



**Randwick Boys' High School  
P&C Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday 18 February 2020**

**Chair: Michelle Bradley**

**1. Attendance:**

Michelle Bradley	Karen van Keulen	Jason Bates
Sarah Brill	Laura Tamir	Amanda Molyneux
Suzy Forrester	Lyn Swinbourne	Coralie Lane
Leanne Bergan	Ngairie Smith	Sophie Kapalos
Emma Digan	Philip Booth	Isabel Cetin
Heike Pashley	Sarah McLean	Andrew Bachelard
Janine Beck	Sean Loughman	Melanie Notaras

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

**3. Apologies:** Alison Bell, Rachel Daly, Dacre England, Jane Knowles, Walter McKenzie, Birgit Schickinger, Roger Whalebone, Helena Whalebone

**4. Determination of quorum:** Quorum reached (quorum is 5 if under 50 members and 11 if over 50 members).

**5. Guest speakers:** *None noted.* As this was the first meeting of the new year, MB gave a brief introduction to the P&C for the benefit of newcomers.

**6. Confirmation of the Minutes for November 2019:** (LB, JB)

*Minutes confirmed.*

**7. Business arising from November 2019 Minutes:**

The following items were noted:

- LR has not yet been given access to the minutes taken during the Education Minister's visit to the school and will follow up.
- \$288 donated by students at the P&C BBQ held in conjunction with the Colour Run was donated to Bayside Women's Shelter, who have sent a certificate of appreciation.
- The contribution towards film equipment to be based in the English Department is awaiting confirmation of the purchase.

**8. Correspondence:**

The following items of correspondence were noted:

- A newsletter from the P&C Federation.

- An approach from Cadbury's regarding selling chocolates as a fundraiser. We haven't done this in the past due to nutrition concerns.
- A letter from the Sponsorship Coordinator for The Show requesting sponsorship. The previous arrangement whereby RBHS and RGHS P&C's each donated \$500 to share a \$1,000 Gold Sponsorship is no longer available. It was suggested that The Show organisers be encouraged to explore becoming an eligible provider under the Creative Arts voucher scheme.
- Motion on notice for 17/03/2020: That the RBHS P&C increase our donation to The Show to the new minimum Gold Sponsor level of \$1,001.

## 9. Reports

### ***President's Report (MB for BS)***

MB presented the President's Report as BS is currently away. Things have been quiet since the last meeting due to the Christmas break. To give an overview of our activities last year, MB read BS's report as printed in the School's *Annual Report*. There are lots of opportunities to be involved, from helping with BBQs, to assisting with English Portfolio presentation panels, to writing grant proposals, to organising events, and everyone is welcome.

### ***Principal's Report (LR)***

LR presented the Principal's Report. Among the items noted were:

- There have been no updates on the upgrades from the Department. The Director of Assets, Dean Slattery, visited at the end of last year to look at the damage caused by the roots of the removed tree, but there has been no information on what will be done about this as yet. The Minister received a representation earlier this year about RBHS, prompting another visit from Assets. Parents are encouraged to make further representations to the Minister. Necessary work has been undertaken in a number of classrooms using School funds, but any major works are delayed until the extent of the upgrades is confirmed to avoid waste.
- Due to lower than anticipated enrolments, there will only be five (rather than six) Year 7 classes this year. As a result, the School's timetable will be adjusted starting in Week 5 and some non-permanent staff will be leaving.
- Last year's HSC results were excellent, with top scores of 98.5 and 97.35. There were a number of boys in the 90's and solid results in terms of bands (23 in Band 6 (90-100) and in 59 Band 5 (81-89)). Our overall ranking rose 161 places; we are only 17 behind RGHS. The School is also proud to celebrate with those students who achieved their personal best, and those who were the first in their families to achieve a Higher School Certificate.
- The Sports and Annual Presentation Days were both successful. Former Australian Women's Cricket Team Captain Lisa Sthalekar spoke at the Sports Day, and ex-students and current teachers Ben Street and Lucky Calandra spoke at Presentation Day. Thanks to the P&C for providing prizes for both events.
- A volunteer is being sought to act as the P&C representative for the selection panel for a position in Visual Arts. SF and MB will liaise about this. P&C members are invited to undertake the online training to participate in these panels as they come up during the year. Please let LR know if you are interested.
- The Breakfast Club started mid-last year with funds from the P&C is proving extremely successful. Further funds are included in the proposed budget for 2020.
- The Year 10 Work Experience program last year was very successful, with a number of students securing part-time summer employment, apprenticeships and full-time jobs as a result.
- The SRC is participating in Shave for a Cure to raise money for cancer research. Further details will be included in the Newsletter.

- All parents are encouraged to attend next Tuesday's Meet the Teacher Night. This is a great opportunity to talk informally with your son's teachers and find out about what they will be covering in class this year.
- Open Night is scheduled for the following Tuesday, 3 March. This is traditionally a huge night for the school, with over 300 families attending. Please come along.
- Thank-you to Jason for donating 40 tickets to the production *School of Rock*. This is a great opportunity for our elective Music students, who are very excited at the prospect.
- The minibus has been ordered—a Toyota 2020 model. Specialist licences costing around \$800 each are required; these will be obtained by the GA, SLSOs and some teachers. Works are currently underway to create a secure parking area. We will look at hiring the bus out to other schools when not in use for RBHS activities.

### ***Treasurer's Report***

LB tabled the Treasurer's Report and bank statement. The current bank balance is \$48,201.15.

Since the last meeting, we have received revenue from the last BBQ and book packs. Outgoings include \$5,000 for the English Faculty camera equipment, the contribution of Colour Run BBQ donations to Bayside Women's Shelter, the Year 7 Welcome morning tea, and \$15 for the renewal of our domain name. We are waiting on a \$2,000 invoice from the School for the Presentation Day prizes, and are still to transfer our remaining contribution toward the new minibus.

## **10. Agenda Items:**

### ***P&C projects for 2020***

- We are keen to hear any successful ideas used at primary schools. The election day BBQs last year raised over \$4,000, so we need some ideas to replace this source of revenue. Local government elections are scheduled for later in the year, but the dates for this will need to be checked. Ideas on expanding the Trivia Night to include more parents would be welcome.
- A second-hand uniform "pop-up shop" was proposed. Families donate clean items which are then sold for a flat fee (e.g., \$5). Sales could be held once or twice a term in conjunction with events, or on specified school days subject to volunteer availability. LR will coordinate acceptance and storage of donated items through the School Office. Melanie and Sophie offered to help.
- In terms of outside funding sources, the community infrastructure grants are coming up, and discretionary funds are available through Randwick Council. We may be able to apply for funds towards fixing the gym roof through the infrastructure grant, while the Council is more likely to be interested in projects around landscaping and outside sports facilities. It was suggested that a sub-committee be formed to focus on preparing submissions related to infrastructure projects, both to take advantage of the expertise of current members and to share skills with other members for the future. Agenda item on notice for 17/03/2020: Formation of a standing sub-committee for Infrastructure Projects to be convened by the President (or nominee).

### ***Fundraising ideas***

There was discussion regarding possible fundraising activities. We are unable to hold a car boot sale on the School grounds due to lack of appropriate space. Ideas for major prize items for the Trivia Night raffle would be welcome.

### ***Funding requests***

It was noted that The Show brings a lot of positive publicity for the School and a significant number of students are involved. RGHS P&C is meeting next week, so we may be able to get some more information then regarding joint sponsorship options. Requests for funding are encouraged as early as possible in the year to assist with budgeting, noting that we do aim for flexibility in considering proposals throughout the year.

#### ***P&C BBQs***

We have BBQs planned for the Meet the Teacher evening (Tuesday 25 February) and Open Night (Tuesday 3 March). Volunteers are asked to add their names to the list available tonight or online later.

#### **11. General Business:**

- A \$350 contribution for a morning tea to be run by the SRC for the teachers will be added to the budget proposal.

#### **12. Next Meeting (AGM and Ordinary)**

Tuesday, 17 March 2020

#### **13. Meeting closed: 8:20pm**