

East Hills Boys High School P&C Minutes

Monday 28th March 2022

Meeting Opened: 6.25 pm (2022 AGM preceded this meeting)

Attendance: Ray V, Ashley J, Rachel McC, Arleen T, Jane C, Ramy H, Paul A, Andrew K, Karen S and Susan B.

Virtually (if applicable):

Apologies: Julie and Michael D, Clare T

Approval Previous Minutes:

Moved: Ashley J

Seconded: Arleen T

In Favour: All

Business Arising:

CBP 2021 Grant: Informed by school, due to rain, multipurpose (basketball) courts revamp is half complete. The backboards have arrived. Will require photos on completion, copies of invoices and the cheque to the school for the grant follow-up process. Ashley is managing the grant process.

Volunteer Grant: Successful for \$1,100 to purchase new laptop/notebook up to \$1,300. Money has been received. Rachel presented proposed equipment list and will purchase.

Stronger Communities Grant: Formal application lodged 11/1/22 for \$3,500 to purchase 2 defibrillators for \$3,813. Approved and awaiting funds.

Student Injury Insurance: Email vote (due to final date prior to the next meeting date) majority against renewing insurance. Student Injury insurance was not renewed.

Guest - 23rd May meeting: NSW MP for East Hills, Wendy Lindsay will be attending the 23rd May meeting. Confirmation is to be received from her office prior to the meeting date.

Correspondence In: P&C Term 1 Magazine, P&C E-bulletins & webinars; Andrews Insurance Student Injury Insurance, Andrews Insurance Invoice for BPK Business Pack (Contents insurance).

Correspondence Out: Student Injury Insurance Cancellation

Treasurers Report: From the AGM, 2022 member fees were collected, and receipts will be issued in the next meeting. Awaiting the CBP 2021 and Stronger Communities grant monies.

Principals Report:

The school is happy with the 89.9% attendance to date for 2022.

Open night on the 14th March, for parents and boys in primary school, was well attended. The school received positive feedback in regard to the organisation and format of the night as well as the school in general.

Meet the teacher for Year 7 will go ahead as planned. Due to COVID-19 restrictions these events were unable to be held, so it is nice to see events with parents recommencing.

The outside Learning Centre space is progressing. Further details to be presented at the next meeting.

The cricket nets were redone last week.

886 light fittings will be converted to LED lights at approx. cost of \$100,000

General Business:

The P&C stores its' equipment in a shipping container on the school site. The President and the school hold keys to this container. Contents insurance is held with Andrews Insurance and is due for renewal. The equipment and asset list needs to be checked, as the assets in the container have not recently been used due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Motion

The East Hills Boys High School P&C Association approved the total expenditure of \$116.00 to Andrews Insurance Services for BPK Business Pack (Contents insurance).

Moved: Ray V

Seconded: Ashley J

In Favour: All

Road traffic and safety issues outside the school are still a concern to parents and the school. There is a need to work with the relevant Government parties to look for a better solution for the co-habitation of buses, cars and students on the stretch of Lucas Road between the two high schools.

A discussion was held regarding the criteria for eligibility for the End of Year party. It was noted that the effort levels terminology for the effort levels differ between the school reports and the boys Diaries. These levels are taken from students' half-yearly reports. Approved leave is not counted in the 90% attendance level. There is a need for achievable goals.

Communication text messages (not the child absent SMS) sent from the school do not include the school name. This is confusing if a parent has children who attend different schools. This is to be reviewed, noting that the school doesn't send many of these types of messages to parents. Emails from the school are sent to the "preferred mail" email address. Contact the school office to confirm or change this email address.

Susan mentioned that there is a Grant that communities can apply for to conserve and restore local war memorials. This would include any memorial within school grounds.

The school and the parents would like to see a gymnasium built at the school. Outside sporting spaces have been upgraded/repared, but due to the recent excessive rain days, the need for an inside sporting venue (gym) has increased. Funding options need to be examined, which may include government assistance, grants, as well as general fundraising events.

At the end of the meeting, Mr A presented Susan B with an amazing bouquet of flowers as a big thank you for all her hard work for the P&C and the school over the past 6 years. Susan has been a very active P&C secretary, assisting with the P&C's incorporation and applying for and receiving many grants for a variety of projects. She was the driving force behind the grant for the air-conditioning in the school hall. We wish Susan all the best in the future, and we will no doubt see her around as she is still an active member of the EHGHS P&C.

Close Meeting: 7.30 pm

Next Meeting: 23rd May 2022. No April meeting due to Anzac Day holiday.