

**BALGOWLAH HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C
ORDINARY MEETING
MONDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2006**

1. Apologies: Nil

2. Minutes: Minutes of P&C meeting of 28th November 2006 were approved.

3. Correspondence:

- Received AMF bowling fundraising information, to be passed on to class co-ordinators this term.
- “Parent Ponderings” newsletter feedback being collated by Steve Allen, we will collect another weeks worth of feedback, most of the feedback has been positive.

4. Principals report:

- The Sushi Soiree was a great night. Craig commended those involved in organising the event.

Budget

Our school budget lasts from the 1st Dec – 30th Nov. All public schools receive government funds on a formula basis.

All schools are accountable for the way they use those funds. In late 2005 the school gets notice of the 2006 allocation of funds. This money is spent on utilities, short term relief, minor equipment and teaching resources.

The total annual allocation is \$142,441. The total budget expense is \$253,000. This shortfall is made up by Integration support \$26 790, School contributions \$25 000 and P&C contributions \$65 000.

The school budget committee decides what the program is, what the outcomes will be, what resources are needed, what the cost of those resources will be.

The strategic planning committee determines priorities according to specific and established criteria

The P&C last year committed to fund \$65,000.

Class sizes was discussed, this is worked out by a formula set by the government.

5. Other regular reports:

a) Strategic Planning Committee – nil

b) Treasurer – Lisa McDonald

Voluntary contributions amount yet to be decided by the P&C, this is a large portion of P&C funds. Funds left for the year \$105,927. At the end of last year the P&C donated \$10,000 to the library. The P&C has committed to pay half for a dishwasher in the staff room, storage for band equipment, some landscaping and drainage work after the playground equipment arrives and new furniture.

c) Canteen – Nikki Bendun

There have been lots of volunteers this year. Craig will investigate putting fans in the canteen as working conditions are quite hot. The freezer on the eastern campus should be able to be used since the power upgrades. Looking at upgrading the canteen in the future.

d) Uniform shop – Liz Byrne

The water damage that happened to the uniform shop is being investigated. The stock take was completed in one day thanks to volunteers. Looking at tracksuit pants for sport days. Liz will bring samples to the next meeting.

e) Band – Nil

f) Landscaping – Craig Davis

Belinda Richardson and Daniel Long have already met this year. The first working bee will be the 11th March, years 5 and 6.

g) Arabanoo – Graham Lugsdin

There is a welcome to new parents on Friday 10th March. The AGM will be the following week. Arabanoo are recruiting a new administrator 10 hours a week. If anyone is interested they can call Alison Dunlop.

Over the holidays a new kitchen was put in, Arabanoo are working through modules to become fully accredited.

h) It Committee – Steve Allen

There is \$10,000 left over in the I.T. account. Sophie Allen is looking at putting in new black and white laser printers in some classrooms as well as a couple of high speed colour laser printers. 6 more PC's have been ordered so that every classroom has 2 new computers.

6. Carols night wrap up – Nikki Bendun

Carols night information from 2005 was given to the secretary to keep on file. Everyone commented it was a great event enjoyed by all. To be discussed at a later date what will happen this year.

7. Ron and Carolyn Delezio

Ron and Carolyn's daughter Sophie Delezio has started kindergarten this year. Ron and Carolyn thanked Craig Davis for making the transition for Sophie and for them so well. Carolyn and Ron have started a foundation called the Day of Difference. They financially support the children's hospital at Westmead, the Skin Laboratory at Concord hospital and they provide education for the community in the way of prevention of burns by endorsement of safe products, assimilation of burns victims

and people who are different in society, as well as many other things. If you would like to know more about the foundation you can contact Ron Delezio on 9266 0913. Email: enquiry@dayofdifference.org.au or visit their website www.dayofdifference.org.au

Ron and Carolyn have put together a book called Sophie's story, this will be placed in the Library and in the Kindergarten rooms for the children to read.

There will be a letter sent home to all parents at the school as an introduction to Sophie's Story.

Carolyn and Ron are more than happy to answer any questions that the children may have.

8. Suishi Soiree

108 attendees. The event was purely for fun, no fundraising was involved. Thank you to those who organised a great event.

9. Fundraising – Kim Crott

It was discussed whether we should ask the school community what they would like to do this year for fundraising activities. Kim is looking at how we can get more community support towards fundraising.

A questionnaire will be given to everyone to ask the school community what they want to do in regards to fundraising.

Cathy Simonetti offered to co-ordinate the annual fundraising dinner this year.

We need to start thinking about the next big project, what does everyone want to spend P&C money on.

10. Other Matters

Jenny Sillar (school parent) wrote to the P&C about class sizes, especially year 2 this year. Steve Allen and Jenny Sillar will write a letter to the Government on behalf of the P&C.

Banner System A form letter will go out to Year 2 parents explaining the banner system.

Playground Equipment a request was made for the playground equipment on the Eastern campus to be removed due to the fact it has been deemed unsafe for Kindergarten and Year 1 to use.

Meeting closed 938pm

