



**MINUTES - General Meeting
Monday 23 July 2018**

1 Meeting opened - 7.37pm

2 Attendance and apologies -

Attendees: Alison Gullick, Matt Healey, Amber Fernandes, Natalie Diedrichs, Avril Strutt, Liz McQueen, Laura Rosher, Emma Thomson, Lea Parkinson, Geraldine Pillinger, Belinda Rickert and Steve Hovitch.

Apologies: Claire Baker, Andrew Mack, Alex Ellis, Michelle Peters, Shannon Jones, Leanne Frisna, Kim Healey and Fiona Marston.

3 Accept previous meeting minutes (18 June 2018) - Moved Matt Healey, 2nd Liz McQueen. All in favour.

4 Business arising from minutes -

4.1 Website update - Liz McQueen

- big thanks to Alli Sylvestre for her considerable work on this project
- the next step is to carry out testing before going live
- Helen Taylforth has been confirmed as the website coordinator
- requested some inputs/photographs from P&C members

4.2 Bike Boulevard stage 2 cancellation - Liz McQueen for Alex Ellis

- whilst stage 2 has not been reinstated, the City of Bayswater ('COB') has committed to continue looking at this issue, starting with establishing a "Local Road Safety Trial Reference Group" to look more broadly at cycling in the area.
- this is thanks to extensive community lobbying (including initiatives from many families at BPS)
- it is anticipated that both the school and the P&C will be approached for expressions of interest in joining the reference group.
- also noted recent press regarding the reduction of the speed limit on Kin William Street to 40kms per hour.

4.3 Numero card sales - Alex Ellis (apology):

- sales drive continues - to date 4 packs have been sold.

4.4 PE testing -

- feedback on parent meeting with sports teacher and school Deputy in relation to weighing and measuring children in Physical Education classes.
- Steve Hovitch suggested a meeting between himself and the parent concerned to continue the discussion.

5 Principal's Report -

- tabled a "School Oval Improvement" document outlining 4 steps in planning for the improvement of the school oval.
- advised that Steps 1,2 and 3 are underway.
- this will be a joint project between the school and the P&C Gardening Subcommittee.

6 Office Bearer Reports -

6.1 President - Matt Healey: no formal report

6.2 Treasurer - Lea Parkinson:

- reported that is in the process of inputting data for MYOB. The payroll module is operational.
- income items since last meeting - \$1,500 Library Telstra grant, \$840 wine tasting event profit
- expenses since last meeting - \$800 annual WACSSO membership

6.3 School Council - Alison Gullick: no report (no meeting yet this term)

7 Sub Committees -

7.1 Canteen - Matt Healey/Kim Healey (apology): no formal report. Noted:

- Kim Healey is in the process of collating the student canteen survey feedback.

7.2 Gardening - Alex Ellis (apology)/Liz McQueen: read report as attached. Also:

- **MOTION: To approve a Gardening Committee Busy Bee on 19 August 2018. Moved Liz McQueen, 2nd Matt Healey. All in favour.**

7.3 Uniform Service - Emma Thomson for Shannon Jones (apology):

- second hand uniform sale made a profit of \$458
- new stock has been delivered for the Sports Carnival. Orders need to be received by Friday 10 August to ensure delivery. This information has also been included in the school newsletter.

7.3 KPC - Natalie Diedrichs:

- tabled expenditure request document for home readers and guided readers totaling \$3,362.10.
- confirmed that this request was put forward by the KPC teachers and that KPC parents/carers have been notified.
- **MOTION: To approve a \$3,400 KPC expenditure as per the itemised listing attached. Moved Matt Healey, 2nd Lea Parkinson. All in favour.**

7.5 Fundraising - Michelle Peters/Rae Markham/Helen Taylforth/Alison Gullick: no report this month.

- **MOTION: To approve Fundraising Subcommittee fundraiser ('80's Prom Night') on the evening of Saturday 4 August 2018 at the Bayswater Senior Citizen's Centre. Moved Nat Diedrichs, 2nd Alison Gullick. All in favour.**

7.6 Library - Laura Rosher/Fiona Marston (apology):

- Telstra Grant: application for a \$1,500 grant towards the "Discovery Corner" (Kindy Corner) was successful. Thank-you to Wayne Deveraux for his efforts with the grant application. This will be used together with the existing accumulated funds raised to date.
- Bunning Sausage Sizzle: confirmed for 4 August 2018 and the roster is filling up nicely.
MOTION: To approve Library Subcommittee Bunning Sausage Sizzle for the full day on Saturday 4 August 2018 at the new Bayswater Bunnings. Moved Matt Healey, 2nd Emma Thomson. All in favour.
- Coin Jars: proposed running in Term 4 as another means of fundraising. Consensus to proceed and suggestion that the P&C could match funds raised.
MOTION: P&C to match funds raised in Coin Jar fundraiser up to \$1,000. Moved Matt Healey, 2nd Lea Parkinson. All in favour.
- general discussions around progress and timetabling. Consensus that the scale and complexity of the project dictate that it will be completed in stages and as funding allows. Suggested that approaching parents with specialised skills in building would considerably reduce the cost of the project. Steve Hovitch highlighted that the school is guided by the Department of Education's D2M Purchasing Policy requirements in relation to the hire of contractors and the purchase of materials. General feeling that, in order to expedite the completion of the project, discounted materials/labour sourced from the BPS community should be considered for use as much as

possible. Agreed to email BPS community for expressions of interest in assisting with the project in this regard.

- Meeting attendees thanked Laura, Fiona and the rest of the subcommittee for their considerable efforts and commitment to the project.

7.7 Baysie EcoHub (Sustainability) - Alex Ellis (apology): report attached.

8 Other business -

8.1 Graduation Year Books – Emma Thomson for Christie Ainsworth

- would like to know if the school retains a copy of the Graduation Year Books produced by the students each year. If not, would like to put forward a motion that the P&C gift a copy to the school each year.
- Steve confirmed that Dave Dique retains copies. Motion not required.

Next meeting - 7.30pm Monday 20 August 2018

Meeting closed - 9.02pm

Gardening Committee Report to the 16th July 2018 P&C Meeting

A quiet month for the Gardening Committee, but lots happening in our Vegie Garden!!

The gardening committee and sustainability group have made significant headway with setting up the community vegie garden and composting infrastructure. **We have planted out a host of winter crops - cabbage, kale, fennel, potatoes, celery, rainbow chard, snow peas – as well as herbs. We have also planted a range of different coloured flowering plants to entice beneficial insects to the gardens – to both pollinate and to keep pests under control.**

The other significant news is that we have commenced composting. We have a three bay composting system, with one bed currently actively composting (and generating a huge amount of steam and heat as the micro-organisms do their thing). We also have a green compost tumbler and we would like to ask kids, parents and teachers to start putting their **fruit and vegie scraps** in either the green tumbler or on the compost heap. Please, however, don't put in other food waste.



If you are new to composting, you may not know that you need to at least match your 'green' waste (fruit and vegie scraps, grass clippings) with 'brown' waste (shredded paper, dried leaves, straw). To help create this balance in our compost, the office is giving us their shredded paper waste. This is being kept in the black compost container next to the green tumbler (both pictured below).

So, each time you put fruit and vegie scraps in the green tumbler, could you also please add at least the same amount of shredded paper from the black compost bin and give the tumbler a spin.

A big thank you to our Vegie Garden members, and especially to Catherine and Miho for driving this part of the garden.

The Vegie Garden is designed to be a garden in which anyone – parent, child, teacher or staff member – can play a role. **The vegie garden crew meet on Wednesdays after school to tend to the garden and the composting bays and all are welcome to pop over, get involved or just have a chat.** We would also welcome any plant donations of vegetables, fruit, herbs and flowers that you may have throughout the year.

To reflect the fact that this vegie garden is “owned” by all of us, we are now asking students to come up with a name for the garden. The winning name will be painted on a sign and erected in the garden. So, over the next few weeks, take a moment to think of some names, write them down and, next term, pop them in the box in the front office. The closing date for the names is **Friday 27 July 2018**. If you have any questions about the community vegie garden, please contact Liz (0488 330 016), Eleanor (0478 635 750) or Alex (0458 749 746) or just come by on a Wednesday afternoon.



(& on behalf of the Gardening Committee - Michelle Peters, Felicity Mitchell, Steve Hovitch, Eleanor Reuvers, Margaret Wilson, Kristi Turner, Laurie Ball, Tom Hammond, Heloise Roberts, Hamish Wiggins, Maki Yamamoto, Novak DeJong, Ann Sternheim, Nerina Patroni, Belinda Rickert, Paddy Hocking and Catherine Juniper)

Gardening Committee Report to the 16th July 2018 P&C Meeting



Marise, Steve and Eleanor have been in touch with Mark from the City Of Bayswater regarding our **Street Tree request of 9 trees along Leake, Hill and Roberts streets** (oval), after we put in an application for this free venture.

Planet Ark 'National Schools Tree Day' is coming around again this Friday, 27th July, 2018. Margaret Wilson and Steve Hovitch have liaised with Alex Devine from the City Of Bayswater, where students from Years 1-6 will plant 2,000 plants at Eric Singleton Bird Sanctuary on the day and record the day with some artwork. It is a great way to get the kids involved in 'greening' their community, and a great relationship to foster with the City of Bayswater. The Eastern Reporter might even make a presence! Thanks to Margaret and Steve for following this up! You will have hopefully noticed the Excursion permission slips in your child's bag if you have a student in Year 1-6.

We are hoping to hold a **Gardening Committee Busy Bee on Sunday, 19th August** to finish off Imaginature by laying down some sawdust paths there (as well as in the Vegie Garden), and distributing the pile of mulch we have been given by some tree loppers, around Imaginature, as it's pretty sparse in some areas. There may be a bit of weeding/fixing tree guards/etc to do as well. We decided on not doing the rope scrambles, as the area is being well utilized without these, and the rock retaining wall will probably not withstand all that foot traffic. So no more 'big jobs' on the horizon for Imaginature. **MOTION: Gardening Committee Busy Bee Sunday 19th August.**

Kristi is going to paint the roof of the Loose Parts Play Shed this weekend, weather permitting – thanks Kristi!

Liz has also been working closely with Alli Sylvestre to get the Gardening Committee website page looking swish. Thanks Liz and Alli – this involves lots of thankless photo searching and editing, but it is much appreciated and will really showcase all the things we do.

Also, we are **aiming to hold a meeting early August** to discuss the above, as well as nut out details of the launch for Imaginature in Term 4, and chat about how National Tree Day went, and discuss the oval.

Finally, **this month we farewell Janine Turner (BPS Deputy Principal and fellow committee member) who is retiring in August, and so has understandably resigned from the Gardening Committee. Liz and I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank Janine for the decades of work and support she has provided for the school, and especially through our Gardening Committee**, always helping out, attending meetings, liaising with the Department, and providing sets of hands at Busy Bees and Fete stalls, from both herself and her husband Geoff.

Thanks!
Alex Ellis and Liz McQueen

Sustainability Group Report to the 16th July 2018 P&C Meeting

Hi Everyone,

We have a new name! Thank you to creative genius Shannon Jones for coming up with a cool name for our group!! A quiet month for us as we plan out our next steps for the year. Energy has been put into the School Vegie Garden, which is discussed in the Gardening Committee report. We are awaiting the news of whether we were successful in the **Waste Wise Grant**, which should be in the next few weeks. **If successful, we will be working on the next steps of fulfilling this grant.**

Although not a Sustainability Group initiative, in the last week of term Rooms 9 and 10 instituted a **'Community Grow Cart'**, to share produce they had grown over the semester with the school community, and we think this is a great idea that deserves to be promoted.

It also created an opportunity for people from across the school to bring their excess local or homegrown produce they might have been growing in their front or backyard, instead of letting it go to waste.

Thank you to all the parents of both classes for donating the seeds, seedlings and the gardening essentials for us to get our garden started.

A big thank you must also go to everyone who helped make this cart a success by contributing to it or taking from it, and to Liz McQueen, Freya Kreibich and Anne Phillips for driving it!



This term the Sustainability Group are hoping to hold a meeting to discuss our updated Sustainability Plan for the next few years, and to also 'launch' the 'fruit and vegie scrap buckets' we have made for each classroom. Now the BPS Vegie Garden and composting bays are now up and running, it is the perfect time to be encouraging the students and staff to use these, thereby diverting waste from landfill. **We will also be trialling use of a red soft plastic recycling bin in the undercover area.**

The Eastern Reporter has contacted the school, after seeing the work we are doing Sustainability-wise on Facebook®, and they will be doing an article soon on this. Look out for it!

Also, look out for the 'Coffee Cup' Eco Advert in last week's newsletter!

Thanks!

Alex Ellis and Miho Tanabe