



**Randwick Boys' High School
P&C Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 21 August 2018**

Chair: Birgit Schickinger

1. Attendance:

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| Birgit Schickinger | Ngaire Smith | Paul Howard | |
| Leanne Bergan | Alison Bell | Louise McNeil | |
| Sarah Brill | Rachel Daly | Mary Jo Rigotti | |
| Lynette Swinbourne | Adriana Skleparis | Leigh Marshall | |
| Laura Tamir | Helena Whalebone | | |
| Roger Whalebone | Lance Raskall | | |

2. Welcome to new financial members, observers and guests.

3. Apologies: Linda Nawava, Elizabeth Royston, Mandy Gibbens, Kris Kotopoulos, Glen Kotopoulos, Varsha Mistry, Jane Knowles, Peter Wong, Emma Digan

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 June 2018: Confirmed: Leanne Bergan Seconded: Birgit Schickinger

6. Guest Speakers:

Jim Dimopoulos, Careers Advisor

Jim Dimopoulos addressed the meeting in relation to his role as career advisor. The primary actions undertaken were outlined including Year 10 work experience, vocation courses, two interviews to each year 12 student to assist in transition out of school and an explanation of tertiary entrance marks.

There was a brief discussion in relation to the best age to introduce students to the idea of university and the best age to start an apprenticeship. There was also a discussion on year 10 work experience in relation to finding a placement and teacher care during the placement.

7. Business arising from June 2018 Minutes: Nil

- 8. Correspondence:** Contact was received from the P&C Federation as insurance and membership fees were due. These have been paid. There has also been an email from the Australian Turf Club offering excursions for the school and fundraising opportunities. BS to follow up re fundraising opportunities. Debby Clifford from P&C Federation contacted RBHS P&C as Rainbow Street PS is unusable at moment due to building work, The Federation has asked if RBHS will host an info evening which is open for questions to all local P&Cs. RBHS has agreed to host the evening and invites will be sent to local P&Cs by the Federation. The agreed date is 30 October and the venue will probably be the library.

9. Reports

President's Report

There is not much to report due to stopping all funding projects at this time. A number of parents have been involved in the English presentations and feedback from parents and staff was that it was good to see what students were doing and where they were at, that it was a good way of encouraging students to organise their work, that it gave students pride in their work and provided valuable feedback to faculty. There is talk of expanding the process to other subject areas.

The Statement of Support for RBHS to become co-ed that was voted on at the recent extraordinary meeting has been sent to Bruce Notley-Smith. Nothing else has been heard from him as yet.

Principal's Report

The staffing panel for the library position convened for a second time and again found no suitable candidates. A casual will be held in the position and the position will be advertised again next term. The TAS teacher vacancy will go to merit selection and two parent members are needed for the panel. Helena Whalebone, Paul Howard have volunteered to do this.

50 students sat the test for the Gifted and Talented class applications for this year. This is the highest number in a number of years. 15 current year 7's, 6 current year 8's and 2 current year 9's also sat the test. The applications are now being culled before interviews take place.

One Duke of Ed walk has taken place over two days and one night. This was a successful event and the students are looking forward to the next one.

Subject selection night was held for year 8 and 10. This was highly attended by parents and students.

Parent teacher nights were also well attended, thanks to all who attended. It is noted that a lot more parents are coming to these nights.

Tomorrow is the year 12 CAPA and drama night, which is an opportunity for year 12 to present their major works to an audience. All are welcome. It is held in the music block.

Leadership elections have happened for next year and Vice Captain and Captain will be announced tomorrow.

Staff have met with representatives from the hospital, Council and Landlease in relation to a new hospital build. Demolition will start soon to expand the hospital. The main purpose of the meeting was to stop the builders having access to Barker Street for trucks as this will affect the safety of students. Council agrees with this in theory. The three schools are united in fighting this aspect of the project. *

All funding projects are currently on hold, and there is a pool of money from the P&C contribution that needs reallocation. This should be something that benefits all students and the current suggestion is to use some funds from P&C contribution now and for next few years to fund a school mini bus. The bus could be used for sport, Duke of Ed and other excursions. Sponsorship of the bus could be looked into. The bus is expected to pay itself off within 7 years. There will be upkeep in relation to petrol, insurance and registration. A 20-seater bus would not require a special licence. HW suggested a bus could possibly be hired out to other schools to raise funds. \$140k is the current estimate of the cost to buy a bus, but there are lease options to be explored. PH raised the idea of a hybrid vehicle. RW noted that it would be good if the bus was strong enough to pull a good trailer.

The upgrade to RBHS is at planning stage. One meeting has been held with School Infrastructure who will run the build/upgrade. A meeting was held at Randwick Girls and School Infrastructure asked about whether a co-ed decision had been made. No decision has been made on this and School Infrastructure asked if there could be a joint project to which the schools both said no. RBHS gave School Infrastructure a two page report on what the school wants. School Infrastructure looked through the school and suggested knocking the whole school down and rebuilding it. Therefore, as no decisions have been made there is no point putting air conditioning in the library. The school is a blank canvas with no minimum or maximum budget as yet and a refurbishment is likely to be more expensive than a rebuild. The suggestions of an installation of a synthetic field was raised, but this is not something the school wants as they are reported to cause more damage to people and clothes and are difficult to upkeep. The first decision that needs to be made is whether the school will become co-ed or not and then the second decision is whether to refurbish or rebuild.

The term for the proposed upgrade is community use of facilities, there are some concerns about this and it would need to be carefully managed.

* The recent RGHS P&C meeting heard that the hospital upgrade would use Barker Street. Concerns were expressed in relation to truck traffic and student safety in the area.

Treasurer's Report

Nil to report. Bank Balance is at \$19,882.04.

Reconfirmation of Executive positions (for banking signatory purposes)

President: Birgit Schickinger

Secretary: Sarah Brill

Treasurer: Leanne Bergan

10. Agenda Items:

P&C funding for the school in place of A/C in Library

Discussed above.

Motion moved to support further exploration of the purchase of a school bus. Motion passed unanimously.

This information will be communicated to the wider parent community via the school newsletter, P&C Facebook page and in information packs handed out in term four.

11. General Business:

The CloseEast group was at RPS P&C last night. They came with a letter of support on behalf of the Eastern Suburbs P&C Alliance. A decision was made at that meeting to offer support. The letter asks for the Government to look at the maintenance backlog at all schools, but is also pushing for a new school. The concern is that with primary schools increasing in the area RBHS will become full quickly.

BS will be absent from next meeting. MB or LS will chair. October meeting date will be pushed back one week to week 2 of Term 4. New date is 23 October.

12. Next Ordinary Meeting

Tuesday 18 September 2018, 7.00pm

13. Meeting closed: 8.43pm