

Bellingen High School P & C Association

Minutes

Monday 17 October 2022 6pm Bellingen High School Staffroom

Meeting started 6.01 pm

Attendees – Rachael Case (President / Chair), Sandra Ruming (Treasurer), Graziella Reeson (minute taker), Katharine Sutherland, Elisa Hall, Chelone Boshier, Tim Laverty (relieving Principal).

1. Welcome and previous minutes

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

1.2 Apologies (Chair)

Kathleen Hannah, Melissa Sankey (Secretary), Monique Buggy, Cath Young, Mel Tyas, Milo Bowd (Vice President), Lynda Lane,

1.3 Approval of Minutes

Moved by – Katharine Sutherland

Seconded by – Sandra Ruming

1.4 Business Arising from Previous Minutes (Chair)

- BHS Marquees – positive to see them used out in the community. All will be used on Friday for BHS Wellbeing Fest.
- Open invitation for anyone wanting to be on a BHS Interview Panel as P & C rep.
Action: Email training materials to Chelone Boshier
- Year 12 Assembly – Katharine wanted to congratulate the school for a fabulous end of school week. Very well managed.

2. Priority Business

2.1 Advisory/ Information

- A Night with the Folks of Bellingen – Wednesday 26th Oct 6 – 8pm at BHS MPC all parents & carer invited.
 - *Some P & C members request for some form of student supervision for single parents. "Night with the Blokes" allowed child to attend. Action – Rachael to ask Frieda/Magda if there is a way of connecting older students who are available to babysit – "a babysitting register". Elisa to ask at Youth Hub.*
 - Tim noted that having a "babysitting register" externally organised is preferable due to potential confusion around responsibility / or liability issues.
- Camp Creative 2023 Scholarships open for kids & teens aged 5 - 18yrs across. Contact scholarships@campcreative.com.au
Notice has gone out. Free scholarships available – just need to apply.
- The Federation of P&C Association are having their annual conference on 29 October, both online & in person. **ACTION - if anyone who would like to attend, and there is a cost, we can look at funding participation. EOI to Rachael ASAP.**

2.2 Events / Relationship Building

- BHS Wellbeing Fest Friday 21st October
Is anyone available to help out? Rachael & Milo available. Graziella can help after 12pm. Katharine & Sandra may be available (at certain times). Unsure of what duties are required.
Action - Rachael find out & advise via email ASAP.
- Breakfast club volunteers always appreciated, Wed, Thurs, Fri, 8 – 9am
Action: Tim to get this put on Skoolbag to alert parents. Contact Rachael / Magda if keen.
- Asked by David Neville, Jenni Farrands & Bello Youth Hub to write a letter of support for their submission for Regional Rural Youth Investment grant aimed at supporting vulnerable youth for job readiness/job search when they struggle to connect with standard education pathway.

2.3 Fundraising

- The application for the Regional Rural Youth Investment Grant has been submitted under Land Care NSW (including the multisport COLA upgrade). Thanks to the sub-committee for bringing this together, particularly Mel, Graziella & Rachael. We will be notified in November if successful. Mel is currently promoting the program in Sydney. We are collating the information gathered so that we are 'Grant Ready' for the next time a grant opportunity presents itself.
- Ideas for further fundraising for 2023?

Suggestions made included:

- Cake Stall outside IGA, Chelone said this was always successful. **ACTION – nominations for an organiser next meeting**
- Decided Bunnings BBQ is too hard to get enough volunteers to fill shifts
- Trivia Night – would need a sub-committee to organise. Flag end term 1 or early term 2, 2023. Looking for who would like to be involved. Ideas to involve students to host – debate team, drama students? **ACTION – Create subcommittee next meeting**
- Stalls / fundraiser at school – Xmas/Crazy Socks, Badge creation (eg. pronoun badges) **ACTION – gather ideas and see if someone wants to organise next meeting**

3. REPORTS

3.1 Principal's Report

In response to queries from last P&F meeting:

Rewards system – all systems are flawed. The aim to try to catch enough kids doing good things. Information is out there about the end of year reward, however there are other things in place that are not as expensive to attend if preferred.

Toilets – are being opened again between classes & will see how it goes. Tim will address the school regarding this at assembly.

Mandatory Life Ready Program – going to continue with this. GAT program has a new policy around it. Michelle Butcher has commenced training with the HPGE program. Identifying potential students.

Wellbeing Festival is on Friday 21 October. This will be a great day & linked to Mental Health month.

Scholarship/awards from P&F Last year the P&F donated \$160 which was split into 4 awards for year 12. Letter from Sissiel requested another contribution from P&F for year 12, & if we would like to provide it for years 7-11 to be presented at the end of the year.

Action – Agreed P&C would do this again for year 12 only, not the other years.

Katharine suggested to increase to an even \$200 - \$50 per student.

Moved Katharine, Graz 2nd.

Berry St training started last week for teachers, positive feedback. This is about trauma informed practice. This aims to help all students self-regulation, relationship wellbeing & academic achievement, whilst meeting the needs of those students with complex needs.

Two new staff members started this week with Kendl Cramer & Jess Kelly joining TAS staff.

Front office entry received a makeover with beautiful indigenous artwork by local artist Brentyn Lugnan. Brentyn will address the school at assembly to talk about the story that the artwork tells.

3.2 Financial Report (Treasurer)

Current Balance \$3,837.88

We have been deregistered on ACNC, Sandra is trying to re-instate. Need to have policies in relation to Conflicts of Interest & Membership Governance. These need to be adopted for next year. Policies are on the P&F Federation website.

Action – P & C Committee to approve drafts that Sandra has created & get them ready for next AGM. Adopt these for new members next year.

Confirmed that we are now called Bellingen High School P & C Association with ATO business register.

3.3 Correspondence

P&C Journal Term 3 Magazine.

4. OTHER BUSINESS (Chair)

- A BHS parent has asked about the possibility of fundraising for a school bus to help get kids get to events. Tim confirmed that there is a mini bus available at the school but it has been funded under a specific program (Jenni Farrands oversees) and availability it dependent. This would require negotiation to be used.

- Uniform – P & C members concerned about mixed messages school community has regarding uniform. Newsletter says must be in proper uniform, however students don't think anyone cares. Tim reported that this will be discussed at assembly tomorrow, with a blitz on conforming to uniform standards, supported by more monitoring from teachers.
- Social Media / Facebook – some concerning talk on FB stating that the school does not care about bullying. Tim advised that measures had been taken to address the issue that was raised but that the parent involved had not had contact with the school. He encouraged parents to contact the school with any issues and concerns, and that the school were actively trying to promote positive behaviour and address bullying. Agreed that everyone needs to help promote engagement, share positive messages about the school, and encourage other parents to get in contact when concerned or needing support.

ACTION –P & C members can help on social media platforms by sharing, liking and promoting positive initiatives, stories and events happening at the school. And can encourage other parents to become involved or get in contact with school if needing support.

5. CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING (Chair)

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

Next meeting will be Monday 14 November 2022, 6 – 7pm.

(Meeting after that is Xmas social gathering upstairs at pub! Date & time TBA)