

**SYDNEY SECONDARY COLLEGE, BLACKWATTLE BAY CAMPUS
PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 21 June 2021, 6.30pm-7.30pm

Present: *Parents:* Jim Short, Milou Pearcy, Michael Holmes, Suzanne Kendall, Betty Xanthakos, Anna Cody, Siranda Torvaldsen

Staff: Leiza Lewi (principal), Janice Cuke (deputy),

Apologies: Nick Galea (sec).

1. Welcome & apologies:

2. Adoption of previous minutes: Minutes of meeting of 17 May 2001 approved: Moved JS, seconded SK. Carried.

3. Business arising from previous meeting

- the P&C voted to contribute \$2500 to the Art Exhibition at Tramsheds Gallery Space, to take place Fri 27 Aug/Sat 28 Aug. Moved JS; seconded SK. Passed.

4. Principals' / Deputy Principal's Report

- As at 21 June, the school had received \$95,557 in school fee subject revenue. \$26,994.09 had been received for P&C contributions.
- The Aboriginal garden is to be landscaped during the July holidays at a cost of \$14,290. The back of the school hall – the area subject to the P&C's Community Building Partnership Grant application – will be gutted and stripped during the holidays, with asbestos walls etc removed. Two trees in the staff carpark are to be removed; this has been approved by City of Sydney Council. The school will be hired out during the holidays to Australian Sports Camps (\$3570) and the Smith Family (\$1500).
- 6 independent supervisors for the English and Maths HSC Trials have been organised for August 2, 3, 9.
- Year 11 Textbook Levy for 2022 has increased to \$200, with a \$50 refund when students sign out at the 2023 Year 12 Clearance Days. Other subject/admin/P&C fees remain unchanged.
- Year 12 formal: booked for Doltone House, Jones Bay Monday 8 November. The ticket price is \$140 and is for current students and former 2021 Year 12 students only. It includes mocktail, 3-course meal, DJ and a professional events photographer.
- College learning Plan: all year 11 students have met with an academic coach to develop a learning plan.
- Fish Market: the principal has been in touch with Multiplex re the noise associated with pilings being driven in the redevelopment. Multiplex have taken noise readings and have assured that they will do their utmost to minimise disruption during exams, but there is no guarantee. The principal provided JS with the EPA's Noise Policy for Industry, which is the document Multiplex keep referring the school to.
- The principal provided a list of forthcoming dates, including a Graduation Ceremony at Sydney Town Hall on 12 Sept and P&C Staff morning tea on 16 Sept, which the P&C has agreed to pay for.

5. President's Report:

- The CPBG application was prepared by Suzanne and Jim and lodged on 14 May, as advised at the 17 May meeting. JS has a copy It was proposed to email parents to see if an architect/draftsperson would volunteer their services for plans. Former P&C President Vanessa Palfreyman was approached and indicated that she would help if needed, but preferred someone else take on the role. Should she be engaged, JS proposed that she be paid.
- JS was contacted by a representative of the Jacksons Landing Committee re the planned Hanson Concrete Plant. The principal advised that the school never had any problems while the plant operated next door.
- The P&C was contacted by Sydney City Council on behalf of Cr Jess Scully re Inner West Community Energy, but it was decided not to pursue this enquiry.
- JS reported that the School Boy's Football team had beaten Byron Bay High School (in Byron) to qualify for the quarter-final of the NSW State cup. This is the furthest the school has ever progressed. The quarter-final is proposed to be played on the all-weather pitch, Lambert Park, Marion St Leichhardt, and that the P&C should pay for the rental (about \$600) when a date is fixed.

6. Treasurer's Report:

- The closing balance at 22 June 2021 was \$25,308.08. Expected inflow as \$33,300 and outflows \$27,357 leaving a projected cash balance of \$31,251.08. The Treasurer again asked that staff submit requests for items to be funded. SK suggested that the Principal consulted with the student leaders to get their input. Report accepted.

7. New business

- MP offered services covering the area of financial well-being. The principal reported on the Indigenous Financial Well-Being program, and it was felt that this topic was both necessary and highly desirable.
- Anna Cody flagged a survey of the 370 bus route, with its proposed changes involving stopping at Sydney Uni Broadway. This could negatively impact many kids who would need a second bus to get to school.
- Projects for 2021: none proposed.

8. Diary Dates

- None proposed

Meeting closed Next meeting scheduled for Monday 19 July.