

ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL
P&C Meeting
Tuesday, 24th October 2023
Minutes



Meeting Commenced: 7:30 pm

Attendees

Dawn Kilkelly, Bryce Grant, Sean Kilkelly, Chris Kent, Monica Holliday, Barbara Wells, Lucinda Bennie, Mitch Zinsli, Nikki Nicholls, Chris Nicholls, Greg Cullen.

Apologies

Lisa Rothwell.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: 28th August 2023

Accepted: Nikki Nicholls, *Seconded:* Sean Kilkelly.

Business Arising from Minutes:

- No business arising.

President's Report:

- Nothing to report for August.
- Book stall held at Mouth Colah Public Stall fete.
 - 4 more books sold.
 - A total of 314 (52%) books sold to date.
 - And further expressions of interest.
 - Loan balance down to \$3,478.
 - Thanks expressed to Sean, Dawn, Nikki, Greg, Vernon Sotter, Graeme Bolton, Gordon Forsyth.
Special thanks to Chris Kent for attending the booth all day.
- Julian Lesser approached about Multi-Purpose Centre.

Treasurer's Report:

As both June and July periods are reported, a summary is presented for brevity. Copies can be provided on application.

For month of August 2023:

- Cheque Account balance: \$5,819.42
- Cash Reserve Account balance: \$84,829.13
- 60th Anniversary Book Account balance: \$511.12
- Funds held by School
 - P&C Resources: \$2,636.65
 - Garden Levy: \$1,973.18
- Association Balance: \$95,087.08
- Funds available: \$87,896.08

For month of September 2023:

- Cheque Account balance: \$4,437.00
- Cash Reserve Account balance: \$84,933.59
- 60th Anniversary Book Account balance: \$511.12
- Funds held by School
 - P&C Resources: \$3,203.75
 - Garden Levy: \$2,711.75
 - GST Adjustment: -\$2530.00
- Association Balance: 95,797.21
- Funds available: \$86,076.21

Accepted: Greg Cullen, *Seconded:* Dawn Kilkelly.

Due to the budget surplus, Dawn Kilkelly offered Mr. Grant funds to be given to the various Departments. A “roving camera” for use during presentations, musicals, assemblies.

Principal’s Report:

- Final Emersion Day for the year
 - Thirty-five, Year 5 students attended.
 - By popular response the Emersion Days concentrated on Science and Visual Arts.
 - 120 students enrolled for Year 7 in 2024. (St Ives PS have stopped out of area intake.)
- Year 12 students are over half-way through their HSC.
 - Exams will continue almost until end-of-year.
- Twelve 12 students are enrolled for the School Spectacular.
- Year 11 reports are due for this week.
- Citrus Avenue car park is with DoE Assets, who will submit it to Council for approval.

Grounds Report:

- Nothing to report in this period.

Fundraising Report:

- Nothing to report in this period.
- Book sales were covered in the President’s Report.

General Business:

- Mr. French has asked Lowes to commence production of Year 11 blazers.
 - Generally uniform are in short supply from Lowes.
- Certain student(s) are using a taunt to other students to kill themselves.
 - Mr. Bryce has confirmed the matter is being handled by appropriate disciplinary measures.
 - There is zero tolerance to bullying.
 - The issue appears confined to one individual who is undergoing counselling.
 - Skilled counselling is hard to acquire, but ABHS is above average in services.
 - Offer made by P&C for extra-curricular support.
- Mobile Phone Policy has been implemented in line with the NSW Department of Education’s Policy.
 - Policy has been verbally reinforced.

- Playgrounds are full of active students.
 - In general, a great success with positive results.
- Vaping is still being monitored and proving successful.
 - Most alerts are the results of Tradesmen.
- The school car park has been re-lined (painted)
 - Special thanks to Chris Nicholl for his work.
- Chris Kent observed that the presentation of the grounds has much improved.
 - Roofs have been replaced on all buildings.
 - Three blocks need timber windows replaced, 2 will be completed over the School Holidays.
 - Two woodwork rooms in D Block have been refurbished. The remaining room and storeroom will also be completed during School Holidays.
- Presentation Day on Tuesday, 12th December.
- Well Being Day for Years 7 – 11.
 - Events tailored to each age group.
- Hornsby Heights PS are holding Public Speaking contest. Where our illustrious Principal will be a judge.
- Other engagements at Public Schools will be attended by Mr. Grant where ABHS may be promoted.
- Exams for Years 7 – 10 upcoming in the last weeks of Term.
- Subject selection will be based on staff availability, determined by DoE.
- 36 students have enrolled for the Japan Tour, scheduled end of Term 1, 2024.
- Monica reported a few problems in the Breakfast Club Kitchen
 - An infestation of ants
 - Continue with ant baits which seem to be having some effect in other areas.
 - The floor may need to be replaced.
 - It will be reported to DoE Assets, who have control of the building infrastructure.
 - Excess/broken toasters can be disposed of in general waste. (editor's note: they won't be accepted in recycling anyway).

Closed: 8:38 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, 28th November, 2023

The next meeting will be held in-person, in the Library. The last meeting for the year. (Nibbles will be provided.)