



Baulkham Hills High School P & C Association

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Minutes of General Meeting 5

Location	School library	Date	25/7/2017
Attendees – Parents	Cindy bu, Jyothi Sanker, Jane Ting, Doreen Lin, Frank Lin, Louisa Huang, Jessie Yiu, Jinyan Peng, Chandima Nawela, Tina tian, Kit Ng, Kevin Lewis, Nula Huang, Helen Chen, Winnie Zhou, David Yu, Vincent chiu, Baskar Srinivasan, Kokila palaniappan, Thiru k, Sophie Huang, Chaminda D, Wendy Yao, Shiran R, Chaminda		
- Guests	Principal Dr Bathgate, Head Teacher Science Ian Scollay		
Apologies	Liza, Sau Wan, Niroshni, Kit, Nag		
Chaired By	Shiran Rajaratnam	Minutes Taken By	Lina Magallanes
Item	Topic		
	Prior Meeting Minutes		
	Previous meeting minutes were adopted. Proposed by: Thiru Seconded by: Helen		
	Meeting began at 7:35 pm.		
	<p>Head Teacher Science Talked about the new Science curriculum (1 page handout distributed at meeting) that will be implemented in 2018. Course content is shifting emphasis from knowledge and content to developing and improving scientific skills of students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contextual approach of past 17 years is being replaced by inquiry questions i.e. open– ended questions on topics/subjects - Students are expected to do their own investigations; allows students to pursue their own questions, and to learn what questions to ask at the right time, good for analysis; investigations will comprise 60% of course content for Physics, Biology and Chemistry - Skills tests done for Yrs 7-11, starting with standard skills for Yr7 but building on these skills with increasing complexity in higher years; in terms of student workload: Yr11 course is 120 hours with 35 hours of mandated practical skills and 15 hours of in-depth study (more emphasis on hands-on, investigative science); focus on science processes (faculty spending time thinking this through the rest of 2017) - Assessment time: 3 assessments in Yr11 (4 in Yr12); one formal written exam - Exam board allows 12 months to prepare exam papers - Problem solving techniques (bring this skill to HSC exam); students should be able to know what to ask and when to ask the questions; emphasis on skills set e.g. the ability to investigate and articulate processes and logical links instead of quick inference in results of experiments) <p>Principal's report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updating the school constitution, refurbishing the science labs (currently 10 science labs operating); working on one unit at a time progressively to minimise disruption in science classes - Call for tenders for the front office done (given a month to give tenders back) - Year 8-12 new students applications close on Friday 		

- Yr 9 reports going out this week; Yr 7 and Yr 10 parent teacher interviews happening this week
- School external validation – 2 principals doing the assessment
- Some kids doing UMAT testing (very competitive)

President’s report

- Stocktake has taken place during school holidays; thankyou to Helen and all the others who helped out; Special thanks to all the parents who turned up (it took 2 days to finish); Joythi also did a lot of work; Joythi is now chair of the uniform shop committee
- 100 Yr 12 students participated in whole day workshop during school holiday (special thanks to the four English teachers)
- 26th August is next working bee: Kevin is now working bee coordinator; Kevin met Mr Humphreys and walked around BHHS today to cast fresh eyes on what can be done to improve BHHS surrounds. Kevin came up with a 2-page list and discussed at meeting.

Treasurer’s report

Helen spoke to monthly financial statements (copies distributed at meeting). Financial transactions included 1-day sale of blazers, July egg sales, expenses related to the stock take.

Treasurer’s report was adopted.

Proposed by: Chaminda Seconded by: Kevin

Funding request

No funding requests were received

Other Matters and Q&A with Principal

- President’s note to Principal for the P&C to be given an opportunity to comment on the school fees schedule where P&C contributions are collected before being sent out to parents.
- Expressions of Interest for Parents’ Singing Group: parents (music teacher/school parents), Tues and Wed nights (25 parents interested; encourage more males to join). Plans to have a Baulko singing group for the food fair.
- Parent reading club (c/o Ms Sronic and Ms Arblaster) also being considered, teachers and parents keen to do this; important for kids (also can discuss what books they are reading at school)
- SUPPORT UNIT coordinator (Kevin) - Newsletter is being handed out to support unit (50% of parents get this electronically; other copies given to students). Winnie talked about encouraging students to be more welcoming to students of the support unit (even just a wave will make a big difference). Last year, 20 ukuleles and 20 keyboards were donated to the support unit. Last year SU also participated in the food fair.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Next meeting on the 22/8