

Bellinghen High School P&C

General Meeting Minutes- via Zoom **Monday November 16th, 2020**

Meeting Opened 6:00pm

Present: Kim Dixon, Jo Hodgson, Graeme Ross, Sandra Ruming, Lynda Lane, Katharine Sutherland, Teresa Carapeto

Apologies: David Neville, Rachel Case, Milo Bowd

Minutes from last meeting: Moved by Kim Dixon, Seconded by Teresa Carapeto

Business arising from last meeting:

- Kim has supplied mints to each faculty to address feedback from students about staff who are smokers and their bad breath.
- Speaking to students en masse about behaviour and then addressing needs with individual students
- Bank signatories have been actioned

Treasurers Report:

Balance \$8783.82

Principal's Report:

Year 10 Scholarships

P&C Approved the funds to be allocated to the scholarship recipients.

EOI English and Maths temporary positions – EOIs for temp positions are filled because of a variety of reasons (such as permanent staff taking leave) P&C are not required for these panels (There are interviews for an English position on Friday and another English and Maths position will be advertised this week)

Voluntary Contributions and Stage 6 payments - increases in Stage 4 to \$40 (works out to be <3.5 cents per lesson); Stage 5 to \$50 and Stage 6 to \$60. Stage 6 (Year 11 and 12) from 2021 will be required to pay all subject fees before graduation in Year 12 (without doing so, students forego their graduation dinner invite). Previously, few subjects charged fees and thought it would be covered by the voluntary contribution. Only 30% pay that. Different subjects offer adjunct study options like Edrolo - this is a cost to the school. We aim for it to be a subject fee, paid for by students.

New School Plan: Part of this process is to create an aspirational vision statement - I've attached all the phrases or words the BHS staff want - it's long... whittling it done is key.

(Refer to the School Vision Statement Document)

The tab on the right shows how many times the phrase or word was selected (we worked in 8 groups to do this - and there was a split off group at one point, so 9 max). If P&C could look and let me know what they like so I can add it to the mix and then publish a statement for consideration.

A sample draft vision statement for a neighbouring school looks like this:

Local School's unique approaches and environment develops aspirational learners. Our vibrant community entrusts us to empower their children with a sense of belonging. Students feel safe to challenge themselves. Their parents and educators support their endeavours.

Also, we have to develop 3 Strategic Directions based on data sets and the considerations that data presents us with. Here is what we have so far

Data Sets - taken to Executive and looked at what data sets meant and what areas of focus we think will make our school plan Having been to Exec once and then to whole staff twice). We came up with: **Student Growth and Attainment** (this is a state set goal with targets based on external data and a % improvement expected); **Teaching and Learning** (influenced by HR; Attendance; decline in 7-9 growth from external exams / tests; PL – not linked to assessment, feedback and differentiation; split class data; lack of effective use of data to inform practice {and skill in doing so}) - which will include things like: staffing / allocations; differentiation; the PDP process; QTR; assessment; feedback; reporting; consistent language and approach; mapping of areas across curriculum (eg: Ab experience / focus; reading for inference) and **Wellbeing** (based on attendance; performance; TTFM survey answers and data; exponential increase in CWU and DoCS reports made; split class data) which will include things like - attendance; rewards systems; systems and processes for students; extra-curricular activities; SRC - student voice and advocacy.

If there are any questions or comments about the school plan please contact Kim.

General Business:

Graeme Ross spoke about his role as a Parent rep. on the panel for the English teacher position approximately 5 weeks ago. Graeme spoke positively about the process and the honour it was to be the parent rep.

Conversation around options to promote **lunch ordering** from students. Vicky (from the canteen) has researched an app that the students can order and pay for their lunch on. This will mean that students won't be spending as much time in the line for lunch and it will support Vicky in preparing the correct amounts of food. Kim will survey the students about their possible use of the app.

Meeting Closed: 6.58pm

Next meeting December 14th, Federal Hotel- RSVP to Katharine