



# Baulkham Hills High School P & C Association

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## Minutes of General Meeting 1

<b>Location</b>	School library	<b>Date</b>	27 Feb 2018
<b>Attendees – Parents</b>	Thiru, Sau Wan, Helen Chen, Shiran, Kevin, Afshan Basi, Smita Chandrania, Akanksha Sharma, Murthy, Hong Chen, Shyam Raghupathi, Sekhar Vardhan, Myl Senthilvasan, Dan Rupasinghe, Frank Liu, Kavitha Sivaranja, Xiuning Liu, Mathu Vaithilingan, Michael Xiao, Shenal Patel, Michelle Sun, Evete Fernandes, Vathani Kodes, Angela Ge, Joy Cheng, Elaine Yu, Ria Mizan, Winnie Zhou, Ritu Tripathi, Mina Kim, Kapal Shankar, Saku Perera, Cherry Chen, Doreen Liu, Nagaraj, Leslie, Jyothi Sanker, Nafees Rehman, Louisa Huang, Chaminda De Silva, Isaac Xiao, Betty Tan, Nazia Khan, Shaozhao Chen, Rajendran, Liza.		
<b>- Guests</b>	Deputy Principal: Mr Wayne Humphreys		
<b>Apologies</b>	Lina, Sharon Shi, Cindy, Jatinder		
<b>Chaired By</b>	Shiran Rajaratnam	<b>Minutes Taken By</b>	Sau Wan Liew
<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>		
	<b>Prior Meeting Minutes</b>		
	Previous meeting minutes were adopted. Proposed by: Murthi Seconded by: Shyam		
	Meeting began at 7:35 pm.		
	<b>Principal's Report (By Mr Wayne Humphreys)</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Humphreys welcomed all Year 7 parents to their first P&amp;C meeting. He expressed his gratefulness on behalf of the school for the very strong P&amp;C organisation that had been consistently providing great support to the school. It is unusual for a high school P&amp;C organisation to manage to gain great participation from parents.</li> <li>- Renovation of administration block was finished on 20 Dec 2017. However, the new building was flooded due to a burst pipe on 27 Dec, all carpets needed to be ripped up and relayed. It was all sorted and the office has been in use since the start of new school term of 2018.</li> <li>- Baulko had its Presentation Assembly on 22 Feb 2018 (Thursday). This is different from most practices of other schools, which had their Presentation Assembly in Term 4 last year. Baulko reckons having it in Term 1 of the following year is better since HSC results are out, so we could recognise the students' performance in HSC. Baulko had 5 DUXs who achieved 99.95 in their HSC results.</li> <li>- Baulko ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the NSW State in term of HSC performance. This is a good result considering we are a much bigger school (nearly 200 Y12 students) and provide broader curriculums.</li> <li>- Baulko organised more than 400 school excursions in 2017 (more than one per day). Some excursions are mandatory and some are not. The schools will continue to organise non-mandatory excursions that deems vital to prepare students to fit well into the community later in life.</li> <li>- 4 schools (Baulko, James Ruse, Girraween and Penrith) participated in the Quad Schools Competition last week. Baulko won for the 8<sup>th</sup> year in a row, meaning that we can keep our record of winning every year.</li> </ul>		

- We will be hosting our Japanese Sister school: Meiwa High school next week. Our Japanese language students will visit Japan later in the year. Some other overseas excursions in planning includes Band Europe Tour 2019, Vietnam, China and even a possibly visit to the NASA Base Camp.
- Our library has had a long-standing problem of water leaking and it took the maintenance team a long time to find out the exact leaking point. The problem was normally discovered only after the leak had soaked through the carpet. This is the reason why our library has a certain smell sometimes.
- The school thanked the P&C for their contribution in the building of new science labs. Our school has 10 science labs and we are one of the schools with the most science labs. We built new science labs so we could refurbish the old science labs. It will cost nearly half a million dollars.
- Baulko is in the transition stage where many old teachers are retiring and we are getting many new teachers. Many of the retiring teachers have been teaching in Baulko for nearly 20 years.
- On Thursday Night, the school gym was renamed the Noel Drew Gymnasium in recognition of the massive contribution Mr Drew has made to the school as both a teacher and volleyball coach. Mr Drew has been teaching in Baulko since 1976. He was presented with the Noel Drew Gymnasium Plaque in front of his family members.

#### **Working Bee Updates (By Working Bee Coordinator Kevin Lewis)**

- Kevin thanked everyone who volunteered to help. Anyone who can't make this first Working Bee in March 17 can take part in the second Working Bee in August 25.
- Kevin walked around the school with Mr Humphreys today to decide on spots that need to be tidied/transformed.
- The orange fruit is a prominent symbol in the school's emblem and our school does not have a single orange tree. In view of that, 5 orange trees will be planted in the next Working Bee.
- Notifications have been sent to parents to volunteer in the first Working Bee on 17 March (Sat). It is a good chance to meet other parents.
- This week's Newsletter has included a form for students to provide feedback of what they think needs to change. Forms can be found under the newsletter link in school's website. Students can drop their forms in the suggestion box placed permanently outside the uniform shop.
- Isaac will promote the Working Bee to parents via WeChat.

#### **Funding requests**

One Year 12 student requested funding for the Chemistry Olympiad. He represented the school at National level. P&C will subsidise as per each student's limit: \$150 per student. Agreed by all.

#### **Other Matters**

One parent asked about the possibility to open the staff car park for pick up during school dismiss time. Mr Humphreys explained that the staff parking is limited and once it is open, it will be hard to control traffic within the car park and will impose unnecessary danger to students within the school's compound. Parents are encouraged to wait further down the side streets and let students walk to them.

Meeting closed at 8:00 pm. To be followed by 2018 Annual General Meeting.

	Next meeting on the 27 <sup>th</sup> of March			
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