

BALGOWLAH HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL
P&C MINUTES
MONDAY 24th JULY 2006

1. Apologies- Gary Giles, Liz Byrne, Steve Allen.
2. Minutes- approved.
3. Correspondence- Arabanoo car boot sale on Sunday the 12th or 19th November.
4. Principals Report- Craig Davis
 - Thank you to Kim Crott, her band of parents and tradespeople on a wonderful transformation of the toilet block. Much appreciated!
 - Thank you to Sarina Tomich and her band of helpers for our beautiful mural.
 - Thank you to Di McIntosh for organising the architectural plans for our ongoing projects.
 - Congratulations to our two representatives at the State Cross Country Championship, Conor O'Sullivan and Hunter Manuel. Hunter finished a highly commendable 7th place with Conor completing the event in 2nd position two seconds behind the winner. Conor will now represent NSW in the National Titles in Hobart later this term. Hunter is a reserve for the State Team.
 - STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY- Staff have been engaging in a varied program of Professional Learning activities throughout the year. All activities have as their core the elements of quality teaching.
 - Intellectual Quality
 - Quality Learning Environment
 - Significance

Leonie Seaton has secured \$7000 towards T&D resources that will assist the teachers in integrating technology into their Teacher/ Learning Programs.

There is a new Modular Design Room, which was delivered by the Department of Education on the Western Campus. This room is awaiting power/ data/ phone line and furniture. This could take about 6 weeks.

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 - a) Strategic Planning Committee- In regards to the playground there was a meeting with Powe architects in July to discuss placement of the playground equipment. The P&C have put aside some money for consulting with the architects.

Di McIntosh had a meeting with the architects from Powe Partnership. Anthony Powe and Lynette Powe directors of the company will prepare a plan for the school. The school community has already provided information on issues and priorities that are important. The P&C has also recently secured funding under the Federal Government Investing in our schools program for improvements to play equipment. This item will be included in the master plan.

The master plan will look at the both campuses both sites have maintenance and infrastructure works, which need to be undertaken to reduce risks and provide an

improved learning and nurturing environment. This plan will provide the overall vision, which the school Community can then focus on towards implementing over the next 10 years.

It was decided that the P&C would approve Stage 1 of this plan, which will involve Powe partnership providing a draft master plan for the school. This will involve a site analysis involving photographic surveys, site inventory, vegetation analysis, drainage, aspect and opportunities e.g. water harvesting, rationalisation of space, recycling, land use just to name a few and provide a plan of prioritised work for the school.

Di will invite the architects to the next P&C meeting on the 28th August. This fact will be advertised in the newsletter.

- b) Treasurer- Sharon Moore. The toilet project is nearly completed. A reminder letter to parents who have not paid or notified the P&C of inability to pay their P&C contributions will go out this week.
- c) Canteen- are in the process of buying a new dishwasher.
- d) Uniform Shop- Hugo said that Liz Byrne had been in touch and had said that the move to Tuesday mornings has gone well. There have been no complaints and sales are going well. The uniform shop needs a new computer, one has been donated and Hugo will sort it out for Liz.
- e) Band- Craig Davis. The band had a big clean up in the holidays and have made more storage room as a consequence. There is a room problem in regards to Sophie Delezio's cooling system, which she uses when in the hall. Craig is looking into somewhere that this can be stored.
- f) Landscaping Committee- we need to build up the retaining walls behind the new playground equipment on the western campus. This will be looked at in a future working bee.
- g) Arabanoo- Kim Crott. Arabanoo are having a Fathers' Day stall in September and a boot sale sometime in November. They are now allowed 30 children in the morning, 50 in the afternoon and 40 in vacation care.

Sue Palmer requested a shed or storage area for dance and drama to store their props etc. Sue will get a quote and the P&C are happy to pay for this.

6. Lisa McDonald- Surf Lifesaving NSW.

2007 is the year of the lifesaver. There is going to be a push for community support. They will be encouraging people to do their senior first aid. Lisa would like to organise the lifesavers to do a course at the school. The course involves one day on the Internet and one day of face to face. The course is \$135 per person and the surf lifesaver association will donate 30% of this to the school. We may also be able to sell first aid kits through the school, which will include rebates.

The P&C are happy to support this and BHPS will be a part of the pilot project.

Student Reports- The teachers' federation has supplied the P&C with some reading material about student reporting. This will be available in the school office foyer. There has been much negotiating about the reporting process between the Government and the Teachers Federation.

Parent Ponderings- The issues are costing \$400 in colour - \$320 of this is covered by sponsorship, which is great. Di McIntosh mentioned the chance of parent ponderings being electronic. Di will discuss this with Sophie Allen.

Mitchell Cullen is going to Perth to play PSSA basketball. Mitchell had to sell a book of raffle tickets valued at \$100. He had no luck at selling these through the school office. The P&C bought the book and will donate anything won to the auction dinner in September.

Golf day 16th November. Tennis day is going ahead although Mandy is unsure of the date just yet.

Meeting closed 915pm.