

13 May SSC Balmain P&C Meeting Minutes #3

Attendance	
P&C Committee	Jill Butler (JB), Karina Martin (KM), Clare Donnellan (CD), Emma Driver (ED), Stephanie Fabian (SF), Leigh Morgan (LM), Kim Batchelor (KB)
P&C Members	As per attendance sheet
School & College Executive	Mark Corbett (MC), Julie Ross (JR) Alana Ragan (AR)
Other	
Apologies	
Venue	Zoom

pm Meeting called to order

Past Meeting Minutes	Minutes accepted by LM , seconded by KB
Business arising/actions from Minutes	Motions Passed Motions passed-: - CD proposed \$500 for the homework club food for the rest of the term. Raised CD, seconded Kerry. MC advised that this amount will be enough for now. Revisit this amount in later meetings - Photography (5 elective classes needing mirrorless cameras \$1000 each - ideally 3 for a better student to camera ratio): Motion proposed by CD, seconded by LM \$5000 for musical copyright fees: Motion proposed by CD, seconded by SF SF suggested auctioning front row seats at the Musical. She will advise on the software. To be revisited at the end of Term 2 meeting. Funding for the volunteer BBQ will be addressed closer to the date. \$1000 for P&C Welcome drinks (24th March) + call out for volunteers. Motion proposed by CD, seconded by SF - Chess Club Equipment: \$456 - Motion proposed CD, seconded by SF - Heavy duty scroll saw = \$1538. Motion raised by KM, seconded by LM - Geography Equipment - \$598.99. Motion raised by KM, seconded by Leah WV - Sydney Secondary Youth Leadership Conference. Total cost for 8 students and 2 teachers from each campus to attend = \$986.00. Each campus P&C would support attendance with a \$328.67 contribution. Motion raised by CD, seconded by KM Items to be voted on: - Laptop Replacement - 30 x laptops (Latitude 3450). 30 x \$1,162.52 = \$38,363.82. Need them urgently but further funding can also be considered as a grant program at a later date . CD proposed a \$10,000 P&C contribution + fundraising. This offer is to be revoked given the \$21000 raised through fundraising. Motion raised by CD, seconded by KS

	2. Coffee Cart Training: 53 x student training + 2 x bus trips = \$3575. CD raised the motion that this be voted on at the next meeting. Support in principle. CD raised motion, seconded by LM
School Principal's Update (MC)	School Principal Report can be accessed here - Power outage on last day of school - thanks to the community for their understanding and help - Thank you for the P&C funding of the barista training, the cameras for photography, the scroll saws, the girls' soccer shirts (from last year) & the laptop replacements - Works update - fencing in carpark, electrical issue from the end of term - ISTEM wall postponed until the holidays. Science lab refurb will be done at the end of the term. The checking of powerpoints is taking longer than expected. - Funding proposals: - Support unit - table tennis table approx \$800. Raised by CD, seconded by SF - TAS - additional scroll saw \$1538 Raised by CD, seconded by C - TAS - 2 x Bernina sewing machines \$2876 Take on notice to be voted on at the next meeting. - Girls STEM - seed funding for soldering kits \$500 Raised by CD, seconded by LM - Library ABCA books \$1500 Raised by CD, seconded by JB - Serious incident week 1 - the College has taken all steps to ensure safety of the students involved and impacted. Issue was isolated and must be addressed sensitively. Please contact Mark or staff if your child was impacted and hasn't received support - Religious education - College has to offer SRE. This has been moved to Wednesdays Yr 7&8 week A, Yr 9&10 week B - Big Picture program - thinking of reintroducing in 2026 - Change from French to Italian to increase the possibility of employing a language teacher - this aligns with the languages offered at Blackwattle Bay. MC is happy to discuss this further with anyone that has concerns or ideas - Thanks to Kim Batchelor for sitting on the out of area panel. Need another parent rep for upcoming staff appointments. Online training is needed if you haven't done it already. - Intro of Yr 7 Deputy, Alana Ragan
College Principal's Update (JR)	College Principal's report can be accessed here - Simon Patterson - Director Educational Leadership has moved from the College. He has been temporarily replaced by Andrew Fielding - Next week the department's film crew is coming to the 2 middle schools to film some of the College's practices to help indigenous students transition to high school - Primary partnerships - Rozelle & Birchgrove teachers to visit Balmain - Big Picture runs parallel to the mainstream curriculum. Students receive an alternate university entry credential. Parent sessions will be coming up - SRE - Minister has confirmed that there will be no changes to SRE. - Thursday night Pyrmont Community Centre 6pm - forum re 501 bus issue. Push for a school bus at that end of the school drawing area - Pyrmont Peninsula Transport Forum

President's Report (CD)	The President's report can be accessed here • Thank you to everyone who contributed to the laptop refresh. \$20445 was raised & money will be transferred to the school. • 50th birthday celebrations - finalising a date when the weather is warmer. School & community event
Treasurer's Report (KM & SF)	Treasurer's Report can be accessed here • \$21,422.85 income since last meeting, \$33,039.84 operating expenses Reports to be accepted raised by CD, seconded by LM
New Business	• Second language teacher recruitment - suggestion that the College consider a Spanish / English teacher. • Commissioning of murals for the school - CD getting names of artists. Ideally get it done by the 50th celebration. Art students could work with the artists • Community involvement- Bunnings Flyer • Review of Voluntary donations - leave at \$55 then fundraise for specific initiatives
Correspondence In/Out	• Request for P&C members to participate in a research study on the experiences of running a P&C in NSW, conducted by Charles Sturt Uni. Participation involves an online survey and optional interview. - CD to email info

Meeting Closed: 7.53 pm

Next General Meeting: 6.30pm Tuesday 17th June Balmain Common Room