

Minutes of the Bowral Public School Council

Meeting held 7 September 2009

Present- Justine McKinlay, Scott Cayzer, Duncan Hill, Barb Clark, Michael Cotter, David Ryan, Geoff Kerr, Sally Ray, Wendy Buckley

Apologies- Pam Bates

Previous Minutes - Adopted. Moved-Justine Seconded- Michael

Business arising from the previous minutes

1. Justine researched the Stephanie Alexander Garden project and it was found to be unworkable at this stage due to lack of space at BPS.
2. School Council Constitution - The final copy is to go to the Regional Director for ratification. Wendy advised the council that we should be advertising upcoming meetings in the newsletter and that members should be reporting back to the bodies that they represent, namely the school staff and the P&C.
3. Banyette St update- David is expecting to receive drawings re the closure of the street within the month. He will also organise for a photographer to take photos to be used in the preparation of a presentation package.
4. Hall for BPS has been given the go ahead. Wendy will meet with the builders on Wednesday.
5. NSP program-5 classrooms will receive interactive whiteboards. A mobile interactive whiteboard will be purchased for the Library, courtesy of the P&C, and Week 1 Term 4 will see the installation of the Connected Classroom.
6. Churchyard Lease- The church does have plans to build on the site within the next few years which will mean that we will need to find alternate playing areas for the children.

Correspondence Report- Nil in or out

Financial Report

We currently have \$21,000 in the Building Fund. The quote for air conditioning needs to be updated and then we will go ahead with it. Moved- Sally Seconded- Michael

Principal's Report

1. Farmers Market- Julia Arthur has advised that the markets will be moved from the school in 2010.
2. Investing in Our Schools Project- Choral Risers have been ordered.
3. Quotes are currently being collected for the replacement of the fence around the residence.

4. Disposal of Surplus equipment -the school trailer is no longer needed and is to be put up for secret auction. A committee will be formed to set a reserve price and open the bids. Wendy and Geoff and a school staff representative will form the committee.
5. Wendy will complete the risk assessment for the Tulip Time Festival float and oversee the organization on the day.
6. The school may be able to borrow a speed warning radar sign to use outside the school to remind motorists to slow down in the school zone.
7. The new server for the computers will be installed on 28/9/09.
8. Rugby jerseys from Mimosa will need Wendy to supplement the \$500 remaining from the RSL grant.

P&C Report

1. The Trivia Night raised about \$6,000, which will be spent on the portable interactive whiteboard for the Library.
2. The Hoedown in Term 4 is going to be a relatively low key affair- a social night with a BBQ and a bushdance and a chance for families to mingle.

General Business

1. Duncan asked if the P&C needed to contribute towards the cost of paper for photocopying. Wendy advised that this was not necessary but that staff had been asked to think carefully about the way they teach to conserve paper if possible.
2. It was suggested that many parents would be happy to receive school newsletters via email. Wendy will investigate this.
3. The problem of children not eating their lunch on the days they are rostered to go to Banyette was discussed. Wendy will discuss this with staff to see if a solution can be found.
4. The School Council would like to thank Tim Keating for the time and commitment he so generously gave to the Council

Date of next meeting-19 October

Close of meeting 6.40pm