

ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL P&C Meeting
Tuesday, 26th February 2019
Minutes

Attendance: Bryce Grant, Tempe Beaven, Lucy Bal, Tanja Green, Chris Kent, George Moscos, Sacha Parker, Jackie Ryan, Joe von Bornemann, Tony Nicklin, Mel Knudson, Caroline Worne, Christine Taitlees.

Apologies: Michelle Roscarel, Kathy Waters

Meeting Opened: 7:30

Special guest – Bryce introduced the new Deputy Principal Michael Hoareau. Michael noted how positive his time had been so far and what a privilege it is to be at Asquith Boys.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: November minutes approved by Tempe Beavan Seconded Jackie Ryan

Business Arising from Minutes:

- Sports Hall of Fame -Bryce confirmed Board will be finalised this year.
- P&C Funding for performance space and louvres in hall -deferred to next meeting.
- Tanja to send email requesting parents to join Trivia Night committee – to **be done this week.**

Correspondence In:

- Confirmation of continued funding for National School Chaplaincy program.
- Christmas card from Matt Kean and invitation to P&C President for his Christmas party – passed onto Tempe.
- Email from incoming parent Sarah Clancy suggesting mindfulness programs would assist the boys at ABHS – email forwarded to Louise Tapner, LaST for feedback – Louise responded.
- Email offering student injury insurance – not required as covered by DoE.
- Request from school for final payment of paving to hall – approved. See President’s report.
- New Yr 7 parent volunteer forms detailing people who are interested in helping P&C -details added to email contact list.
- Email promoting Comedy for a Cause as a fundraising option – P&C not interested this year.

Correspondence Out:

- Martine Brieger requesting Bryce to fill in survey for National School Chaplaincy program – done.
- Email to Julian Leeser thanking him for attendance at Presentation night and requesting grant information for air conditioning for the hall. Response from Julian - agreed to send details when they were released in May.
- Parent email on mindfulness forwarded to Louise Tapner, LaST, for feedback. Louise responded.

President’s Report:

- Welcome to all members and especially new members.
- Looking forward to a great year.
- Dates for events are attached. Trivia night in August is main fundraiser for the year. Barefoot bowls is a new event in June designed to attract more parents including fathers and is purely for social reasons.

- Request for P&C details on school website to be updated and add the constitution. Bryce asked whatever we want added to be sent to him. **Tanja to action.**
- All agreed the hall area is looking great. The horticulture and construction class has finalised the garden and wooden edging. The last of the work by the contractor was extending the Commentative pavers to the corner near the office block. He removed broken bitumen, changed the edging, connected up the existing paving and ramps on either side.

**Motion to approve the final payment of \$2,460.00 for the extension of the pavers to the office block .
Moved Tempe Beaven, seconded Joe von Bornemann.**

Treasurer's Report: The cash balance @ 1/1/19 is \$36,726.00

Motion to approve audited 2018 accounts. Moved Tempe Beaven, seconded Mel Antrim.

Motion to approve \$100 for games for the library. Moved Lucy Bal, seconded Sacha Parker.

Principal's Report:

- Thanks to our 2018 office bearer and for money on resources for the boys.
- Welcome to incoming committee.
- 60th anniversary 2020 is looking on track. Thanks to Old boys led by Chris Kent.
- New multipurpose court in the year 7 area had been a great addition. School has already received \$20k for hiring of the court for 2019. New garden looks fantastic at the entrance. A lone pine that is from seeds from a tree in Galipolli will be planted into the front garden to honour our past soldiers. George Moscos approached legacy for an Anzac sign. Horticultural class planning a poppy garden there and construction class are building around it. Parents very happy with new designs.
- 3 blocks are going to get a Colourbond roof in the holidays to replace 60 year old roofing. Covered walkways will be going to each building to ensure covered access to all areas.
- Welcome BBQ earlier today went well. Thanks P&C for funding refreshments and catering.
- Commentative pavers are looking great.
- Swimming carnival huge success with high number of students attending.
- Year 7 numbers are 122 students and 5 classes. Our biggest intake for a while.
- Publicity- FB page, everyone is welcome to add items that promote the school. Send to Bryce or Mel Antrim.
- The boundaries have changed for school zones and students in the Berowra area now are zoned for coed schools. The follow-on effects have been that the high school enrolment form has a default for co-ed schools but if they want a single sex school parents can choose Asquith Boys even though that is not clear on the form. The school is working on 4th and 5th grades boys in that area to promote Asquith Boys. Asquith is the only school in this area which is single sex and not selective or private. The school will also use social media to promote the school.
- Matt Kean has promised Asquith boys \$100,000 for a disability provisions classroom. Bryce to followup.
- Draft plan for head teachers to attend P&C meetings - first term Maths; second term HSIE; third term TAS; fourth term PE.

Grounds Report: new committee – no report. Tony Nicklin is happy to help at working bees but can't coordinate.

Fundraising Report:

- Trivia night - Mel Knudson, Lucy Bal, Belinda Greer, Kristina Duke, Tony Nicklin and Lisa Barnes happy to be on the committee.
Theme is 2nd Childhood and suggestions for ideas were B1 and B2, Mr Squiggle, terry toweling dresses and many more. Meeting will occur Monday 11th. Letters to donors needs to go out ASAP. A suggestion was for the losing team to organise the next trivia night!
- Mother's Day Stall – request for a coordinator was put to the meeting. No takers but some parents wanted more info to understand it is an afternoon tea and others will help.
- Mel Knudson made a suggestion about possibly translating P&C notes so NESB parents can access the chance to help as well. Logistics were difficult but it could be looked into if we found anyone willing. Also suggested google translate may be sufficient.

General Business:

None

Meeting closed: 9:00

Next meeting: Tuesday, 26th March