



**Randwick Boys' High School
P&C Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 23 October 2018**

Chair: Birgit Schickinger

1. Attendance:

Alison Bell	Leanne Bergan	Lance Raskall	
Laura Tamir	Linda Nawava	Mary Jo Rigotti	
Rachel Daly	Mandy Gibbens	Rebecca Saad	
Janine Beck	Caroline Windsor		
Ngaire Smith	Jane Knowles		
Helena Whalebone	Milena Ben-David		

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

3. Apologies: Sarah Brill, Lyn Swinbourne, Louise McNeil, Roger Whalebone, Adriana Skleparis, Emma Digan, Glen and Kris 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 August 2018: Confirmed: Leanne Bergan
Seconded: Rachel Daly

6. Business arising from August 2018 Minutes:

28 gifted and talented students applied for next year – unable to cap until beginning of 2019. Quality of students outstanding.

Proposed new build Picton High school website viewed by some parents.

Lance advised he has requested School Infrastructure to attend last meeting of year however have not responded to invitation.

7. Correspondence: Nil

8. Reports

President's Report

Nil

Principal's Report

See attached for full report.

Michelle Bradley spoke re meeting at Randwick Council to contest Randwick Council and School Infrastructure initiating a MOU to commence planning for RBHS and RGHS refurbishment / rebuild, without parents or Principal input. Mandy Gibbens spoke on behalf of RBHS & RGHS at Council meeting successfully, preventing the planning meetings commencing until Principals and parent representatives are involved.

Discussion on how long till planned School Infrastructure refurbishments take to commence. An example provided of 2017 State funding proposed for a Ryde school is set to commence in 2019.

Some students attended Invictus Games.

The wish list from School Executive of refurbishments for school (already distributed to P&C) has been provided to School Infrastructure.

Solar panel grant is still open and may not go ahead – Lance reported 'My Solar School' has been involved in all decisions.

Treasurer's Report

No transactions since last meeting: *Bank Balance at \$34,882.04*

Agenda Items:

Funding Committee

Revisit next year.

9. **General Business:**

General discussion on teaching in future. Teachers Federation do not support open plan teaching for High Schools. Workplaces are changing so methods of teaching do need to change. Teacher support and further education for teachers imperative. Discussion on International Models.

NSW Curriculum roadshow review Monday 15 October: Michelle Bradley attended this evening and reported:

- Last State review 30 years ago – this one may take 10 years to complete. (Federal review due in 2020)
- Curriculum is overarching whilst syllabus is how to apply teaching
- 3 main questions were posed to the participants

- What should the purpose of schooling be in the 21st Century? Children to be confident and resilient, learn to take risks, more female teachers and role models particularly STEM subjects, encourage curiosity and enquiring minds, to be able to spell and do maths competently.
- What knowledge skills and attributes should every student develop at school? Balance between cyber and real world, responsibility in digital world, soft skills, socially responsible, do not expect too much of students – they are not able to give an opinion when they have not had life experience.
- How could Curriculum better support every student's learning? Teachers have an almighty load – require more support, teachers are too busy to identify individual issues with a student, need time to build relationships with students– out of class time hinders relationships, how to identify students not coping? teachers are expected to become experts in a subject with one training session eg coding, systems for teaching too algorithm driven – need simplified flow charts, students 'learn to learn' best together with peers – not progressed above social levels (there were a few participants who were very pro moving academic achievers as high as they can go), all K to year 12 teachers require further education, curiosity to be encouraged to identify passions, encourage self-awareness, intellectual humility and emotional intelligence.
- Any parent or schools are able to submit thoughts or suggestions up to 500 words at nswcurriculumreview@nesa.nsw.gov.au

Discussion on a Boarding House development proposal at 279 Avoca Street – directly across from RGHS. Parents are advised there is a letter disputing amount of car spaces and other issues, being prepared by P&C RGHS. Anyone may sign and forward to Council if wish.

General discussion on what is best use of P&C funds. Teachers to be encouraged to alert P&C to learning opportunities. School teachers already heavily involved in lunch time and out of school hours support. Persons who support homework support classes at library are paid. Advertise in school newsletter how teachers are involved in extracurricular activities? Older students run lunch time classes? Talent pool of parents? P&C pay someone? Year 10 students already help out with reading support for Year 8 students.

Discussion on toilet door locks being continuously broken. Suggested that boys in D&T fix the doors? Inform student body how much is spent replacing locks? Lance will advise of costs at next meeting. Look at different designs when planning for rebuild? BS has suggested Drago can check toilet locks regularly and fix locks.

P&C website has become clunky due to one website design across State. Use funds to pay a web site developer? Canvas parents for a web designer (may have some response from parent survey that is just about to go out in newsletter). Discussion on encouraging dads to attend P&C.

Leanne requested feedback re P&C face book page – all positive.

Whole school BBQ discussed for end of year on date of last P&C - 20th November, commencing about 5.30 and then P&C meeting.

Reminder next Tuesday 30th October P&C Federation doing a presentation.

Reminder first P&C of 2019 is 12 February at this stage.

Planning and fundraising to be discussed on meeting 20th November 2018

10. Next Ordinary Meeting

Tuesday 20 November 2018, 7.00pm

11. Meeting closed: 8.45pm

Principals Report – P & C Meeting

Tuesday 23rd October, 2018

1. Randwick Council meeting. Thanks to the P & C for their input.
2. Higher School Certificate began on Thursday 18th October, 2018. Congratulations to all students (and parents/guardians)
3. Premier and education Minister visit Randwick Boys' High School. October 18, 2018. To discuss the start of the Higher School Certificate examinations. Media attention – very positive
4. Upgrade update (or lack thereof)...
5. Schools Infrastructure have been invited to the November P & C meeting (20th November). I think this may give them more time to liaise with outside agencies before we inform them of our priorities.
6. Gifted and Talented interviews, 2019. Quality of applicants is excellent.
7. Bus update– still investigating possibilities (ongoing)
8. Year 12 Graduation dinner and clap out
9. HSC Music Performances for each candidate took place week 9 last Term. Cbus decided (at the last minute) to cease work on the Inglis site to not disrupt the performances.
- 10 HSC Drama performances have taken place (Individual and Group)
- 11 HSC Visual Art pieces have also been submitted
- 12 HSC Industrial Technology – Wood. Pieces have also been submitted for marking
- 13 RBHS – is now in Yearly Exam period. Exams to complete, mark, report etc. Year 11 last week of Term 3, Year 10 last week, Year 7 this week, Year 9 next week, Year 8 week 4.
- 14 Year 12 Formal 13th November
- 15 White Ribbon Walk Friday 23rd November. Our Student Leaders march each year with some staff and myself. They participate in the pledge.

- 16 Managed Evacuation – required by DE – Wed Sept 26
- 17 Year 11 students began HSC Courses on day 1 Term 4.
(Preliminary Year 11, only runs for 3 terms)
- 18 Excursions galore – Invictus Games (today), PASS coaching Rainbow Street Public School (PSHPE), Student Leadership discussions with Clovelly Public (SRC), September – Drinks stand raised \$300 for charity (MS Wallis), Macbeth ‘pop up Globe Theatre’ was enjoyed by all students (English Faculty), peer support numeracy training (Mr Halliwell), Coogee Beach Fitness (PDHPE), NSW School of Languages – exams taking place (Ms Douglas) , water polo knockout this week (Mr Bladwell), Student leadership forum (SRC Coordinator – Ms J Austen),

Upcoming:

- 19 Year 10 Work Experience (Mr Dimopoulos) – Monday 26th November – Friday 7th December
- 20 QLD HSIE Trip (Year 9) (M Harris – HT HSIE) – Tuesday 27th November – Friday 30th November
- 21 Yearly Examinations
- 22 Duke of Ed (Mr Dimopoulos) – Silver Nov 1 & 2 Thurs/Fri