

**BALGOWLAH HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL
P&C MINUTES
MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2006, 7.30pm**

1. Apologies: Cassie Kearns, Hugo Ortega, Margaret Ryan.
2. Minutes of 23rd October approved.
3. Correspondence: We sent a thank you letter to Mandy Acton for organising the tennis days for the last few years.
Letter of resignation from Amanda Hoy – Vice President of the P&C.
4. Principals Report: letter of support from the school secretaries thanking the P&C for their support this past year.
There are 21 classes this year and possibly 24 classes next year. There are a few staff changes and there will be an increase in staff numbers.
5. Sally Lambooy- Learning Support teacher:
There have been a record number of children tutored this year. 50 volunteers assisted with the program.
30 children tutored 3 times per week for 30 minutes. The main target is year 1 and 2. The program is aimed at building self esteem and confidence.
The Department has taken away the funding for Sally for 1 day a week. The P&C currently funds the other 3 days. The department removed the funding because the school did so well in the basic skills test last year. The school is unable to get that funding back. This will not be reviewed by the Department for a few years.

Sophie Allen: Sally gets funding for 3 days by the P&C. If the P&C funded Sally for the 4th day it would cost \$5000 PA.
A motion was put forward by Lisa McDonald “for the P&C to fund Sally for the extra day per week” all agreed.
6. Playground- Derek and Di:
We have received funding for the playgrounds. Waiting on quotes from Moduplay. There is a proposition for shade structures over both playgrounds.
We need to get rid of the mulch and add playground equipment, lift the pavers on the Eastern Campus and store them away.
We will need to relay the new pathway but we will need more bricks. we will let the school community know about this in the new year.
We agreed that shade cloth would be beneficial. We also agreed for Derek and Di to go ahead with the plans as long as it is within \$150,000.
Lisa McDonald and Liz Byrne will look into the bricks.
7. Election of new P&C executive:

The president Steve Allen, Asst Treasure Kim Crott and Vice President Amanda Hoy have stepped down.

New Committee is:

President- Di McIntosh

Vice President: Sue Palmer

Vice President: Rob Harvey

Vice President: Hugo Ortega

Treasure: Sharon Moore

Asst Treasurer: Yet to be found.

Secretary: Tracy Wardman

8. SPC: The committee discussed the playground which includes moving the pathways and landscaping.

They looked at upgrade of the COLA. Refreshing the Staff rooms. Spent \$900 on two new laminators.

Treasurer: doing well. Nothing significant to report.

Canteen: nil report.

Uniform: there were 500 hours of volunteering this year. Liz would like to only have two hats, the surf hat and the cap. With four hats there is too much stock to worry about.

Band: Cassie Kearns- big concert band doing well. The junior band is up 70 kids from Year 2 for next year.

Landscaping: good turnout to the last working bee. Daniel Long has done a great job. The eastern campus is looking great.

Arabadoo: Arabadoo had a social gathering which 40 parents attended.

The car boot sale went well. Made a small profit and maybe do it again next year in May.

Accreditation- validator came today and is coming tomorrow. One member of the Arabadoo committee will attend P&C meetings.

IT: IT account will be closed.

Other Matters:

Thank you to Lisa McDonald for doing a great job in promoting the P&C at the orientation mornings.

Fete: Kathy McGuigan is happy to organise this event for next September as the major fundraiser for the year.

Term 1 2007: The welcome night will be a Trivia night which will be organised by Kathy McGuigan and Kerry Smallman.

Golf, Tennis: will be similar to last year.

End of year dinner: will be organised by Cathy Simonetti as a thank you to the teachers, not a fundraiser.

Basketball hoops: waiting on quotes, needs to be replaced as they are cracked and dangerous.

Library Books: We decided to give Mrs Sutor \$5000. Good time of year for her to purchase books.

End of Year Cocktail Party: 70 people attending so far.

Meeting Closed 9.30pm.