

Bellingen High School P & C Association

Minutes

Monday 10th February 2025 6pm

Bellingen High School Staff common room

Gumbaynggirr Country

Our Parents and Citizens Association aims to improve the academic, social and emotional outcomes of students regardless of a student's ability, race, gender, religion or socio- economic status.

All members should remember to:

- *Be punctual*
- *Be prepared*
- *Listen without interrupting*
- *Speak briefly*
- *Criticise the ideas not the person*

Attendees: Milo Bowd (Vice President), Kathleen Hannah (Treasurer), Graziella Reeson, Michelle Bowling, Alicia Scanlon, Avril Tyrell, Eva Wright, Melinda Weigert, Kim Childs, Michelle Elliott (Principal)

Apologies: Lisa Welsh(Deputy), Rachael Case (Vice President), Caroline Thomas

1. Welcome, Acknowledgment of Country Milo Bowd

2. Previous minutes –

2.1 Approval of Minutes – Graziella Reeson, Avril Tyrell

2.2 Business Arising from Previous Minutes (Chair)

- Response letter from the Minister of Education re public education funding. Minister recently visited school, Michelle felt this was probably a direct result of letter sent by P&C
- Discussion re planned Year camps for 2025
Year 11, term 3 snow trip \$1550
Year 10, day trip, adventure course type outing with Mr Willett
Year 9, Lake Ainsworth recreation camp
Year 7, end of 1st term overnight trip? Arrawarra.
- HQB Audit - ongoing.
- BHS summary of values- compiled, should be rolled out by end of year

3. REPORTS

3.1 Principal's Report- see attached

3.2 Financial Reports (Treasurer)

ACNC process continues to become a registered charity, Kathleen awaiting Mel to assist in getting her access.

Account balance - \$7654.53

3.3 Correspondence (Secretary) nil, position currently remains empty

4. PRIORITY BUSINESS

4.1 Advisory/ Information

- Interview Panel Training - open to all for future panels - register your interest
Kim Weigert interested, Michelle to email training

4.2 Events / Relationship Building

- Breakfast club volunteers always appreciated: Wed, Thurs, Fri, 8 – 9am
- Volunteers wanted for canteen at school- particularly during busy times with school carnivals

4.3 Fundraising

- Discussed suggestions for fundraising in 2025
- Bellingen Markets Aug 2025
- Musical- P&C to run canteen
- Café at Camp Creative run by Miss Kramer this year. Michelle requested P&C to oversee in future as school is unable to directly pay Miss Kramer. P&C to decide whether happy with this model at future meeting.

5. OTHER BUSINESS (*Chair*)

- Vaping – students reluctant to use toilets due to amount of vaping, Kim Childs suggested to put alarms(siren like) to deter using that area. Michelle to look into this option. Kathleen - NSW Health does a great parent presentation on vaping. Principal legally can remove a bag if suspects vapes in bag, can call parent and check bag with them in attendance.
- Kim raised some parent feedback re Year 7's start to year. Felt it would be helpful to have some communication prior to commencement on what to expect, what you need to bring for first day of high school, where they needed to be on the first day etc to alleviate anxiety. Milo suggested a generic email that could be used each year and could just be edited by the Year Advisor as required.
- Good feedback from parents re start to high school, well organised
- Upcoming Valentines Day Year 12 fundraiser
- Milo discussed upcoming AGM and the opportunity being on the committee provides, connection to the school, having input into children's education and school processes and decisions. Graziella also discussed the relationships that are fostered with other P&C members that otherwise you may not get to know. Asked attendees to think about what they wanted their P&C to look like. Discussion around could job descriptions be sent out so people understood the roles and could workloads be shared.

Meeting Close 7:03pm

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