



**Randwick Boys' High School  
P&C Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday 20 February 2018**

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**Chair: Birgit Schickinger**

**1. Attendance:**

Birgit Schickinger	Rachel Daly	Nasser Attia	Emma Payne
Helena Tighe	Roger Whalebone	Antonella Attia	Louise McNeil
Sarah Brill	Michelle Lee	Roger Whalebone	Linda Nawara
Adriana Skleparis	Helena Whalebone	Kirit Mistry	Mandy Gibbens
Laura Tamir	Kate Bice	Nasser Attia	Nick Frougas
Lyn Swinbourne	Lance Raskall	Michelle Bradley	
Esta Mayock	Leanne Bergan	Isabelle Jalbert	

2. **Welcome** to new financial members, observers and guests.
3. **Apologies:** Peter Wong Wing Kee, Emma Digan, Natalie Keledjian, Alison Bell, Elizabeth Royston, Caroline Windsor, Kris Kotopoulos, Glen Kotopoulos
4. **Determination of quorum:** Quorum reached (quorum is 5 if under 50 members and 11 if over 50 members).
5. **Confirmation of the Minutes for November 2017:** Confirmed: Adriana Skleparis.  
Seconded: Rachel Daly.
6. **Guest Speakers:**

*Ben Mobbs and Amr Odeh, Prefects Sub-committee P&C Liaison*

Apologies – will come to next meeting.

*Emma Payne, Head Teacher, English*

Emma Payne addressed the meeting, introducing herself and the English faculty.  
The following was noted:

- Staff on the English faculty come from diverse backgrounds and have expertise in different fields.
- The English staff are making an effort to extend selves and the boys.

- A letter has been sent home with the boys outlining what they will be doing this year, what the expectations are as well as an outline of what they could be doing for homework, including a suggested reading list.
- Authentic assessment has been introduced in years 9 and 10, and is being trialled and developed in years 7 and 8. Boys will present a portfolio of classwork to a panel to develop accountability for study, homework, classwork, pride in learning and to diversify assessment so that the boys are presenting work they are proud of. Staff will identify 2 mandatory tasks, students get to choose a minimum of two works they are proud of and then will sit down with adults and present the portfolio. It is hoped that this will increase accountability, get them prouder of their work and develop important skills to apply for jobs or start study regimes. EP has trialled this in other schools successfully and hopes to send out an email to the P&C to ask for volunteers to sit on panels.
- There is an increase in interest in the debating program this year. There will be four coaches within the English faculty and debating will be a focus of 2018. Staff will be trained and students will meet regularly with coaches.
- A number of excursions have been planned for the year, such as the Shakespeare festival, theatre that students are studying, movies that are related to units being studied, and slam poet coming to school for year 8 student.
- With regards to NAPLAN this year, students are not pressured by staff in relation to NAPLAN but are encouraged to do their best. Writing is major focus of NAPLAN literacy. NAPLAN will be held on May 15-17. Students will resit minimum standards tests in term 3 or 4.
- Emma can be contacted via email: [Emma.payne3@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Emma.payne3@det.nsw.edu.au)

There was some discussion in relation to minimum standards in year 9 NAPLAN, EP explained that twice a year until the HCS, students can sit a similar test to achieve the minimum band. LR pointed out that NAPLAN is not compulsory and there are different political views on NAPLAN. EP noted that student preparation will be embedded into class learning, and that staff will teach to the syllabus. Kate Bice noted that the NESA website has clear information for children on NAPLAN if they are confused or concerned.

*Nick Frougas, Head Teacher, TAS*

Nick Frougas addressed the meeting, introducing himself and the TAS faculty. The following was noted:

- TAS encompasses metal work, wood work, computing and engineering.

- Less hand skills are taught now with engineering, design and technology and food technology and a computing teacher on faculty.
- Year 7 & 8 kids do DAT as a mandatory subject with 50 hrs on computers and 150 hrs of practical work.
- There will be a new syllabus next year which was outlined to the meeting for each year group with examples of work undertaken by students shown.
- TAS faculty has a relationship with UNSW as is looking at trying to incorporate as much support as possible from the university in relation to STEM.
- Extra curricular activities include woodwork competitions, coding club, aeronautical challenges, dragsters and ICT challenges.
- The new syllabus will incorporate STEM modules and will increase engineering studies in year 9 & 10. The school will benefit from STEM lab and there is no STEM laboratory in any classroom in Sydney. The P&C was asked to support this endeavour with NF noting that a lot of equipment is already in place.

#### **7. Business arising from November 2017 Minutes:**

##### *Defibrillators*

The School has asked the P&C for support to buy a defibrillator for the school. BS has looked into different ones and advice will be needed to find the right one for the school. The easiest to use is probably best. LR noted that the Education Department doesn't have a preferred model. Defibrillators usually come with a long warranty and an offer of training. The cost would be between \$1650 and \$2500.

It was proposed to the meeting that the P&C purchase one for the school at the cost of \$2500. The motion was passed unanimously

- 8. Correspondence:** A few invoices were passed to the Treasurer. A notice of elections for the P&C federation has been received. NA advised the meeting that during our AGM we are required to nominate a new committee, and can also nominate 1-3 delegates to represent RBHS at the P&C Federation meetings. This is not compulsory, however you do get to meet other delegates from other P&Cs and it is an opportunity to see what other P&Cs are doing.

There was some discussion in relation to voting and nomination procedures for the executive that will occur at the AGM. AS noted that she had been in the position of Treasurer for three years and would need to be replaced if possible. Positions of Vice President will also be vacant. The role of the Treasurer was outlined to meeting, where the primary responsibility is to receive and deposit funds and to present the accounts. An audit and annual report occurs once per year.

## 9. Reports

### *President's Report*

The morning tea welcome went well with a lot of parents coming up for tea and food. Thanks to all that helped and contributed on the day.

The two grants received for the refurbishment of the basketball courts totalling \$65k have now been acquitted and there is nothing more from our side to be done.

Alison Bell applied for a grant community building partnership for water filling stations, to reduce sale of bottled water, \$10k was received but is not yet in our accounts, we will receive an email when the money goes into our account.

SB summarised grant guy evening as follows:

- Grant applications need to be succinct.
- It's important to use positive and inclusive language in applications.
- It's important to look at how to bring the community into the school and who within the school is going to spend the time pursuing opportunities.
- We need to be able to show the entity we are approaching what's in it for them and value for money.
- We should target our approach and identify our story, what makes our school different from other schools?
- We should position the school as a community hub, as an access point to the community.
- Grant givers are looking for building community capacity, sustainability, social inclusion and multiculturalism or indigenous inclusion.
- We need to think about who we will approach for money and what our boundaries are in term of who we will accept money from.
- There was a suggestion to poll parents to find out who is employed where.
- There is a lot of funding of health and wellbeing, both government and private.
- There are simple grants available, for example Kmart have a one page application process and offer \$5k.
- It was suggested we approach our bank to ask what support they can offer us. A grant calendar needs to be drawn up to track activity.
- It would be good to have a social media account to profile the work we are doing and promote support of sponsors.
- We should look to set up an old boys network and it was suggested that we make Bruce the patron.

### *Principal's Report*

See attached. Additional points noted below:

1. There are 105 students in year 7, a number were lost to Rose Bay High School.

4. Thanks to grant for P&C and department of education, the basketball courts are now finished. The school provided relatively small amount and they are being used all the time. The courts are being locked over weekend to stop non students using them. The school may look at hiring the courts to other groups, two have approached the school to look at this.
5. Training is involved for any P&C representatives on the Merit Selection panels. It would be good to get new parents to get involved. There is 1 position in science, 1 position in English and 1 position in HSIE, and the school will know before the next P&C meeting whether we can go to merit selection. Names below of those who indicated interest:

Science - Isabelle Jalbert (NESB), Helena Tighe

English – Rachel Daly, Birgit Schickinger

HSIE – Kate Bice, Michelle Bradley

6. Daryl Braithwaite will be speaker at presentation day if not touring.
8. There were a high number of participants and attendees at the swimming carnival.
12. The Year 7 camp is educational and social, and encourages teamwork, parents are urged to support it.
13. Lowes meeting was held with the regional manager and NSW manager. They are very keen to keep us on board. The school will need to make a decision on whether to stay or move.

There was some discussion on RBHS reputation. ML would like to focus on improving reputation of school in community, P&C could assist with this.

LR noted that a new school plan is currently underway with three strategic directions including publicity, a name in the corporate world and working closely with primary schools which will be part of the school plan for the next three years. BS noted that a social media presence would assist in this. LT noted that past parents could contribute stories of what kids are doing now.

LR presented gifts to Nasser and Antonella on behalf of the school and community for their involvement and support of the school.

#### *Treasurers Report*

Nil to report. Bank Balance is at \$18264.17.

#### **10. Agenda Items:**

*Planning 2018 (fundraising events and AGM)*

This item is postponed until another meeting.

#### *Upcoming events*

A short run down of fundraising events was provided. Trivia night is more than a fundraising event. AS has organised these in the past but the P&C will need help to go ahead with another this year

AS noted that the Trivia nights comes together very easily and that there are three areas, set up & booking, silent auction, and online ticketing and pizza. If these roles were divided between three people it would be very easy to arrange. The date for Trivia is proposed for Friday 25 May. LR to look at school calendar. BS suggested a subcommittee be put together next meeting and that we aim to have three people organising the event.

BBQs are a fundraising activity but also a grass roots community building event. Students help but parents will be needed to help at Open Night.

#### *Water filling stations*

Quotes are still being examined for the installation of water filling stations as per a received grant. BS to get a plumber out to quote for work to install the stations.

#### *CUA Fundraiser*

It was agreed that this fundraiser would not be considered for term 1 but may be considered again later in the year. BS noted that we need to make a decision on whether we need run another fun run given that we already have the colour run.

### **11. General Business:**

LB asked whether RBHS has a connection with Rebel, and it was confirmed that we do.

ML noted that teachers smoking at the front of the school is very visible and not great for the school's reputation. LR noted that the land at the front of the school is public land and to stop the teacher infringes on their rights.

BS noted that she needs to contact Bunnings Mascot to book a Bunnings fundraising BBQ.

### **12. Next Ordinary Meeting**

Tuesday 20 March 2018, 7.00pm (after AGM)

### **13. Meeting closed: 9.50pm**

## Principal's Report

1. School year has started very well. 620 students enrolled.
2. P&C Morning Tea on first day for Year 7 parents/guardians was terrific. Thanks to all who attended and assisted.
3. Year 11 Study Skills has started in 2018. Session 1 this week
4. Basketball court update. Open for School Business
5. 3 possible Merit Selection panels this term. Parent representatives (2)
  - a) Science
  - b) English
  - c) HSIE (Economics, Commerce, Geography, History, Business/Legal studies)
6. Presentation day 2018 – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December
7. Sports Presentation day 2018 – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December
8. Swimming carnival – very successful. Phil Noreika did a wonderful job as sports coordinator
9. Music – Sydney Symphony Orchestra – starts this week
10. Year 11 subject changes this week
11. 8<sup>th</sup> March – International Women's day assembly at RBHS
12. Year 7 Camp 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> March at Wyee
13. LOWES – apology tabled
14. Next week, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Meet the Teacher and Welcome BBQ in Hall and outside hall. All welcome
15. Coles – Vouchers for schools – can bring them in to the school for collation
16. Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – OPEN NIGHT – 5.30-7.30, includes talks, tours and P&C BBQ
17. Article in BEAST magazine (January 2018). School Captain 2017 writing a letter in reply
18. Advertising in BEAST magazine – February 2018 re Open Night