but probably too early to see this turning into actual results yet.
- Decided to trial again with next year's Year 10 group, core subjects only (English, Science, History, Geography, PDHPE). Excludes Maths which is already split into 3 graded classes
- Next year's Yr 10: 2 core classes of girls, 2 core classes of boys (approx. 22/23 students each), 1
 extension class

• 2019 Year 9

- Going to trial a non-extension class cohort
- o 5 parallel classes in all subjects (excluding maths which will continue to have the 3 graded classes)

Dates for Trials in 2019

- Has previously been in Term 3 (Wk 2-3 or Wk 3-4). Didn't allow for high percentage of students doing major works and trying to study for trials across the Term2/3 holidays. Trials then moved to end of Term 2 which has been positively received.
- o Current Term 2 dates reviewed with teachers, students. Agreed to leave as is.

Calendar

- Trying to streamline report distribution, student interviews and Parent/Teacher/Student nights so that they all occur on the same day. Still a work in progress for all year groups.
- Looking at no longer having Year 7 Interim Report (not perceived as having a lot of value). Will then
 try to bring the Year 7 Semester 1 reports closer to end of Sem 1

Staffing

- o Sarah Peachman moving to the Forest end of Term 3.
- o Vacancy in TAS end of Term 3 also.
- o Possibly 1 additional staff member end of the year. Faculty to be determined
- Working Bee: Saturday 1st September (first day of Spring).
 - Will be working on the new reflective circle (Avalon Community Circle) located beach side of the yellow brick road (Des Creagh Reserve).
 - Community members and students to join us positioning plants, mulch, borders etc. Large stones that form the circle will already have been placed 1-2 days before

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Kalinda):

- P&C presented Ian with a framed photo of the Night Market. Thank you to Sean Mulcahy who allowed us to use the image.
- Working Bee 1st September.
- Night Market: 8 exclusive images selected, printed on card. One each will be sent to the 82 people who helped make the Night Market happen.
- Golden Ball: over 100 tickets sold
- Performance Space: couldn't get the loan for additional funds off the ground. See Christy's report for additional details
- School Bytes now in place for parent payments (school fees, sports, band etc). Is an easier way to pay fees; hopefully will increase school revenue.
- Thank you to teachers for marking Yr 12 trials during the holidays

- Condolences to Kath Gunn. Condolences to Angus Prior's family and friends. Condolences to Cathy Carlsson's family and friends
- Zonta Birthing Kit packing this weekend.
- Book Week next week. Dress up as favourite character Monday; gold coin donation. New 'Street Library' located in front of cafe

TREASURER'S REPORT (Cilla):

- Our P and C membership and insurance is due for renewal. It was proposed that we continue to have the same cash and property cover as last year, ie \$1500 cash and \$60,000 property. The total premium would be \$1733.50. It was agreed to continue this cover and go ahead with renewing the insurance.
- After an extra ordinary finance meeting on the 15th August 2018 with Kalinda, Ian and Felicity to discuss finance of the performance space, the P&C has transferred \$5000 budgeted for the interest on the loan for the solar panels which is no longer required as the school has financed the solar panels (P&C to repay school) and another \$5000 budgeted for 50th anniversary celebrations which was agreed was not needed.
- To date have invoiced \$4150 for the cookbook (of which \$700 has been paid) and \$4000 for Gold Ball company sponsorships, of which \$3000 has been paid.
- Account balances: P&C account has \$64103. 15/8 invoiced school for parent contributions held by the school for \$17894, which will bring the total to \$81997
- Building Fund: \$323317 15/8 invoiced school for parent contributions held for \$17430, which will bring the total to \$340747





P&C SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Band Committee (Nicki):

No Band Report provided

Canteen & Uniform Store (Kalinda/Susie):

No report

Barrenjoey Performance Space Steering Committee (Christy):

- Architect just about done
- Still waiting to hear about final Quantity Survey Report. Approx cost due next week.
- May need major fundraising push. Possibly daytime concert on the oval?
- Have 1.35M available. Potential to move 80K of school funds across. Whether there is a shortfall depends
 on the price the Quantity Surveyor comes back with
- Another committee meeting to be held after the QS response

Cook Book (Sally):

- Cook Book now with designers
- Have shot approx. 92 recipes
- 22 advertisers signed up
- Still on track to meet Golden Ball deadline

Fundraising (Kalinda):

If anybody knows of anybody who would like to donate something for the Golden Ball, please let Kalinda know.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Christy – thanks to BHS for allowing the Plastic Free Ocean day to be held – part of Plastic Free July

Meeting closed at 7:05pm

Next Meeting Wed 12th September 2018