

**BALGOWLAH HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL
P&C ORDINARY MEETING
MONDAY 26th JUNE 2006
MINUTES**

1.APOLOGIES- Lisa McDonald and Margaret Ryan.

2.MINUTES- minutes from meeting on the 22nd May approved.

3. SOPHIE ALLEN- Sophie spoke about the IT Committee. There is still an IT account with \$12,000 in it. \$7000 of that money was for the teachers' training, which leaves \$5000.

A high priority for this money is air conditioning for the storeroom in which the server is housed. Craig has already received some quotes for this and the cost would be approx \$3000.

The smart board in the IT centre does not appear to be big enough. It is not easy to see from some parts of the room and in hindsight we probably should have purchased a larger board for the IT room initially. Teresa Souter - the school librarian - has been saving up for a smart board for the library. Sophie proposed that we purchase a larger smart board for the IT room and move the smaller board to the library.

It was decided at the meeting:

1. We would spend \$3000 on air conditioning for the server from money left in the IT account.
2. Craig will ask Leonie Seaton whether the \$7000 is still needed for the teachers' training.
3. Sophie will get a quote for a bigger smart board for the IT centre and find out the cost of moving the smaller board to the library. The library smart board will be partially funded by Mrs Suitor.

Sophie Allen talked about the future of the IT committee and she feels the existing members should still meet from time to time to look at forward planning, in regards to keeping the network running at the school. Sophie suggested maybe twice yearly meetings to look at upgrading the network.

Sophie also requested that we give each teacher at the school some funds for school supplies they may need, especially being halfway through the year. It was decided to give every teacher a cheque for \$150, including the two science teachers (23 teachers in all).

4. CORRESPONDENCE- We received a thankyou card from Janene Cullen - Mitchell Cullen's mum - thanking the P&C for Mitchell's \$50 cheque. This was given to him as a prize for achieving selection in the state's basketball team.

We also received a note from Lisa Phillips, thanking the P&C for her new blackboard. We received a letter from Bernard Gandy, a year 5 student who is the sound/lighting technician at BHPS. Bernard listed some new essential sound and lighting equipment for the hall. It was decided the P&C would write Bernard a letter and let him know that the P&C are seriously considering the future of the hall and we would stay in touch with him in regards to what was going to happen.

Lisa McDonald sent an email to let the P&C know that the furniture project is nearly completed. On the weekend, blackboards were installed in 6B, 4/5I, 3I, 2F, 3S, 1M, 1K, 1P and 1A. There are 5 more desks to be constructed, 3 to be delivered and then the project is finished.

Thankyou to Scott Jago (Dad to Noah 2D and Harley 1K) of the Allan Hall partnership for doing the audit for both 2004 and 2005 financial years. His firm has agreed to donate back to the school the entire cost of the audit, which is a significant contribution to the school.

5. PRINCIPALS REPORT- Craig thanked the P&C for the flowers and card from the P&C on behalf of the school for his mother's funeral two weeks prior. Craig also thanked Kathryn Henderson for coming to the P&C meeting tonight to talk about her new project (mentioned below).

a) The Strategic Review Group had met and discussed the school improvement projects, these included:

1. Water Wise P&C Project- Kim Crott.
2. Western Campus P&C Project – Kim Crott.
3. Classroom Furniture Replacement P&C Project and Federal Grant Money- Lisa MacDonald and Margaret Ryan.
4. Modular design Classroom- Dept of education
5. Playground Improvements P&C Project and Federal Grant Money- Di McIntosh and Margaret Ryan.

It was discussed that we still need to receive the money from the Multi Purpose Room. Volunteers were requested to chase this up.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT- Di McIntosh

Di is waiting to hear back from Moduplay in regards to itemised equipment. Di has also spoken to Landscapers in regards to problems and end concepts.

We are still waiting for the money from the Government. There may be a need for some additional funding from the P&C for landscaping.

b) Treasurer- Sharon Moore

\$76,000 of the funds is already allocated, as per below

Playground equipment- \$25,000

P&C Top Up- \$ 1,000

Reserve- \$30,000

Toilets- \$20,000

Sharon is looking into internet banking so that she is able to see what is going on in the P&C account a bit easier. Sharon also discussed putting some money in a term deposit at present while the money is sitting in the account.

c) Canteen- The canteen dishwasher broke on Friday. The P&C decided to purchase a new dishwasher. Craig suggested we look at the Government Stall list.

f) Landscaping Committee- Craig said that the last weekend clean up had been very well attended. We discussed the possibility of the P&C supplying skip bins next clean up.

g) Arabanoo- are now able to have up to 30 kids in the mornings and 30-40 children in vacation care.

8. BUSINESS DIRECTORY- Steve Allen

Two parents at the school have talked about providing a business directory via the web for the school for a small cost. We discussed at the meeting if there would be a benefit for the community if this were adopted. Craig Davis mentioned that we have to be careful that the P&C are not seen as endorsing the people using the directory. There are also some issues with privacy.

Another parent suggested she would provide this service on a not-for-profit basis. Steve Allen will discuss with these parents what had been discussed at the meeting.

9. SCHOOL CROSSING- Kathryn Henderson

Kathryn has a daughter currently in kindergarten. Kathryn was one of the pink ladies who manned the crossing in Lewis Street last year. Whilst she was doing this, she continued to lobby council and the media. She spends a lot of time with government delegates and advisors.

Kathryn has just attended a Safety roundtable discussion, which also involved Tony Stuart CEO of NRMA and father at BHPS, and Ron Delezio, Sophie Delezio's father.

Kathryn has tabled a proposal to try and alleviate the dangers at kiss and drop and the crossing on Lewis St. She is calling this project the Stay Safe Rangers Project.

This will involve dividing the school into junior and senior parent and child evenings, discussing road safety. The RTA will train the Stay Safe Rangers (year 5 or 6 students). They will not be on the roadway but on the grass. There are some insurance and other issues. Kathryn Henderson will fund the project and she is intending on starting this project at another 4 schools.

Kathryn will need some assistance to set this project up, as it is very time consuming for her. The P&C offered assistance when necessary.

10. KIM CROTT-

Kim asked for some extra funding to complete the toilet project.

Kim asked about the possibility of having a family day in the near future. This would involve everyone bringing their council seedlings to the school for a planting day. We could include a sausage sizzle and some entertainment.

Kim also asked if we could get a cover for the sandpit on the eastern campus. This was accepted as necessary for hygiene reasons.

OTHER MATTERS-

Sue Palmer- the Japanese students arrive on the 27th July. Lots of people offered to host this year. There are 17 children coming. The school raises \$3000 for looking after the children.

Sue thanked the P&C on behalf of the teachers for all their support.

The Golf Day will be Thursday 2nd November. Tee off will be 1230pm.

Meeting Closed 935pm