



**Randwick Boys' High School
P&C Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 17 October 2017**

Chair: Birgit Schickinger

1. Attendance:

Nasser Attia	Rachel Daly	Melissa Olsen	
Birgit Schickinger	Peter Wong Wing Kee	Renate Kernecker	
Sarah Brill	Ngaire Smith		
James Burns	Elizabeth Royston		
Laura Tamir	Jane Knowles		
Lyn Swinbourne	Lance Raskall		
Michelle Bradley	Nick Frougas		

- 1. Welcome** to new financial members, observers and guests.
- 2. Apologies:** Glen Kotopoulos, Adriana Skleparis, Natalie Keledjian, Helena Tighe, Antonella Attia, Michelle Lee, Kris Kotopoulos, Kate Bice, Alison Bell
- 3. Determination of quorum:** Quorum reached (quorum is 5 if under 50 members and 11 if over 50 members).
- 4. Confirmation of the Minutes for 19 September 2017:** Confirmed: Nasser Attia.
Seconded: Jane Knowles.
- 5. Guest Speaker: Melissa Olsen, Head Teacher, CAPA**

Melissa Olsen (MO) addressed the meeting and summarised the activities of the CAPA department inside and outside of the classroom.

- There is a vast array of musical skills coming in to school and the department needs to cater to all skills. One year twelve this year has been accepted into the talent development project from the Arts Unit at Department of Education.
- Outside of the classroom the music department runs a concert band and vocal ensemble group. There are roughly 25 students in the band and 10 core and 8 casual members in vocal ensemble. A brass ensemble and woodwind ensemble

from the band rehearse separately with tutors, paid for by the school. Tutors are also available for private lessons. These lessons are available to all students at cost to parents.

- There are a small group of year 8 students who accompanied year 12 students for performance this year. There is also a group of students who assist with sound and lighting. These students set up the sound and lighting for events in hall and for video presentations. Two other students are working on photographing and videoing events.
- Music students perform at the Southern Cross Aged Care Facility once a fortnight. This is open to any student and many different groups have performed for the residents. It has been a positive experience.

A video made by a student of the performance by concert band in the aged care facility was shown to the meeting.

- The music department runs concert attendance, which is open to any parent or student. The cost is \$25 per ticket for students and concerts are aimed at music students. Information will be out next year if anyone is interested in coming along.
- The Year 12 art exhibition is a night for visual art and music students. Major works are exhibited and the event gives students a deadline to work towards.

Lance Raskall (LR) noted that there are two staff under MO look after the RBHS side of The Show. MO also runs all formal assemblies, including organising performers for these events.

MO noted that they need to finalise third quote for the new sound system in the hall and hope by end of year to have a new sound system up and running. The students who set up and run the current system will be trained to operate the new system.

LR asked about the dynamic in the music class with a student from RGHS attending.

MO noted that the boys were happy to have her in the class and that at first she was nervous, but after one assessment class the boys recognised they had competition and that it was good to have healthy competition in the class and wouldn't have mattered if it were male or female just that it was someone new.

MO thanked to Adriana Skleparis and Natalie Keledjian for their help on panel to select a new permanent PE teacher. It has been great to have four stable PE teachers who are working well together. Randwick Ninja Warrior competition was run this year in place of a soccer competition. The best five in each year participated in a lunchtime competition. This was a new initiative that was quite successful with new equipment used in different ways. Textbooks are being updated and new equipment is being bought including a full size skeleton. Money is being spent on obtaining visual aids to assist teaching students about the body and how it works. Specific instruments for kids with physical disabilities have also been purchased. The PDHPE department is looking at running an accelerated course for year 10 students interested in taking PE in year 11 and 12. A Wednesday

sport group uses the mini gym. Students are identified by teachers who would benefit from gym time in sport, for either mental health, weight loss or socialisation. The group is run by Mr Jackson who is enjoying the role he's playing with these boys.

6. Business arising from September 2017 Minutes:

Date 'The Grants Guy'

Keith Whelan, the Grants Guy has been emailed re setting a date. The session would be too long to have in front of a P&C meeting so have it on another night for those interested in listening to what he has to say, and open to staff if they are interested. Looking at early (February) next year.

P&C Contribution

Trialling this next year as per decision last meeting. A letter signed by Birgit Schickinger (BS) and LR will go in newsletter. The levy will be part of the invoice and will state that it is voluntary. An amount is specified as a suggested amount on the letter. It will not be a tax deduction. BS is not sure how the school will put it on the invoice as yet but it should clear in terms of being able to see what students are invoiced for. It is possible for families to contribute different amounts. A notice of the contribution will be in the newsletter a few times this year and then on the invoice for next year, which is sent via mail.

7. Correspondence:

Correspondence this month was P&C journals and a letter from the tax office re our ABN that Nasser Attia will be looking into.

8. Reports

President's Report

Still in contact with grants committee re basketball court but nothing to report.

Principal's Report

See attached.

1. Louise McNeil is to be the new Deputy President and the staff are looking forward to having her at school.
2. The way year 12's conducted themselves this year was exceptional and it was the best clap out so far. There has not been one issue in terms of muck up day or week and all students adhered to the rules well. Graduation event took place at South Sydney Juniors and was a great night. The biggest issue in this regard is that the year 12 advisor looks after graduation and may not have done it before which can make it difficult. A few issues were identified that will be tightened up for next year.

4. Renovation of the basketball courts is now with the Department. The end result should be great for the school. The school paid for phase 1. Diseased trees around the school were also removed with a total of 8 trees removed. It has been decided to rip up the entire court, treat the roots, compact the soil and lay new concrete. The school will pay for phase three which is a new path to the hall. With regards to phase 4 a rose garden as was at the school in 1958 may come back. Work will happen after the HSC. There is still the next \$20k grant which has not yet been paid into the P&C bank account. Hoping that work starts before the end of term, if not then it will start in the January holidays. A contractor is in place. The school has asked for the lights to be moved but the school will have to pay for this work and are currently waiting for a quote to see if this is feasible.
6. Kieren Brown will be leaving which means the school is losing the year 10 advisor.
7. Hoping to go to merit selection to fill the science teacher vacancy. Laura Tamir volunteered to be the parent representative on the panel should that happen.
8. The executive wish list for P&C funds to be spent on prioritised air conditioning for the hall. A ballpark figure is not yet known. The P&C is happy to proceed with exploring the cost of this and looking to contribute money to this project.

Laura Tamir mentioned to the meeting that the desks in the hall are unstable. LR advised the meeting that the school doesn't pay for the desks and that some are better than others and staff can look into this.

There was some discussion on the cost of electricity to run air conditioning in hall and how this would work with groups who hire hall.

9. The Canteen tender is up and the school needs to go through the canteen tender process. Nick Frougas asked the P&C for a statement from supporting an external person or company run canteen and a representative from the P&C to be on the panel. Michelle Bradley volunteered to be the parent representative.
10. Faculty representative next meeting to be Lance George and/or Nick Frougas to talk re STEAM room.

Treasurer's Report

Nil to report. Bank Balance is at \$21204.77.

11. Agenda Items:

Funding, Fundraising and Planning 2018

There was some discussion on fundraising in 2018. A broad goal should be outlined in the letter with regards to the P&C levy. No state school currently has a dedicated STEAM room and if RBHS could get one up and running this would be a good thing. BS offered to go look at other schools and see how they are running their STEAM rooms. There are no plans with regards to how the room will be fitted out but a

STEAM room is seen as a good broad fundraising focus given that RBHS is a technology high school.

Bunnings BBQ will still go ahead next year. They are now limited to one per year and the date will need to be locked in early. Mitre 10 BBQ will not go ahead next year. There will be an Open Day BBQ and a Welcome BBQ in 2018. AS can't commit to running a trivia night at this stage in 2018. The school has received a CUA brochure re fundraising events. These events are open to the whole community and a range of activities are offered. BS to give them a call and speak to them about it.

There was some discussion as to other fund raising ideas for 2018. LT raised the idea of doing something with RGHS next year. BS has spoken to RGHS about a joint trivia night. BS noted that events are not just about fundraising but also about social cementing, grass root events that bring community together.

There was some discussion about an event to open the basketball courts when they are finished. This would take place in term 1 as a weekend daytime event that would be drop in/drop out.

Two P&C members expressed an interest in helping to organise a trivia night if Adriana is unable to.

12. General Business:

There is a large supply of wood chip mulch available on school grounds if anyone would like to take some.

13. Next Ordinary Meeting

Tuesday 21 November 2017, 7.00pm

14. Meeting closed: 8.29pm

Principal's Report

1. Deputy Principal. Successful candidate is Louise McNeil, current Head Teacher HSIE at South Sydney HS. Louise will start with us on 29th January, 2018.
2. Year 12 'clap out' and Graduation.
3. HSC underway. Two English exams so far and no MAJOR surprises. Boys seem to be happy with the questions etc so far. Presiding officer has stated that this is the BEST group she has seen go through the HSC in 13 years.
4. Basketball court update. Now \$230,000.

Phase 1 – Tree removal has taken place

Phase 2 – court surface and surrounding pathways

Phase 3 – new pathway leading to hall

Phase 4 – planting of native trees (rose garden).

5. Yearly exams next term – years 7-10
6. Staffing for 2018 – update (K Brown)
7. Science position – panel members from community
8. Executive 'wish list' re P&C funding – table suggestions
9. Canteen tender – N Frougas
10. Next P&C – Tuesday 21st November. Faculty representative?