

ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL  
P&C Meeting  
Tuesday, 28th May 2019  
Meeting

**Open: 7.38pm**

**Attendance: Bryce Grant, Colleen Sweeney, Tempe Beaven, Heather Newland, Chris Kent, Sacha Parker, Jackie Ryan, Tanja Green, Denise Taggart**

**Apologies: Michelle Roscarel, Lucy Bal, Christine Taitlees, Tony Nicklin, Mel Knudson, Joe von Bornemann**

**Special Guest: Colleen Sweeney – School Welfare Officer**

Colleen's Background:

Bachelor of Social Science majoring in Youth work. Been at the school for 8 years.

Key services provided:

1. Breakfast club

Various locations during it's time. Presently in the hall kitchen. Dependent on donations which Woolworths provide. In the past had a bakery but they went out of business.

Recently the freezer died, but a parent has made a generous donation of another. Being picked up Sunday.

Attended by 100 kids a day, 5 days a week! Well supported by a fabulous band of volunteers. **Need a donation of bread if anyone is aware of a connection.**

2. Games Club

Has been running for 8 years. Was well patronized at first and Yr 12's made it cool. Last year those kids finished and numbers have dropped. Closing up this week as it has been deemed time would be better spent in other ways. Yr 7 want a Lego club **and Colleen is looking for donations.**

Next year Yr 7 advisor is interested in supporting games club so it will be tried again.

3. Social groups

Focused on younger boys - 15 Yr 7 students in 3 groups of 5 were mixed up. Focus was bullying and social empathy. Board games were played to negotiate turn taking, team work and just chatting to help listening to others. A lot took the lessons onboard. What stood out for the boys by the end of the sessions was that you don't know what's going on in others' lives. Then a similar program was used for a Yr 8 bullying group. That didn't go as well as the boys didn't want to change.

Lastly a Creative arts program targeting students from 7 to 10 has been funded by CBAC; a government youth support organisation. It was decided to chose both emotional and more stable students to learn from each other. Focus is on Healthy Choices – Drug, Friendship – when to say no when to get help.

School structure

Counsellor deals with higher need student issues.

Colleen deals with lower level need and sharing the load.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting: March minutes approved by Tempe Beaven Seconded by Jackie Ryan**

**Business Arising from Minutes:**

- Ideas and costings for performance space – P&C are not able to support this as there is electrical components that DoE Assets have to deal with but Bryce did say he was talking to CAPA.
- Quote for louvres in hall – Assets are dealing with that. Could be next week or could be a year.
- P&C constitution sent to school for upload to school website after checking with Federation. **Tempe will rewrite it and upload needed docs. Tanja to send minutes in word format.**
- Key rings for Yr 12 farewell gift – Conference in a few week will have a range of stalls with samples. **Bryce will bring the sample next meeting he is in attendance.**
- Edward Parker won 400m para at the Arafura Games and took a second off his PB. The competition was international and impressed the selectors and he has been picked for the Global games in Brisbane. Fundraising will be needed to fund the costs.

#### **Correspondence In:**

- Student Welfare Officer report
- Correspondence re Mother's Day Breakfast
- Email about NSW govt 'My Community Project' grant
- Correspondence re SRC attending P&C

#### **Correspondence Out:**

- Correspondence re Mother's Day Breakfast
- Correspondence re SRC attending P&C
- P&C report for ABHS annual school report
- Email to Hornsby RSL thanking them for their support of the Forecourt garden from Jackie Ryan on behalf of the P&C.

#### **President's Report:**

- Thanks to Colleen for a great presentation.
- Mother's Day breakfast was great with it doubling in numbers after the RSVP date. 79 attendees and was a great success! Thank you to Jackie Ryan and Louise Tapner for set up. Pam, Julie, Lucy, and many others who helped pack up. Left overs went to breakfast club which Colleen said was much appreciated!
- Helen has requested to increase the amount for PIP prizes. **Tempe will respond.**
- Elections means Matt Kean remains our member so will be in touch about ongoing projects.
- Reiterated that P&C are available to contribute to ideas and money despite our numbers being small.

#### **Treasurer's Report:** Account balance at 31/4 for P&C - \$50,356.85.

- Report approved. **Moved Tempe Beaven seconded Sacha Parker**  
We need to have a project to spend money for grounds. Ideas welcomed!

#### **Principal's Report:**

- Weekly Backchat has started and feedback at the meeting was that it is more accessible or manageable than the newsletter. The eventual outcome will be that the weekly backchat should mean the monthly backchat is smaller.
- Sentral App is now up and running. Bryce encouraged us to sign up. Tempe asked if there is a benefit to the app and Bryce informed us that if information comes from the app it costs less than SMS messages. Some parents noted that they hadn't downloaded the app but had signed up on portal so if absence messages are coming from the app instead of SMS they are missing them. Instructions for sign up will go out again in the newsletter.

- NAPLAN – ABHS did it on paper this year so didn't have the problems other schools had but next year they will have to be done online.
- HSC minimum standard in writing, reading and numeracy was run– it is online and is available to Year 10. Only 5 students have to resit the test.
- Numbers are increasing: 120 in Year 7 2019, 145 for Year 7 2020 at the moment. 10 new enrolments school wide this week.
- A modular classroom has been planned for near the admin block. It will be used for withdrawal groups and Disability Provisions so the library is freed up during exams for the rest of the school. Now Matt Kean has been reelected his promise to assist financially will be called on. Assets will sign the contract next week and then a grant will be applied for and State money will come in to reimburse the costs spent.
- 'Cooler school' grant has been applied for the one remaining classroom.
- SRC approached Bryce about a new PE change room. Ventilation, lighting, and floors are an issue. Seating will replace hooks on the wall to be safer for the students. \$60,000 has been budgeted for the project.
- Next meeting Adriana Cufre will be attending for HSIE. Bryce is on leave last 3 weeks of term and Micheal Horeau will act in the position.
- A parent raised a question about lockers. Has to be inside, can be noisy, care of them is an issue. Chris Kent, an old boy said that they had them in the past but the aforementioned issues were a problem and they removed them. There are now Melamine lockers but are still expensive. Maybe start with Yr 12 if they want to fund it for their school present.
- Jackie raised the question of handball markings in the Yr 7 area and redoing the quad markings. **Raise at next meeting.**

**Grounds Report:** Joe absent

**Fundraising Report:**

Trivia night update – going well. Meeting fortnightly. 20 donations from online requests. The wonderful team of parent helpers are starting this week to approach businesses. **Tanja to check previous events motions to see the budget needed for the Trivia night.**

Bowling Day will be discussed at the Trivia meeting.

Father Day Breakfast will be run by Michelle but will need an assistant as she will finish up this year.

**General Business:**

- Extension of 40 school zone north to KFC – Heather Newland raised the issue of when driving south on Peats Ferry Rd the number of students from high school and primary school in that block is excessive. Michelle spearheaded the last extension south to the Bowling Club and Heather is happy to meet with her to find the best way to lobby the RMS. Phil Brooks is at the school in a few weeks and Bryce will raise it with him.
- Setting of a date for the School's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary weekend in 2020. (Community Day, 60<sup>th</sup> Dinner, Friday Golf Day & 60<sup>th</sup> Book launch.  
Asquith Golf day on a Friday, Dinner at RSL or Golf club on Saturday night and Open day on the Sunday with the Community Festival. Tentative dates are 11<sup>th</sup> Sept to 13<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020.

**Closed: 9:34**

**Next meeting: Tuesday, 25th June**