

ASQUITH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

P&C Meeting

25th February 2025

Minutes



Special Address:

Principal, Mr. Bryce Grant addressed the meeting to update those gathered on the progression to a Co-Educational school. After consultation with staff and the current school community, the following has been proposed:

- The school motto, "Grow in Wisdom" is retained.
- The school crest will be redesigned to reflect the Co-Educational state of the school, while still retaining the motto and possibly including school values - RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and EXCELLENCE.
- The overwhelming majority of respondents suggested a blue shirt. While seniors retain white shirts, with blue ties and blazers.
- A discussion on the Girls attire proceeded, with much helpful advice being offered.

The proposal was carried by the P&C Committee contingent upon following discussions.

Meeting Commenced: 25th February, 2025 7:50 pm

Attendees

Dawn Kilkelly, Sean Kilkelly, Nikki Nicholls, Chris Nicholls, Bryce Grant, Chris Kent, Vennessa Jull, Naomi, Milton, Greg Cullen.

Introductions

- P&C Committee members introduced themselves.
- Announcement that the AGM will be held on 25th March 2025.
- General high-level description of P&C Committee roles.
- Current P&C Committee members have reiterated their commitment to incoming members.
- The P&C Committee contributes to the Breakfast Club, donations to school faculties.

Apologies

- none

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: 22nd October 2024

James Wallace's name was missing in the section: Special Address. The item was to read:

"Special Address: James Wallace reiterated his full support of partial Federal funding of a Multi-Purpose Centre (MPC) for the school."

Approved: Dawn Kilkelly, *Seconded:* Nikki Nicholls.

Business Arising from Minutes:

- none

Correspondence In:

- none

Correspondence Out:

- none

President's Report:

- Owing to school holidays, there was no activity to report.
- Our AGM will be held on 25th March. All offices of the Committee will be declared open.

Treasurer's Report:

- The Treasurer's Reports for both December 2024 and January 2025 were presented. They can be provided on application.
- Expenditure was made for the purchase of a new ride-on-mower for grounds maintenance.
- Auditors have approved the books for 2024.

Accepted: Greg Cullen, Seconded: Nikki Nicholls.

Principal's Report:

- Year 6 Girls High School Experience Day will be held on Wednesday 26th February. There are 62 applicants, so far.
- HSC results have been very impressive.
 - ABHS produced 19 (6%) Band 6s.
 - Highest ATAR being 95.3. Three other ATARs over 92.
 - 2024 ATAR average is 70.4 but AHBS is above average on 79.9
 - Senior student's subject selection are encouraged to play to their strengths to ensure success.
- Year 7 Camp went really well.
 - Students got to participate in activities which encouraged lifelong friendships.
- The garden bed near the Library was rejuvenated by the students, under the supervision of our GA, Murray.
 - The new sandstone blocks in the quadrangle look amazing.
- A request was made by the P&C for more artwork to be presented on the fence along Peats Ferry Road.
 - Mr. Grant said this would be achievable.
- A collaborative effort should be made to retain ABHS relationship with AGHS (in their new formats) to ensure neither school misses out on the benefits of our historic association.
 - An effort will be made to engage the former AGHS in band.
 - Incoming girls will be offered inclusion in football, futsal.
- The "readiness" phase promises many revitalisations to the school improving amenities.

Grounds Report:

- The students' artwork displayed on the front fence has been a success. Dawn Kilkelly made a request for more artwork to be displayed along the fence line.
- P&C requested a Bird Bath from CAPA to display in the renovated garden. The Bird Bath is in production.

Fundraising Report:

- No further developments to report.

General Business:

- Vote carried to fund a new industrial toaster for the Breakfast Club.
- Concerns regarding students' reluctance to use toilets due to their general hygiene was raised.

- Mr. Grant advised that toilets are cleaned each morning. Behaviour in the toilets is monitored to the best of ability and in consideration of students' privacy.
- Year 12 jerseys are allowed on Sports day (Wednesday), they are not compulsory
 - The P&C are not responsible for the Year 12 jersey.
 - Students select the design. Names on the back are vetted for their appropriateness.
- School broad-brimmed hats are available from the Canteen.

New Business:

- The P&C have proposed funding for Barnaby Howarth to conduct a discussion on Resilience.

Closed: 9:11 pm

Next meeting: 25th March 2025

Will be held in-person at the School Library at 7:30 pm.