

ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL
P&C Meeting
Tuesday, 22nd November 2022
Minutes



Meeting Commenced: 7:36 pm

Attendees

Dawn Kilkelly, Catherine Holder, Sean Kilkelly, Lisa Rothwell, Nikki Nichols,

Apologies

Lucinda Bennie, Briony Olmedo, Chris Kent, Mitch Zinsli, Svetlana Gunaratne

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: 26th July 2022

Approved: Nikki Nichol, Seconded Lisa Rothwell.

Business Arising from Minutes:

- No business

Correspondence In: Nil

Correspondence Out: Trivia Night sponsors, notification of cancellation

President's Report:

- Trivia Night was cancelled due to lack of numbers. Sponsor will be notified of cancellation. A new event next year may be organised by the new P&C Committee.

Treasurer's Report:

As at 31st October 2022:

- Cheque Account balance \$8,728.15
 - (Includes transferred donation to school library from Mr. Jaffery)
- Business Cash Reserve Account balance \$66,164.356
- 60th Anniversary Book Account balance \$1,716.84
- Funds held for the school: P&C Resources \$544.70, Garden Levy \$445.66
- Motion to approve extra \$100 for PIP prizes. Approved Nikki Nichols, Seconded Greg Cullen
- Association Balance \$58,993.81
- Garden Fund balance \$32,967.85

- Motion to approve Financial Report. Approved: Greg Cullen, Seconded: Dawn Kilkelly

- Question from Lisa: While there will not be much expenditure over the school holidays, should we transfer balance to a Term Deposit (Macquarie Bank?).

Principal's Report:

- The students were grateful for their Year 12 gift packs. The cupcakes were a good idea because they reduced mess, lessened COVID contact and there was no queue while a larger cake was cut.
- Enrolments encouraged from Year 5 students in the catchment area. To ensure ABHS is front of mind when school selection occurs in Term 1 of 2023. Immersion days were held for Arts and Science (10 more than expected for Science). Next year it will be considered to also include TAS and PE. St. Ives will have their numbers capped due to capacity
Maybe more co-operative events can be done with Asquith Girls High to capture the interest of parents who want a co-educational school.
- Matt Kean has replied to request for funding of Multi-Purpose Centre (MPC). The response mentioned competition for funding and quoted amounts spent, over years, in Asquith High Schools. The issue will be pressed again the need for an MPC citing the necessity of physical development for boys, advantages to the community, climate change
- Plant Bug plants have arrived but will not be planted because of water issues.
- 60th Anniversary book storage is becoming an issue. The strong room is full and other areas may be prone to mold.
- There may be room to better align course streams with universities prerequisites.
 - Students are encouraged to do the subjects they like, to obtain better results.
- The question of transport costs have been disrupted by the shortage of buses.
- One student was left behind at sports raising the question; who is responsible for students' safety and until what time?
- High School Experience Day was very successful. Students were excited and parents got to see their kids in a high school classroom.
- School Values team have selected banners representing the values of Respect, Responsibility and Excellence. Banners will be situated at entrance and throughout the school. Winners will be announced in Backchat.
 - How the values translate into the school
 - Merit and Leadership passport to measure positive incidents (e.g. towards being a Prefect) and acknowledgement during school assemblies.
- Hawkesbury River painting by indigenous students will be located in front office.

Grounds Report:

Plant Bug plants have arrived but will not be planted due to watering issues.

Fundraising Report:

- Book Loan, down to \$5,706. Storage of the 60th Anniversary Book is becoming an issue.
- Contacting sponsors regarding cancellation of Trivia Night.

General Business:

- Breakfast Club feedback. Inappropriate language is offending the volunteers.
 - Volunteers have the right to admonish offending students.
 - Jack Mooney, a Year 10 student has stepped up as impromptu breakfast club prefect.
- Subject selection for Year 10 have been advised

New Business: Nil

Closed: 8:34 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, 21st February 2023