

## Bellingen High School P & C Association

### Minutes

**Monday 14 November 2022** 6pm Bellingen High School Staffroom

Meeting started 6.04 pm

**Attendees** – Rachael Case (chair), Sandra Ruming, Graziella Reeson, Elisa Hall, Chelone Boshier, Kylie Wilson (relieving Deputy Principal), Milo Bowd, Mel Tyas, Ellie Tree, Kathleen Hannah, Chelone Boshier, Jessie Harradine, Jill Hely, Kylie Wilson (Relieving Deputy Principal)

#### 1. Welcome and previous minutes

1.1 **Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country and previous minutes** (Chair)

1.2 **Apologies** (Chair)

Melissa Sankey, Monique Buggy, Cath Young, Lynda Lane, Katharine Sutherland

#### 2. Special Presentation “YOUth Speak Report 2022”

- Youth Worker & Councillor Ellie Tree gave overview of the report outcomes.

- Youth was mostly made up of Bello High students & main areas of concern were identified as:

- Youth Mental Health
- Bullying
- Drugs
- Alcohol

- Most youth don't know where to seek help.

5 recommendations:

1. More assistance/information with where to seek help
2. Transition assistance from education into training
3. Mental health support
4. Investment in harm minimisation & decrease drug use
5. Include the youth more.

Outcomes:

- Improved facilities
- More events for young people
- Workshops & programs for life & survival skills.

Think tank with key personnel in the town to determine what can be done in 12 months, 5 years etc.

Upgrade to Bello & Dorrigo skateparks currently planned.

#### 3. Previous minutes

3.1 **Approval of Minutes** – Previous minutes Moved Chelone, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sandra

3.2 **Business Arising from Previous Minutes (Chair)**

- “A Night With the Folks”, BHS Wellbeing day, Yr 12 formal all successful recent

school events (Rachael)

- Wellbeing day was very successful & enjoyed by both students & teachers. Hope to be repeated next year. Not many parents attended even though they were invited.
- Feedback from Night with the Folks was very positive. Mention that non-binary kids were not included or felt like they couldn't participate because they didn't fall into a male or female category. This was raised at the evening with organisers, who acknowledged it as an issue and said "it has to be done this way to get into schools".
- Yr 12 formal was lovely & enjoyed by all who attended.
- Thanks those more active on Facebook to promote our work (Rachael)
  - Need to continue to like, share & participate in FB updates to help spread information.
- Policy drafts on Conflict of Interest and Membership Governance (Sandra)
  - Policies adjusted for BHS & copies distributed at meeting. Feedback requested and if no further amendments, they will be presented & adopted at AGM in 2023.
- Local babysit register / list idea follow up? (Rachael, Elisa)
  - Kylie suggested that future BHS events offer an organised babysitting at the school similar to the LGBTQI event where siblings were supervised in a room watching a movie.

#### **4. PRIORITY BUSINESS**

##### **4.1 Advisory/ Information**

- Interview Panel Training - anyone interested?
  - Elisa is halfway through induction program
- Vaping - what parents & carers need to know was on Thurs 10th Nov - P&C Assoc & NSW Health- free - did anyone attend & can report back?
  - No one attended
- Teen Vaping: An update for Parents Mon 14th Nov 7 - 8:30pm hosted online by Drug & Alcohol Research & Training Australia \$25
  - Coincided with P&F meeting for anyone present
- NSW Govt Cybermarvel resources for parents - Cyber Safety

##### **4.2 Events / Relationship Building**

- Breakfast club volunteers always appreciate , Wed, Thurs, Fri, 8 – 9am (Rachael)
  - For anyone who is interested in helping out there is a Google signup sheet to be involved.
- Any end of year school functions that we can promote, participate, help out?

- None requested

#### 4.3 Fundraising

- Grants subcommittee (Rachael)

Regional Youth Investment Program grant application still waiting to hear.

- Will hear back next week if we are successful or not.

Waiting for wish list from teachers

- Extra rooms are required for breakout/groups as there are no extra rooms available at the school. Kylie to get costed & feedback to P&F so that we can source an appropriate grant.

- Fundraising subcommittee / organisers for:

- Trivia night (Graz, Elisa, Chelone) end term 1

- Bellingen community markets (Milo)

- Cake stall (Chelone) Term 2

- Plant Stall at Spring Plant Fair (Kathleen, Elisa, Graz) Term 3

- Colour Run in conjunction with Well-being day. (Milo)

Request to purchase a Square Reader for P&F to use at fundraising activities – Sandra to purchase & sign up.

### 3. REPORTS

#### 3.1 Principal's Report presented by Kylie Wilson (Relieving Deputy Principal) on behalf of Tim Laverty.

- Rewards Excursion – This is the first time doing this for a while & understand this has created a lot of angst for families & students. We do apologise for this & are currently reviewing what we do with vision of year excursions throughout the year. There will be times where we celebrate students' successes, but these will be on a smaller scale.
- End of year – Message for students & staff that year is not over. There is a lot of learning planned & that needs to be completed so it is not a time to start relaxing yet.
- Wellbeing fest – This was great success seeing staff & students engaged in the events throughout the day. A huge thank you to Magda Pomroy who did most of the organising & everyone who got involved in running things through the day.
- P&C – I would like to pass on our thanks to the P&C for their support throughout the year. It has been greatly appreciated & we are very grateful for your commitment & focus on looking at ways together we can improve things at Bellingen High. We look forward to doing it all again in 2023 sadly without Sandra & thanks to Sandra for all your support during your time as a P&C member at BHS.

## Parent Feedback

- Request for more annual overnight excursions outside of Gold excursion for year groups.
- Parents can contact the school for Student Assistance if can't afford any excursions. Request to put this information on permissions slips.
- Relationship building incursions at the start of the year or during the year, rather than the end.

### 3.2 Financial Reports (Treasurer)

- No change to bank account balance - Remains at \$3837.88 CR
- ACNC admission has been submitted.

### 3.3 Correspondence

- Scholarship funding of \$200 to be followed up.
- P&C Magazine

## 4. OTHER BUSINESS (Chair)

Request to understand the Truancy policy? Role is taken before each class. Student is marked as absent if not present. **This is passed onto head teacher to follow up with year adviser/admin?**

Beats Sustainability to be disseminated via P&F.

## 5. CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING (Chair)

Thank you to all who attended.  
Meeting closed at 7.23pm

**Next meeting will be Monday 5 December 2022** - Christmas dinner function @ Federal Hotel balcony. RSVP to Rachael if attending so table can be booked.

First meeting next year is **Monday 13 February 2023**.