

## Minutes — BBPS P&C Meeting — 23 May 2017, 7pm

**In attendance:** Rob Keldoulis, Debbie Evans, Taminga, Andi Breslin, Kylie Biddle, Fiona Kowalski, Jo Stein, Jules Shaw, Harmco de Yong, Blake Hatton, Sahna Thomson, Jo Schaeffer, Helen Kirkup, Natalie Hall, Rebecca Sheahan, Linda Schlagmueller, Eve While, Carol Whiley, Fran Vivieaeve-Bates

**Apologies:** Kimberly Johns, Richard Watts, Olivia Wright, Wayan Arnup, Olivia Fairless, Antje Hofmann, Ellie Waddel

### School boundary change

Rod Megahey, Area Director from the Department of Education, spoke about the move of school boundaries. Bellevue Hill Public School has doubled in size and now looking at changing the boundaries so more students go to Bellevue Hill as Bondi Beach PS and other local primary schools are at capacity. There is not much room to grow at BBPS, would like to keep the school grounds. Possibly shrink BBPS numbers as the rooms are crowded. This is a bureaucratic decision as schools are at capacity. This will effect the enrolment policy of the school. If your child is at the school then they stay plus sibling are welcome in future. Will work out a fair enrolment policy, but the numbers have to be capped. Out of area students will be looked at case by case. The ideal situation would include the core area and allow some out of area students. People should go to their local school. The new parts of Bellevue Hill are open plan and technology based class rooms, there are benefits but this will not suit everyone. The boundary change does not fill up Bellevue Hill PS, this will be a slow change. This may not be the only boundary change, there will be tweaking. Changes will be effective by the end of term. This needs to be clear by the time kindy orientation starts.

### Canteen report

Jules Shaw: the canteen is moving away from plastic packaging. Eco friendly forks etc are expensive but the canteen has decided to absorb the cost and buy eco friendly. Possibly a price rise but not much and not on the basic food items. The canteen is going well financially and will not have a problem covering the cost of moving to wooden cutlery and bio cups. Garden to Table project – need to get the garden working and producing regular food to the canteen. Want it to be a working garden. Employed Jessie for a second day to increase the bulk of food grown. There is a balance on \$19,000 in the canteen account. It's running at a small profit. Thanks Jules! The canteen relies on volunteers, big thank you.

### Uniform Shop

Rebecca Sheahan: there have been big changes in the uniform shop this term – class delivery, open one day and tag tracking system. The hats and jumpers come with the tag tracking system, which is working. The feedback is very positive.

### Fundraising Report

Supplied by Antje Hofmann (FC Minutes 23.05.2017): **Movie Night** the inaugural Moonlight Cinema night was an huge success. Thank you very much to Cazz, Amber and Millie for creating this fabulous family event! The net profit towards the school was about \$4000, including \$650 offered in tax-deductible donations towards the library fund. A special thank you to the fabulous Year 5 and Year 6 volunteers who did an amazing job! We are planning to make this an annual event.

**Mother's Day Stall** a huge thank you to Camilla Hutchins and her team for offering another smoothly run and exciting Mother's Day Stall. The event provided a net profit of about \$3700 for the P&C, with 100 presents left over and stored for next year.

**City 2 Surf** a huge thank you and welcome to Fran Vivieaeve-Bates who is taking over the admin side of the City 2 Surf fundraiser from Kimberly Johns. Preparations are well under way, with initial parking bookings totalling \$1600, hall hire for SES use \$2250 and quad hire at

\$1400 secured. The Kids Cancer Council will have free-of-charge and exclusive use of the front grass and marquees. This is one of our major annual fundraisers and expected to contribute around \$10K to the school. We need a significant number of volunteers on the day! While organising a major event is always time-consuming, the most stressful part is securing enough volunteers to ensure we can run the event safely. Please spread the word and encourage your friends to sign up early to ease the pressure on our coordinators. The volunteer sign up will be available shortly. We would also love it if you could publish the link to the parking booking site in your corporate newsletter. Please contact [city2surf@bbpspandc.org.au](mailto:city2surf@bbpspandc.org.au) for details.

**Father's Day Basketball Shootout** we urgently need coordinators to take over this well-loved fixture in our calendar. An ad is about to be sent out via the class parent list. The event is very well established, with extensive notes and organisational details ready to be taken over. Please contact [fundraising@bbpspandc.org.au](mailto:fundraising@bbpspandc.org.au) for more info.

**Kids Disco** we would like to organise another child-centered social event in Term3/early Term 4, and a Kids Disco in the hall was suggested. Times should be staggered, e.g. 5-6.30 for K-2; 6.30-8pm for 3-6 with an option for younger siblings to hang around). Disco lights, popcorn and juice, glows-ticks could be ideas to spice up what is meant to be a simple fun event. We need a coordinator to take this on – could this be you?

**Bag It: movie screening** a suggestion was made to organise a screening of the environmental documentary Bag It – Is your life too plastic? ([www.bagitmovie.com](http://www.bagitmovie.com)). This would tie in well with the school's environmental awareness and science curriculum, and would be a worthwhile initiative to raise community awareness. We are currently exploring royalty costs and other details. Coordinator or co-coordinator wanted, please contact [fundraising@bbpspandc.org.au](mailto:fundraising@bbpspandc.org.au).

## The Hive

Andi Breslin: report from the AGM in April this year. The clubs are booming. The Hive is at capacity, and in the process of increasing the license to take more students, so we can take the demand. New license should be approved by next term. There has been changes in staffing, Jo has left, Olympia has taken her roll and there has been positive feedback. Added Carmello to the senior staff, he is developing the sports program. Trying to build the senior program. Successfully implemented the senior holiday program, last holiday the programs were split in two (junior and senior). Looking at programs that interest older children. We are hiring, as we are growing plus adjusted the child to staff ratio, less children per carer. Kate in the health and nutrition roll is working on healthy food that kids like to eat, this is a six week rotating menu. Changed the food suppliers, trying to buy organic food etc. Financially doing well, have produced a surplus despite the investments made. The Hive is not-for-profit. The surplus is reinvested into The Hive.

## Principal's report

Debbie Evans: enrolments are at about 650 students. PSSA has started plus a variety of new winter sports offered for students not doing PSSA. Working on minimising disruptions to class time, but still offering opportunities. New program for teachers, where they go into other classrooms to observe what goes on. Jack Dawson is looking after the classes when the teacher is observing another class. The teachers are loving moving around and observing other teachers, this allows time to reflect on their teaching practice. Every teacher is given time off class to plan for next term. Rob has pointed out the student reports are too generic, Debbie is wanting a new template form the Department of Ed. Debbie is revising the look and generic nature of report writing. Trying to breakdown the reports and there will be change. Will pull together a reporting committee to make changes and this committee will include parents. Building – a big thank you the parents who have helped improve the office reception and sick bay. There will be a digital sign put up, will consider a sponsor, it costs \$16,000. The roof is finished and signed off, including the second job, paid \$700,000. The open classroom has plastic doors and carpet in the stairs, this has made a big difference, much quieter. Technology – have had three quotes – re-cabling the whole school, the internet has not worked in the school. New server and wifi in every classroom and outside where the outdoor classroom will be. This will happen in the next school holidays. Funded by the school, the P&C and The Hive

(the Department will cover some of the hardware). Gail Power is helping find grants that the school can apply for. Would like to spend more money on learning support teachers (qualified special ed teachers). Need to start planning for next year. A-list gathering, of parents who have registered their skills for the a-list. Will have a day where parents on the A-list share their skills with teachers. Applied for a grant from Ms Upton to install a green room, for film making etc. and then bring parents skills in and combine with teachers.

### **Organic fruit and vegetable boxes**

David Walsman would like to help BBPS school setup and run an organic fruit & vege buying group. David has implemented this program at Bronte Primary, veggie box coop and has been doing the veggie box coop for nine years. This raises funds for the school garden. David has had a lot of interest from families. It is a nutrition change program, makes organic affordable for all families, through the veggie coop. This program gives back to the community, and gives about \$700 per week go to towards the veggie garden etc. Builds a community. David also runs a healthy eating class once a week at Bronte Primary. The organic produce is delivered to the school for parents to divide up. Rob would like to check with Ross from the weekend markets. We held a vote and everyone was in favour. <http://www.myorganicschool.com/>