

Randwick Boys' High School P&C Meeting Minutes Tuesday 28 February 2017

Chair: Nasser Attia

a. Attendance:

| Nasser Attia | Lyn Swinbourne | Elizabeth Royston | Kerry Wilson |
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| Glen Kotopoulos | Natalie Keledjian | Roger Whalebone | Kate Bice |
| Birgit Schickinger | Peter Wong | Paula Norley | Jane Knowles |
| Adriana Skleparis | Emma Digan | Michelle Bradley | James Burns |
| Sarah Brill | Antonella Attia | Helena Tighe | Lance Raskall |
| Alison Bell | Ngaire Smith | Michelle Lee | Olga Sofo |
| Laura Tamir | Kris Kotopoulos | Arif A Taher | |

- b. Apologies: Jacqui Coughlan, Renate Kernecker, Rachel Daly
- 1. Confirmation of the Minutes for 15 November 2016: Confirmed: Glen Kotopoulous. Seconded: Birgit Schickinger.
- 2. Business arising from 15 November 2016 Minutes: Nil

3. Correspondence: Nil

4. Reports

President's Report

Nasser Attia (NA) welcomed new Year 7 parents and everyone else to the meeting saying that he looked forward to input, ideas and contributions over next 12 months that would help the P&C raise money and support the school. Membership of \$5 to become a P&C member was being taken at the meeting to allow voting at the AGM. All present are encouraged to become a member.

Since the last meeting the P&C has been involved in school orientation night. NA was unable to attend but Glen Kotopoulous (GK) attended on behalf of the P&C and gave an informative talk (GK stated he was encouraged to see so many Year 7 parents on the night). On the orientation night book packs were sold.

P&C held a welcome morning tea on the first day of Year 7, there were 30-40 people in attendance, food was provided, thank you to parents and P&C members who attended, in particular Birgit, Antonella and Laura and everyone else who helped on the morning.

On the 10th February, a welcome BBQ was held on the school grounds, for anyone who wished to come along, the afternoon was successful.

Coming up P&C has the trivia night, which is the biggest fund raiser of the year, treasurer to talk more about this in her report.

Bunnings Mascot sausage sizzle this Saturday 8am to 4pm, P&C fundraiser. Helping hands required, please let Antonella know if you can help.

On the school open night, P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle. If you are interested in helping please come. March 7th 5.30pm. Birgit is co-ordinating volunteers for this event.

P&C secured a grant from the Community Building Partnership, to resurface the basketball courts. \$45 000 was initially secured with an additional \$20 000 received last year.

P&C was approached by the school to provide 2 participants for the upcoming maths panel, this happened prior to the meeting so Birgit and Antonella were nominated to be on the panel. Training is required to be on panels, at one stage a large number of P&C members were trained, there is a 2 hour training session plus an online module.

In response to questions from the meeting Olga Sofo (OS) explained that for merit selection i.e. filling a position within the school, the Department requires training for people who sit on the panel so that policy requirements are adhered to. Lance Raskall (LR) further explained that schools and principals don't have the power to fill all positions, it goes 50/50 so one will be school selected, another will be appointed by the department.

Meet the teacher night was held in the school hall last week. P&C had a stall for the first time to answer questions that any parents had. The P&C looks forward to conducting this every year here on in. Thanks to P&C members who turned up on the night.

This is the last meeting for the P&C year, the next meeting will be the first meeting for the year after the AGM. NA would like to encourage all, particularly new parents to the school, to be involved. The P&C looks forward to working with the school this year, raising funds and participating when possible. Next meeting is on 21 March, the AGM will see new executive nominated and ordinary meeting will follow. Those attending will need to be a financial member before you are able to vote and that membership needs to be done at this meeting.

NA thanked the current executive for all of their assistance throughout the year and looks forward to a bigger and better P&C year next year.

Principal's Report

Attached

Re: combining Meet the Teachers with welcome BBQ - P&C agree this is a good idea, point raised (Michelle Lee) that time wise it may be difficult for parents to relax and socialise as they are busy trying to meet teachers. LR said he would take this comment on board, give it a try next year and see how it works out.

Resurfacing basketball courts – extension to spend the first grant of \$45 000 has been confirmed until end of June. Birgit Schickinger (BS) stated the end date needs to be adhered to as its unlikely that another extension will be granted.

Oval – rugby to be played on the oval on Wednesday afternoons, going to make the first game of the season an event for school and community.

Head Teacher, E Payne, invited to speak to the P&C at the May meeting.

Swimming carnival was well attended by student and parents, records were broken and students will go on to represent the school in zone and state.

This Sunday is the Spot festival, a piece from the Show will be performed at the festival.

Treasurer's Report

Current bank balance is at \$60096.30. \$45000 of this balance is the grant for basketball court. \$20 000 grant not in the bank yet.

Book packs sold well. 149 sold. Spares are held for new parents who join throughout the year. Excess will be returned.

A trivia date needs to be confirmed, AS suggested that the executive consider dates and put them to the meeting next meeting. Month currently suggested is May.

Welcome BBQ broke even, with a positive turn out.

5. Agenda Items:

Peter Wong – Outdoor Movie Night

Last year P&C talked about events with children involved, as a fund raising idea PW suggested holding an outdoor theatre night. Looking at that equipment being sponsored and having a BBQ and some fete like items. Girls' school could also be invited. Not too many figures as yet but a few companies offer the equipment. Possibility of bringing in music as well.

On the question of security for the night LR said that he didn't think it would be required but that the night would need to be well structured and well supervised.

There was some discussion around the idea including, numbers, keeping it closed to community just open to schools, alcohol free event, kids getting involved in the running of the event and timing with regard to date.

LR asked what the companies get out of it, PW responded that they charge for equipment.

\$5-6000 profit with ticket and food sales is an estimation of what may be achieved on the night.

LR confirmed that the oval would be able to be used but that the night would need to be managed carefully.

Subcommittee to be formed and more information to be provided in coming meetings.

Kris Kotopoulos – RBHS Show Sponsorship 2017

KK read a letter sent to P&C Executive outlining a proposal to become a gold sponsor for the show. Financial commitment is \$1001. 2017 has the theme of 'When I Grow Up'. Sponsorship offers naming on show jerseys (250), ads in both school newsletters, logo on show program and on DVD cover.

There was some discussion with regards to the sponsorship, the value of the show, and the level of funding the P&C can contribute.

NA proposed motion that the P&C contribute \$1001 to become gold sponsors. Motion passed.

There was further discussion around funding in general and a P&C funding framework. Natalie Keledjian suggested with regards to a spending framework that it should be aligned with the schools vision and strategy.

LR said that the school plan is on the website and that the schools direction is open to direction from the P&C. He would like the P&C to offer ideas to the school. LR has been discouraging small funding requests from teachers to P&C but encouraged teachers with large projects to come to P&C to request funds.

6. General Business:

AS – hiring tables for trivia – significant cost to hire – would P&C consider buying trestle tables – would pay for themselves within 3 years. This idea was met with general agreement.

Working bee will be held on Sunday between 9am and 11am.

Three boys represented the school at triathlon. Very proud of the boys efforts.

How often are the toilets cleaned? OS – they are cleaned every day.

Does P&C have anything to do with canteen? LR – it's tendered – they have guidelines that need to adhere to. New guidelines coming out soon. This year is the last year of a five year tender. There will be a parent on the panel when it comes up for tender again.

7. Next Ordinary Meeting

Tuesday 21 March 2017, Immediately following the Annual General Meeting 7.00pm

8. Meeting closed: 8.53pm

Principal's Report

P & C Meeting

Tuesday 28 February 2017

- 1. School settled well in 2017
- 2. Music students are visiting a local nursing home and performing for the residents, staff and visitors.
- 3. New Timetable began Monday 27th February due to staff changes at end of 2016 and beginning of 2017
- 4. Year 7 update settled well. Fantastic cohort. Very impressive
- 5. Welcome BBQ saw many parents attend, especially Year 7 parents. Great success. Thank you to all who assisted in the heat!
- 6. Meet the Teachers 2018 combine these events??
- 7. Open Night BBQ Next Tuesday 7th March
- 8. Basketball court resurfacing. WHS angle was investigated. Process is still underway. Quotes now being sought and timeframe released.
- 9. Oval maintenance. Weeded, aerator, fertilizer, water. Apparently over summer, seeds should take and the rejuvenation continues
- 10. Parent Public Lecture Series UNSW
- 11. HT English E Payne
- 12. NAPLAN results Numeracy. Value Added year 7 *2014) to 9 (2016) was fantastic. Well done to all staff, particularly Mathematics staff