

Bellinghen High School P & C Association

Minutes

Monday 12th September 2022 6pm Bellinghen High School Staffroom

Meeting started 6.05 pm

Attendees – Rachael Case (chair), Melissa Sankey, Sandra Ruming, Graziella Reeson, Katharine Sutherland, Mel Tyas, Elisa Hall, Milo Bowd, Beth Edwards, Lynda Lane, Tim Laverty (relieving Principal).

1. Welcome and previous minutes

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

1.2 Apologies (Chair)

Sonia Laverty, Chelone Boshier, Monique Buggy, Cath Young, Justina Lynch

1.3 Approval of Minutes

Moved by – Graziella Reeson

Seconded by – Katharine Sutherland

1.4 Business Arising from Previous Minutes (Chair)

BHS Marquees have arrived. **Action: Next school event opportunity take photos of our marquees & share with community**

P&C representation on interview panels for BHS – still seeking interested members willing to do the training to be eligible. Elissa Hall, Lynda Lane & Melissa Sankey all offered to participate. **Action: Rachael Case will email out training session to each of these members to become part of the interview panel.**

Staff intros / faculty spotlight in school newsletter – this idea has been shared with staff members by Tim Laverty. No real interest has been shown at this stage.

Action: Tim will ask again next year.

2 Priority Business

2.1 Public Holiday has been declared on Thursday 22nd September, for the Queen. This date was set aside for the Year 12 farewell assembly. Plans had already been made for this assembly including a live streaming. **Action: BHS to decide on a new date for the farewell assembly & will advise ASAP.**

2.2 “Embrace kids” documentary on positive body image is showing at Sawtell Majestic Cinema this Sunday, 18th September at 4.40pm organised by Student Support

Officer, Magda Pomroy. It has been advertised on Facebook with ticket information.

- 2.3 Mandatory Life Ready Program. This is a program that has run in the past for Year 11 & 12 Students, but over past few years has been missing.

Action: Tim Lavery will look at what is needed to reactive this program.

- 2.4 Public Education Foundation offers Scholarships to public school students across Australia. BHS P & C advertised it on Facebook. **ACTION: BHS to remind students/parents/carers /teachers that this is an option.**

- 2.5 Rewards System. Currently the BHS has a rewards system which offers students to gain points based on many levels such as participation, commitment, and effort at school. Children who earn a certain amount of points are offered a position on an excursion to the Gold Coast (at the cost of the student/parents). It has been suggested that some children are unsure how to earn these rewards. It has also been reported that there could be inconsistency of how these are awarded (dependent on teachers) and whether it is equitable and fair to all students (eg. neurodiverse students appear less likely to receive them). The majority of the P & C agreed that they hoped the reward system would reflect the values of the school, be made clear to all, be equitable, and an inclusive and strengths-based approach to delivery). **ACTION: Tim to take P&C feedback to executive.**

- 2.6 Toilet Locked – due to vaping and vandalism, only toilets near office are open during class times, all toilets open during lunch times. This will remain in place until solution is found. Concern raised by several P & C members that this was not an ideal ongoing solution given the health and wellbeing impacts on the majority of students. **Action: Tim Lavery is looking into extra security near school toilets.**

- 2.7 Gifted and Talented Program. Tim reported that a new policy is out for this program, and Michelle (Butcher?) will be working to implement the program. It has already been discussed at the last staff meeting.

3. Events

- 3.1 Year 8 & 9 Parent/Carer Welcome

Thank you to the P&C members who supported this event by baking & helping on the night (Milo, Justina, Elissa & Rachael). It was well received, and many attended. The school appreciated our support on the night. A suggestion was made that teachers wear name tags next time, so parents can easily recognise their child's teacher. **Action: If any parent would like to speak further with a teacher, they are welcome to contact the school to organise a time.**

- 3.2 Breakfast Club volunteers – One P & C member (Beth) has already helped and enjoyed the experience and a few more have been in contact to help in future. If you

would like to participate, please let Magda or Rachael know, and you can get on the roster.

- 3.3 Grants subcommittee. The Regional Youth Investment Program grant is offering up to \$3million for up to 2 years. In partnership with Landcare (Mel Tyas), it may be possible to get the basketball court resurfacing to fit with the school's COLA plans . This multipurpose undercover sport / activity / learning area fits in with health, wellbeing and community connection requirements of the grant.

Action: The Grant Subcommittee will gather to work on this grant which is due by the 4/10/2022. If you would like to help, contact Rachael.

4. REPORTS

- 4.1 **Special Presentation** – Mel Tyas from Landcare
Eat Dirt – Wellbeing Alliance. This program runs every Thursday. It involves a group of Year 8 students. They participate in learning activities such as Art therapy, gardening, and social games. The children have been engaging and committed to the Thursday group. This program is continuing to run.

- 4.2 **Principal's Report – Tim Laverty**
Tim & the school are grateful for the support offered by P&C members.
New marquees have arrived and will be photographed when used at the next event.
Wellbeing review – work in progress. The vaping issue has been targeted.
The school has 2 new staff members starting next term.
Magda wanted to share that she applied for a Mental Health grant to run a Mental Health & Wellbeing Festival Day at the school on October 21st 2022. It will be a day for students to participate in a chosen wellbeing activity in the morning, then the afternoon will be full of music, food and games on the oval. If any P&C members have a talent they would like to share, or if they would like to support the school on the day, please contact Tim or Magda.

- 4.3 **Financial Reports**
Balance of account as of 11th September, is \$3837.88

5. **CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING** (Chair)
Thank you to all who attended.
Meeting closed at 7.15pm

Next meeting will be Monday 17th October 2022