

# NEUTRAL BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL

## P & C ASSOCIATION

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### MINUTES OF P&C MEETING 4/19

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 June 2019

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#### 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The President opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed attendees to the fourth meeting of the year.

**Attendance** – Sharmila Soorian (President and Chair), Tim Hawes (Vice President), Glen Giffen (Vice President), Vanessa Baumer-Rowley (Events Coordinator), Mirjam Roos (Secretary), Jim Becker (School Council), Alex Youroukelis, France Beaulieu (Concert Band Coordinator), Fumi Rice, Peta Thompson, Hedley Partis  
Staff - Victor Tan (Deputy Principal/ Relieving Principal)

**Apologies** – Jenni Spillane (Treasurer), Jane Stevens (new Events Coordinator), John Byrne (CEO OOSH), Judy Goodsell (Principal)

#### 2. MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

**Motion (1):** That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2019 be accepted as a true record of that meeting.

**Moved:** France Beaulieu **Seconded:** Tim Hawes. All agreed.

#### 3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There was no business arising.

#### 4. CORRESPONDENCE

An email was received from Northern Sydney District Council of P&C Associations, advising of a meeting to be held on the 24.6. at 7.15pm. The proposed agenda includes the following:

- 21<sup>st</sup> Century approach to teaching
- Issues on OOSH
- NAPLAN Update
- HSC subject selection for students transitioning to university
- Integration of ADHD students

#### 5. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The principal's report (by Victor Tan) covered the following matters:

- **21<sup>st</sup> Century Approach to Learning**  
It was noted that the new approach is more child centred and more collaborative with teachers acting as facilitators – this approach will be reflected in the new building which will feature more flexibility
- **Building News**  
A meeting had been held recently with representatives of the Department of Education where the new style of classroom and school was discussed.

It was noted that the acquisition of the adjacent block of land might be imminent which will connect the school campuses.

A need for financial contribution by the P&C for items such as play equipment, soft furnishings, landscaping and furniture upgrades is expected.

- **Annual School Report**

The Annual Report is now online; it contains messages from the Principal and the P&C as well as a reflection on the school and its background and the identified potential improvements.

- **NAPLAN Online Update**

The disruptions to the test on the first day were highlighted again as a negative experience for students, parents and staff. The disruptions were caused by a NESA server issue and happened across NSW.

After contacting NESA, the remainder of the testing the following days went smoothly. The students were able to choose to repeat the test and feedback indicated that the experience had improved in the second sitting.

A submission (concerns regarding the Year 5 online writing test) on behalf of the P&C to the Department of Education was discussed and the possibility for the P&C to reach out to parents via the school newsletter to share their experiences.

- **Transition to High School Project**

Mosman High School and Harbourside Community of Schools are looking at improving our transition to high school program. A 'Survey Monkey' survey is currently underway, initiated by Genevieve Carnegie.

- **Merit Selection Procedures**

The vacancy for the Deputy Principal at NBPS has been filled by Mrs Heather Strachan from Rozelle Public School.

A teacher position will be advertised soon and will undergo the Merit selection process. A parent representative on the panel is required –

Tim Hawes has been endorsed by the P&C in the meeting as the parent representative, with Peta Thompson as the back-up.

- **Other**

It was noted that Hannah from Year 6 has been selected for the Soccer National Championship. The P&C agreed to assist with funding and noted a previous precedent. A letter from Hannah should be submitted to the P&C, detailing the funding required.

## **6. TREASURER'S REPORT**

There was no report or update.

## **7. SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT**

- It was reported that the School Council has requested for the Department of Education to attend a meeting and explain the process how to engage parents and the community with the upcoming changes in learning which will be reflected in the school building.
- To increase safety and address some concerns, the viability of an additional school crossing supervisor on the Ben Boyd Road side of the school is being investigated. The possibilities for funding and the best location are being investigated.
- The next meeting is scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> of June.

## **8. SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **a) UNIFORM SHOP**

Nothing to report.

**b) EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING**

- The upcoming events are as follows:
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> of June: Cocktail Evening – currently 80 tickets sold.
  - 31<sup>st</sup> October: Halloween Festival – approval has been obtained for a road closure.

**b) BAND**

Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May was noted as being the workshop day.

**d) CANTEEN**

Nothing to report

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The parent representative for the Merit Selection process has been endorsed.

It was highlighted that there will be three key vacancies in the upcoming school year which need to be filled for the P&C to remain operational:

- Treasurer
- President
- Vice President

The job descriptions are available online and in previous newsletters.

**Kelly Lockhart**

The president noted that it is Kelly Lockhart's last week at NBPS. Kelly started in 2005 and has made many contributions to the school. She spearheaded the Kindyland initiative, served as learning leader, Assistant Principal and Deputy Principal over the nearly 15 years at NBPS.

The P&C is thanking Mrs Lockhart for all her contributions over the last 15 years. The P&C will miss her and wish her all the best.

A gift from the P&C will be handed to her on Mrs Lockhart's last day.

There was no further business.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

**SIGNED AS A TRUE RECORD**

CHAIR

DATE