

## Draft Minutes of the BHS P&C Meeting, 12 October, 2017

<b>Meeting opened</b>	<b>7pm</b>
	<b>Acknowledgement of Country</b>
	<b>Welcome and introductions</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	Sue Cuninghame, Gina Wilson-Burns, Amy Willesee, Ian Morris, Rae Carter, Nicole Ison, Tracey Ison, Kate Britton, David Young, Karen Woods
<b>Apologies</b>	Lisa O'Neill, Mark Haughton, Katrina Thomas, Lisa Horgan, Shawn Burns
<b>Special Item</b>	<p>School uniform discussion</p> <p>Feedback from the SRC:            What they like – uniform is safe, means teachers can easily spot trespassers; sense of belonging, unity.            What they'd change - more grey, less green; add a grey cardigan, pants and shorts; would like a more formal uniform for special occasions/school representation.</p> <p>Parental feedback:            What they like - colours; you can mix and match; flexibility on shoes.            What they'd change – make it neater, less sloppy (especially track pants); prefer consistency in shoes; sports shirts are hotter than normal shirts; would like long grey pants, jumper; hats should be mandatory outdoors.</p> <p>Looking at the uniform options, it is apparent that more formal options (including grey shorts and pants) already exist, but that students often don't take these up. The school is not able to exclude students from activities if they don't wear hats. The uniform issue does not seem especially pressing to parents, though happy for it to naturally evolve over time.</p> <p>Ian looking into whether there are 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary shirts planned.</p>
<b>Conflict of Interest</b>	The president reminds everyone to declare any conflicts of interest as they arise.
<b>Minutes</b>	<p>Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting are accepted.</p> <p>Moved: Nicole Ison</p> <p>Seconded: Tracey Ison</p> <p><b>Motion is carried.</b></p>
	<b>Business Arising from the Previous Minutes</b>
<b>a. Athletics uniforms</b>	Petition? No further news. This issue is now closed.
<b>b. BHS website</b>	<p>P&amp;C minutes? Still missing Feb and June.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Amy to send them through again to Ian.</p>
<b>c. Trivia night</b>	<p>Karen Woods</p> <p>On hold.</p>
<b>d. BHS 50<sup>th</sup> birthday</b>	<p>Gina reports that the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner was a great success. The feedback has been very positive: it was a fun evening with a diverse group of people, the room looked beautiful, the food and speeches were great. The TAFE students did an amazing job of setting up the room on a shoestring budget.</p> <p>Gina will write a post-event report for help with future events.</p> <p>The feedback on the open day was also fantastic: the energy at the school was amazing – exciting, welcoming, relaxed and warm.</p>

	<p>Suggestion that the school and P&amp;C maintain a centralised database of donors and post-event reports over various events – either cloud-based or in a folder. Ilan thinks something might already exist. <b>Action:</b> Ilan to check what currently exists.</p> <p>The P&amp;C asks Ilan to formally congratulate the committee, plus all the teachers, for their amazing effort. The P&amp;C also formally thanks Gina Wilson-Burns for her incredible efforts.</p>
<b>e. UN workshop sponsorship</b>	Gina – hold over.
<b>Correspondence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you letters from P&amp;C to raffle and BBQ donors</li> </ul>
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<p>Tabled by David Young, attached.</p> <p>Motion: That the Treasurer's report is accepted. Moved: Gina Wilson-Burns Seconded: Amy Willesee <b>Motion is carried.</b></p>
<b>Endorsement of new members</b>	
<b>Canteen Report</b>	No report this month. Term 4 is generally a slower term. Hoping that catering and the slushie machine will lift takings. Stacey is unflappable, enthusiastic and happy. The canteen is a great place to be.
<b>Tea towels</b>	Stacey and volunteer Vicky are taking care of the tea towels. Karen will check in with them. Some of you will now be sad to see this item disappear from the agenda.
<b>Principal's report</b>	<p>Report presented verbally by Ilan Morris.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Naplan – hold over until early next year when the new Head Teacher of Teaching and Learning starts. This is her area of expertise. Will also be able to talk about the new literacy and numeracy testing that will be coming in for year 9 students who have not met the Naplan minimum standard.</li> </ul> <p><b>Kicking goals:</b> 50<sup>th</sup> celebrations. Was a 'grand final' feel around the school for a couple of weeks, and this continued into the fantastic year 12 graduation and formal. It was a great end to the term.</p> <p><b>Challenges:</b> Implementing electronic marking at roll call. Wifi was set up in the holidays. Still rolling out, a few kinks but will get there. Social media has been creating challenges over the holidays, which has meant a difficult start to term 4. As Ilan has written in his newsletter, parents need to be vigilant in monitoring their children's social media. The school is not in a position to intervene in all cases. He has posted links to sites that could help.</p> <p><b>New:</b> New staff – new careers adviser, former student Holly Pastor, has started and is already doing fantastic new things. Ilan can now also announce that the new Head of Teaching and Learning is Jenny Raison. Her appointment is a huge coup – she is currently a deputy principal and outstanding. She will start in 2018. Phil Coulthard, who has been on leave, has tendered his resignation. Ilan is also in the process of working with the Department of Education to have an autism class; he is meeting with the department next week to look at potential classrooms. There followed a discussion about the pros and cons of segregation vs</p>

	<p>integration. Ian says BHS is committed to meaningful inclusion where possible.</p> <p><b>Watch this space:</b> Yr 11 to 12 transition: in order to complete the HSC, students need to complete 10 units of work, though Ian believes studying 12 units is often a better option for students' prospects. He is aiming to change the culture of automatically dropping from 12 to 10 units as students enter year 12. Students argue that the workload is too much.</p> <p>This year he has implemented a system where students entering year 12 will have to complete paperwork and make a case to the careers adviser as to why they want to drop two units. Sometimes the ramifications of dropping a subject could affect their aspirations or ATAR, but the students don't realise that. Ian and parents will also need to sign off on it.</p> <p>In addition, students are now required to remain on school grounds during the middle periods even if they have a free.</p> <p><b>Update on school plan:</b> some of the areas the school has flagged for growth include: school culture, communication, school physical environment, mandatory numeracy and literacy, e-smart, aboriginal students, EASLD students, digital learning and infrastructure, review of assessment, building community engagement, sport, policies and procedures.</p> <p><b>Housekeeping:</b> A cheque has been sent to the school for \$500 – the return of the deposit from the 50<sup>th</sup> event. Ian proposes keeping it as an advance on the money P&amp;C have committed to the school for the presentation day prizes. P&amp;C agrees.</p>
	<b>General Business</b>
<p><b>1. Lockers</b></p>	<p>A group of people have put up their hand to wander around the school looking for potential locker sites. Ian will invite any interested staff to join in. Parents can do Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 3.15pm if that suits?</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Ian to invite teacher involvement, and confirm availability of 24/10/17 with Sue.</p>
	<b>Business Without Notice</b>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Year 6 enrolment</b> – a parent reports that their year 6 child at Berry Public School has not received any enrolment information for BHS year 7 in 2018, nor any paperwork for 4E application. As the cut-off date in previous years has been in October and has been very strict, parents are becoming concerned. Ian explains that personnel issues have caused the 4E delay, but is surprised no one has visited Berry about general enrolment. <b>Action:</b> Ian to follow up.</li> <li>2. <b>Year 9-10 electives</b> Some parents with students moving into year 10 are concerned that they have not received any communication re. electives. Ian explains that those semester-electives are dropped at the end of year 9 and replaced by new subjects. There are no new electives choices to be made.</li> <li>3. Reminder that tomorrow is the last day for Tell Them From Me survey.</li> <li>4. <b>End-of-year presents for canteen staff?</b> Karen suggests a dinner would be a good idea as they are very social and would appreciate that gesture. <b>Action:</b> Karen to come to next meeting with some ideas.</li> <li>5. <b>December meeting</b> – mini-meeting and dinner instead of formal meeting? Motion: To have a mini-meeting and dinner in December instead of a formal meeting. Moved: Gina Wilson-Burns</li> </ol>

	<p>Seconded: Tracey Ison  <b>Motion is carried.</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Sue to book downstairs private room at Bomaderry Bowling Club for December meeting and dinner.</p> <p>6. <b>Orientation Day</b> Traditionally P&amp;C addresses new families at orientation in term 4. Ian is happy for that to happen again.  <b>Action:</b> Ian to let Sue know the orientation dates.</p> <p>7. <b>Youth of the Year</b> Kangaroo Valley Lions Club are calling for applicants aged 15+ for the Youth of the Year. Students would need to do a 5-minute speech.  <b>Action:</b> Ian to pass info onto interested BHS students.</p> <p>8. <b>Heavy backpacks</b> Issue raised of backpacks being too heavy due to students now having to carry iPads plus exercise books. Now that iPads are in use do students need a new system of notebook? Folders? Ian will take it on board when looking at infrastructure.</p> <p>9. <b>Cyber safety</b> Is there a cyber safety expert we could get in to talk to parents?  <b>Action:</b> Sue to investigate.</p>
Meeting closed	9PM

## Attachments

### 1. Treasurer's report