

Minutes

Randwick Boys' High School Parents and Citizens Association General Meeting Tuesday 18 August 2020 Following AGM at 7pm via Zoom

Chair: Birgit Schickinger

Item	Description	Action
1.0	Attendance Online via Zoom: Birgit Schickinger, Dacre England, Helena Whalebone, Jacqueline Somosi, Jane Knowles, Janine Beck (JBE), Jason Bates (JBA), Karen Henderson, Lance Raskall, Laura Tamir, Leanne Bergan, Linda Nawava, Louise McNeil, Michelle Bradley, Philip Booth, Sarah Brill, Suzy Forrester, Walter McKenzie In person: n/a. Quorum is 5 (fewer than 50 members): quorum present.	
2.0	Welcome Welcome to new financial members, observers and guests.	
3.0	Apologies Ngaire Smith, Sophia Kapalos	
4.0	Confirmation of Minutes (16 th June 2020) Moved: Jason Bates Seconded: Philip Booth Minutes were confirmed.	
5.0	 Business arising from previous meeting (February 2020) Sydney Water grant: Thanks to Leanne and Janine for preparing this, but unfortunately we were not successful this year in this highly competitive grant. A/V equipment purchase: Emma Payne, Head Teacher English, has a quote and has checked that all items are available. She has approached another supplier to see if they can offer a better price and will place the order when the best deal is confirmed. SRC morning tea: This has not been held due to COVID-19 restrictions, but will be held when possible. Student Recognition Program (Game Changer): JBE gave a brief overview of 	LB, Ms Payne JBE
	 broadent neoognition region (Gume Changer). SEE gave a biref over new of program. It is designed as a partnership between the P&C and the School to recognise the development of soft skills in demand by employers across faculties. Nick Benson, the new Wellness Coordinator, will be the School coordinator for teacher nominations for work fitting the agreed categories. Fortnightly winners will be published in the newsletter (similar to Athlete of the Week), with four overall category winners at Presentation Day: Active Thinker, Critical Thinker, Creative Thinker, and Resilient Spirit. JBE is working 	

-		
	 with Nick on the launch, which they hope to have in the next week or so. Other proposed elements of the program can be launched as circumstances allow. JBA and LR met about priorities for P&C investment. This has to go on the back burner until things with the SINSW infrastructure upgrade are clearer. LR noted that the minutes from Marjorie O'Neill's staff member have been sent through. These were very brief and most of the points were covered in the last email from her office to the Minister. 	
6.0	Correspondence	
	Our insurance has been paid.Australian Charity register - audit due.	
	 Australian Charity register - audit due. Rebel Sport statements have been received. 	
	 An email from a parent asking about the Breakfast Club was forwarded to the School. 	
7.0	Reports	
7.1	President (BS) All items of note are included in the President's Report just presented by BS to the AGM.	
7.2	 Principal/Deputy Principal (LR) LR presented the Principal's Report. Items noted were: Upgrade update: Over the last couple of months there have been a number of Project Reference Group (PRG) and Project Communication Group (PCG) meetings. The PCG will be sharing information. There have been walkarounds, including with architects with the Department, as well as Electricals and Waterways. There are preliminary plans which cannot be discussed at present, with tentative dates. Some teaching spaces (including some classrooms, the gym and hall) are under the minimum size, so these will be addressed. They are also talking about a Year 12 senior space and updating every classroom. Buildings are likely to be higher in some parts, with talk of lifts. The architects seem quite open to input from the School regarding our needs. There is no indicative date for when the DA will be on display as yet. History staffing: The Department has appointed a candidate from the Hills Sports High School to take Daisy Douglass's position. Rebecca Wellington's position will go to interview. The School will be in touch with JBA and PB who volunteered as parent representatives for the selection panel last meeting. Year 10 work experience: This can be planned as normal, but we will need to see what's happening at the time. Year 8 and 10 subject selections: These are in progress. Teacher presentations have been emailed out to parents and made available on the website. Booklets have been sent home as well. Parent-Teacher evenings: These will be held via Zoom. Information is available through the newslettre. COVID-19 update: o Restrictions were tightened again by Department yesterday. o Sport: We are not allowed to play outside our local area. Our area has put all grade sport on hold for Term 3. We do not yet know about Term 4. Students who would otherwise be involved in Years 11 and 12 will be released for exercise or study at home with parents' permissio	LR, JBA, PB

 running group. Year group-based activities only: In consultation with the Department of Health, have been asked to make activities year-group specific. This entails some change to roll-call classes. It is impractical in terms of the playground at breaks and in bus lines. Other activities: No chess tournament, no mentoring, no band, no choir, and likely no morning fitness classes. No excursions or incursions. Students will be using PE changerooms class-by-class. Staff: Professional learning only available via Zoom. Year 12: We are facing significant disruption to the traditional end-of-year celebrations for Year 12. The Graduation can't go ahead on the planned date in Term 3 as Souths Juniors is now limited to 100 and there are 85 current Year 12 students. The back-up date is 9 December (after the HSC). As is traditional, we are planning for every student, two parents/carers and the entire staff. We can't have the clap-out assembly at present. The Year 12 Formal is planned for Term 4, so still stands for the moment. Other staffing: Nick Benson has taken on the (unremunerated) role of Well Being Coordinator following the loss of Leah Pappin. Christina DeCosta (currently on Maternity leave) will be starting a new position closer to home next year; we will hopefully be able to go to interview for her position as well. Presentation Day: We are planning for this as usual but need to be prepared to switch to a virtual format if necessary. Reports: Modified reports have been sent out to all years. Year 7 parents will receive the second part of their reports including comments this week. End-of-year reports will include grades and placing. Bus: We are waiting on signage for the bus. It has been being used and will be used more when restrictions are lifted. Health and hygiene measures: Each teacher has their own hand sanitiser for bosys to use in every class. There is also additional cleaning		r7	
 7.3 Treasurer (LB) LB presented the Treasurer's Report and bank statement. The current balance is \$27,274.56 The School bus contribution is now fully acquitted. The biggest income item is the voluntary contribution, which has been increasing year-on-year. 8.0 Agenda items B.1 Discussion regarding P&C social media – Phase 2 (LB) LB introduced discussion of the possibility of introducing an Instagram account for the P&C in addition to our Facebook page. Such an account may engage a different demographic to the Facebook page, and provide another outlet to positively promote the School, including with prospective parents. Students may be encouraged to contribute, but all 		 Year group-based activities only: In consultation with the Department of Health, have been asked to make activities year-group specific. This entails some change to roll-call classes. It is impractical in terms of the playground at breaks and in bus lines. Other activities: No chess tournament, no mentoring, no band, no choir, and likely no morning fitness classes. No excursions or incursions. Students will be using PE changerooms class-by-class. Staff: Professional learning only available via Zoom. Year 12: We are facing significant disruption to the traditional end-of-year celebrations for Year 12. The Graduation can't go ahead on the planned date in Term 3 as Souths Juniors is now limited to 100 and there are 85 current Year 12 students. The back-up date is 9 December (after the HSC). As is traditional, we are planning for every student, two parents/carers and the entire staff. We can't have the clap-out assembly at present. The Year 12 Formal is planned for Term 4, so still stands for the moment. Other staffing: Nick Benson has taken on the (unremunerated) role of Well Being Coordinator following the loss of Leah Pappin. Christina DeCosta (currently on Maternity leave) will be starting a new position closer to home next year; we will hopefully be able to go to interview for her position as well. Presentation Day: We are planning for this as usual but need to be prepared to switch to a virtual format if necessary. Reports: Modified reports have been sent out to all years. Year 7 parents will receive the second part of their reports including comments this week. End-of-year reports will include grades and placing. Bus: We are waiting on signage for the bus. It has been being used and will be used more when restrictions are lifted. Health and hygiene measures: Each teacher has their own hand sanitiser for boys to use in every class. There is also additional cleaning happening. Not many boys are wearing masks, although more are wea	
 B.1 Discussion regarding P&C social media – Phase 2 (LB) LB introduced discussion of the possibility of introducing an Instagram account for the P&C in addition to our Facebook page. Such an account may engage a different demographic to the Facebook page, and provide another outlet to positively promote the School, including with prospective parents. Students may be encouraged to contribute, but all 	7.3	 LB presented the Treasurer's Report and bank statement. The current balance is \$27,274.56 The School bus contribution is now fully acquitted. The biggest income item is the voluntary contribution, which has been 	
 LB introduced discussion of the possibility of introducing an Instagram account for the P&C in addition to our Facebook page. Such an account may engage a different demographic to the Facebook page, and provide another outlet to positively promote the School, including with prospective parents. Students may be encouraged to contribute, but all 	8.0	Agenda items	
	8.1	 LB introduced discussion of the possibility of introducing an Instagram account for the P&C in addition to our Facebook page. Such an account may engage a different demographic to the Facebook page, and provide another outlet to positively promote the School, including with prospective parents. Students may be encouraged to contribute, but all 	

	 Challenges involve adhering to the School's Permission to Publish rules regarding individual students, coordinating with the School website and the amount of effort involved in maintaining the account. Inappropriate content may be avoided by disabling comments and focusing on images. LB will put together a proposal to distribute prior to the next meeting for further discussion. 	LB
9.0	 General Business International Teachers' Day: HW raised the issue of a gesture to recognise the hard work of teachers and administrative staff for International Teachers' Day (5 October) now that it will not be possible for the SRC to host a morning tea. After some discussion, it was suggested that vouchers at a nearby café or restaurant would allow for individual choice as well supporting a local business or businesses. LR/LM will provide necessary information on numbers, and details can be voted on at the next meeting. MOTION 1: LB moved that up to \$1500 be allocated for International Teachers Day recognition gift for teachers and administrative staff (up to \$20 per person). LR and LM to provide feedback on most appropriate voucher. Seconded: Jason Bates Motion was carried. 	LR/LM
	 Book packs: MB is happy to start looking at book packs. She will contact the school to find out how many are still in the office and start contacting departments about their requirements for next year. Garden Committee: PB to liaise with LR regarding upcoming works. The Department arborist is coming out on the 25th and 26th of August. JBA noted 	MB PB, LR
	that SINSW should provide a vegetation plan as part of the works as well. LR will request that the design briefs be released to the P&C when they're ready.	
10.0	Close of meeting Meeting closed at 9:05 pm.	
	Next meeting is Tuesday 15th September 2020 at 7:00pm via Zoom.	