

Bellingen High School P&C

General Meeting Minutes

Date: 14th March 2022 **Time Meeting Opened:** 6.07pm

Present: Katharine Sutherland, Rachel Case, Milo Bowd, Melissa Sankey, Sandra Ruming, Carolyn Lasker, Graziella Garrett, Lynda Lane, Tim Laverty, Belinda Melalieu

Apologies: Cath Young, Elissa Hall

Minutes from last meeting: Moved Rachel Case, 2nd *Sandra Ruming*

Treasurers Report: Balance of BCU account as of 14th March 2022, \$3276.93

Principals Report: *Carolyn Lasker*

- Thank you to entire BHS community for a warm welcome
- Strategic Improvement Plan (2021-2024) – working with the whole school around three strategic directions and identifying the work that needs to be done to achieve the key targets.
- Recommendations from wellbeing review – These are being worked through systematically with the opportunity for input from across the school.
- Fundraising initiatives – Students leadership team are having input into priority areas that they wish to support.
- Camp Creative – Seeking the support of the P&C to endorse the *Community Use Agreement* between BHS & Camp Creative. A draft has not been issued yet but the school may need to consider asking for a reduced amount in 2023.

Business arising: From last minutes.

- A reminder to all P&C members that you are invited to sit on the interview panel for new permanent staff. If you would like to volunteer your time and participate in the online training, please contact Katharine Sutherland for more information.
- Cath Young's suggestion/comment was implemented on behalf of LGB students (?)
- P&C minutes are available via a link on the BHS Newsletter. A copy is also available on the SkoolBag App.

Business arising: This meeting

- Welcome to Carolyn Laster, acting School Principal – our students have seen her walking around the school, sitting in on classes and actively getting to know our school community.
- As we only have so many P&C meetings a year, time is valuable. It has been suggested that we invite Paul Pomroy to a special meeting for him to outline his role as Wellbeing Advisor, what direction wellbeing is taking at the school,

and is there a way for the P&C to support this direction. The 28th of March has been pencilled in, Paul is yet to confirm availability.

- Subgroups of the P&C are being suggested – based on strengths, interested and availability. Fundraising and Grant Applications are two groups that people may be interested in developing. This is still a work in progress.
- Fundraising – it has been suggested that one way to gain funds for the school is to apply for grants. If we enrol with the Bellingen Council, they will let us know what grants are available – Graziella will look into this.
- Mel Tyas – will be beginning her program within the school this year. Some year 8 students will be involved in the test program.

Meeting Closed: 7.40pm

Next meeting: April 2022