Bowral Public School, School Council

Minutes – August 17, 2015

Open: 5.30pm

Attendees: Rebecca Greer, Cassy Lyttle, Wendy Buckley, Nicole Smith, Steven Foster, Meredith Wakeman, Virginia Pridham, Colleen Matthews, John Klepczarek, Charles Dowe

Apologies: Greg Thompson

Absent:

Previous Minutes: Accepted Steven Foster; Seconded Cassy Lyttle

Business arising from previous minutes: Nil

Correspondence: P&C and School Council reports have been asked for to be included in Annual Report

Financial Report: Changes to staff relieving reimbursement. Anything under 11 days needs to be paid for out of the school budget. Wendy believes that BPS will be ok this financial year but future budgets may be impacted.

P&C is donating money to purchase laptops for classrooms who will be at Banyette during building works.

Principal’s Report:

- **Market Tender/licence** – Market licence is up for renewal at the end of this year. Dept Ed Legal department has issued a new licence with small alterations inc dogs in the grounds during markets. The existing licencee has signed a new three year agreement with the school. During building process the footprint of the market will change to move further into the areas under the COLAs.
- **Parent/teacher interviews** – formal interview system has been agreed on by staff. To be implemented early next year. Interviews will be held at the end of Term 1.
- **Chaplaincy update/Links to Learning** – Links to Learning (Virginia Pridham) – transition program for children starting high school the next year. For students at risk of being disengaged from education. ‘Belonging to Place’ helping 6 students leave their mark on the school. Car race track to be built with support of teacher. Support from the community – Bunnings, Lucy Nias has helped with design.
- **Ethics** – Another Ethics class has been formed
- **23rd Teacher** has been employed. Will be a support teacher within classrooms. Up to recess will work with children in numeracy and literacy; after lunch will be in classrooms.
- **Camp Australia data** – Happy with attendance levels. Professional learning that is paid for by Camp Australia has been booked for December.
- **NAPLAN** due out tomorrow.
• **Parent Sentiment Survey** – Second Parent Survey potentially to be released (inclusive of teacher/school). Wendy unsure if it is overkill. Will work with Nicole to see how many questions overlap. Current survey has 109 respondents thus far. Results have been very positive. Issues with communication that were highlighted last survey are no longer a problem. School reputation, quality of teachers, school community were all strongly highlighted. Improvements to school grounds (which are being addressed in building program) were the largest concerns.

• **P&C Report** – Planting around school house museum, Trivia Night was a success, Father’s Day stall is ready to go, Orientation Day representation by P&C organised. No uniforms will be on sale.

**General Business** –

• **23rd Teacher** – Steven Foster has concerns about size of Year 4 classes if more students join the school. Wendy is not adverse to splitting classes should the classes reach critical levels.

• **Next Meeting 16/11/15 at 5.30pm**

**Meeting Closed** – 6.35pm