

Blackwattle Bay Parents and Citizens Association

Minutes March 20th 2017- AGM

Attending:

Carmel Tebbutt, Lyndell Webster, Belinda Fraser, Amanda Armstrong, Robert Dodgson, Robyn Steele, Vanessa Palfreman, Art Sikontamala, Fran Peaston, Carmel Tebbutt, Sharon Roberts, Jan Cuke

1. Minutes of the last AGM tabled for approval

Vanessa P moved acceptance of 2016 AGM minutes

Robyn seconded

Accepted as true and accurate record of 2016 AGM

2. Outgoing President's report (attached)

VP presented her report - electronically and verbally

P&C a small group but productive and very useful as point of parent contact for the school principal

Grants - basketball courts, mirrors, furnishing for school canteen

Also assisted funding for:

Graduation Ceremony

Year 12 Learning Conference

Dux prize

Thanks to school principal and DP, and parent contributions

3. Outgoing treasurer's report

2016 income \$46,640.46 including basketball court grant

\$19,120 from parent contributions.

Expenditure was \$47,883.75. Significant items from this expenditure included

\$7,000 - graduation ceremony

\$27,021 - basketball court grant

\$5,000 - donation for basket ball court

\$2,000 – learning conference

\$2,000 – our share of campus art show

\$1,199 – new bike racks

\$1,256 – new picnic tables.

\$13,000 ear-marked for new canteen furniture.

Balance at start of 2017 year \$16,130.08

4. Principal Roberts took the chair for election of new executive

Nominee for President for 2017:

Carmel Tebbutt nominated Vanessa Palfremann

Seconded by Robyn Steele

VP was Elected

Vice President

DE Nominated Carmel Tebbutt

RS seconded

CT Elected

Treasurer

Unfilled

Casual Vacancy

Secretary

Lyndell Webster Nominated by DE

Belinda Fraser seconded

Elected unopposed

Meeting Closed at 7:34

Sydney Secondary College Blackwattle Bay Campus P&C
2016 President's Report

19th March 2017

At our 2016 AGM, we farewelled outgoing President Peter Cox, together with other long term members including Bruce Ricardo and Suzy Carter with many thanks for their contribution over the last few years to the Blackwattle Campus P&C.

This was my first year as President of the P&C, together with our new VP Emma Snowden, Secretary David Eckstein and continuing Treasurer Robyn Steele.

The P&C at Blackwattle is a small but significant committee. Our meetings are informative and enjoyable, we aim to support the school Executive with our 'parent voice', and also use funds that have been raised to enhance the student and teacher experience at Blackwattle Bay. Conscious of the short time that our children are at this campus, we endeavour to use the P&C funds as efficiently as possible, so that school benefits can be delivered quickly.

We were fortunate this year to receive a State Government Community Grant to upgrade the basketball courts, with a new sports surface and line markings. The school and the P&C both contributed an additional \$5000 on top of the government grant and we acknowledge the State Government for its contribution to the well being of our students and the local community. Around the school grounds, mirrors for the boys toilets were also funded by the P&C this year. For the latter part of the year, the P&C worked on a project to deliver new, high quality, contemporary cafe furniture to the Glasshouse Cafe. Many thanks to Emma Snowden for her significant help in getting this large project off the ground. As I write, furniture is being delivered to the cafe and will be up and running in Term 2. This has been the largest financial outlay by the P&C this year.

In February, the P&C hosted a welcome evening for the incoming parents of 2016 Year 11 students. This is run as a combination of social event, with refreshments and canapes, and also allows new parents an introduction to key staff members, and the beautiful location that is Blackwattle Bay Campus. We were very lucky with a beautiful late summer evening, plenty of cold beer and an excellent crowd.

Time got away from us later in the year, and a planned social evening for parents on campus was eventually retired, as the school year slipped away, and the HSC came ever closer. Learning from this, our advice for future committees would be to plan such an event for much earlier in the year.

The P&C continued this year with regular annual contributions to the Art Show and prize at The Muse in Ultimo, the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony in Sydney Town Hall, the Year 12 Learning Conference, and also to a cash prize for the 2016 Dux of Sydney Secondary College. Members of the P&C contributed to various committees in the school, including the Finance Committee, and merit selection committee for a new Librarian.

Thankyou to everyone who contributed to the P&C this year, both at meetings, and attending special events. I would especially like to thank Sharon Roberts and Jan Cuke and the school executive for their unfailing support of our students and us as parents, and also the wonderful staff in the office who are always informative and helpful.

I am looking forward to another successful year in 2017, as we say a big farewell to Emma Snowden and David Eckstein who have been fantastic members of the P&C over the last few years: you will be greatly missed and we are very grateful for your unwavering commitment to the committee.

Vanessa Palfreeman
P&C President 2016