

school council minutes

Meeting: Wednesday February 17 2016

PRESENTATION: Baldasso & Cortese (Architects) – Masterplan

Staff of Baldasso & Cortese informed School Council of the detail around the Masterplan, explaining and clarifying any issues as required. Council Members are pleased with the Masterplan and look forward to breaking ground in December 2016.

1. Attendance & Apologies

Attendees					
Heather Secomb	Acting Principal	Adam Ramage	Parent	Terry Sullivan	Parent
Chris Salmond	Business Manager	Con Lekakis	Parent	Jenny Taaffe	Parent
Alison Sanza	Assistant Principal	Paul Longfield	Parent	Helen Shanahan	Parent
				Elise Louey	SRC

Apologies			
Gerard Beaton	Andrea Faubel	John Roberts	
Brian Dare	Jan De Gier	Helen Thornton	

2. Minutes of the previous meeting (tabled via email)

Motion: It is proposed that School Council endorses the Minutes of the meeting held December 9 2015 as an accurate record of the meeting.				
Proposed	Terry Sullivan	Seconded	Paul Longfield	Carried

3. Correspondence

3.1. Inwards – Nil

3.1.1. February 17 2016 - Williams Ravi P/L – re additional fencing

3.2. Outwards

3.2.1. December 08 2015 - DET – NWV Planning Branch – endorsement of the Building Project Master Plan

3.2.2. December 15 2015 - DET - Infrastructure and Sustainability Division, Portfolio Standards Unit – OH&S

3.2.3. December 22 2015 - Vivienne Tellefson – Letter of Congratulations

3.2.4. February 10 2016 - School community re Hairspray

4. Business arising

5. Reports

5.1. **Principal's Report** (tabled via email)

5.2. **Financial Reports** (tabled via email)

Motion: It is proposed that School Council endorses the Financial Reports for December 2015 and January 2016 as tabled				
Proposed	Adam Ramage	Seconded	Jenny Taaffe	Carried

5.3. **Finance Subcommittee Report** (minutes of meeting tabled via email)

5.4. **Buildings & Grounds Subcommittee Report** (minutes of meeting tabled via email)

5.5. **Parent Association Report**

- Good turnout for interest to the first 2016 PA meeting. No convener elected, however further discussion will take place at the next meeting scheduled for 15/03/2016.
- Meeting scheduled with SRC Executive to schedule date for Trivia Night
- It is suggested that instead of having a convener that heads all activities, the PA elect subcommittees to manage specific events such as Secondhand Uniform stalls, Trivia Night, Bunnings BBQs or Twilight Market events.
- PA members request that Business Manager provide details of monies raised by PA in 2015 toward new gym audio visual.
- School Council formally thanks Helen Shanahan for her work in reinstating the role of the PA at BSC, for the time, effort and energy she has expended in this process and the happy manner in which she has gone about the process.

5.6. Student Representative Council Report –

School Captain reported that the SRC is being run differently in 2016. This has been changed with the aim that changes will allow for a more even representation from students from across all year levels, as well as to allow younger students to take on responsibility.

The SRC is comprised of three groups

- Student Executive (comprising of all School Captains) will meet once per week.
Captains are assigned to the teacher related to their field of captaincy and will work closely with them to promote related CCPs and events
- SRC (comprising of representatives from all year levels) will meet once per week
This group aims to be involved in planning and promoting whole-school events, eg Free-Dress Days
- Year 7 SRC (comprising of representatives from each Year 7 pastoral group) will meet once per week
This group will work in line with the SRC to plan and promote whole-school events
The addition of a specific Year 7 group is designed to ensure that Year 7 students have a clearly defined pathway into leadership roles and understand that their student voice is valued and invited from the time that they start at BSC.
Next semester, a new Year 7 student group will be inducted to replace the first, allowing others to gain experience. It is hoped that this system provides a good 'training ground' for year 7 students and encourages them to continue into general SRC group in 2017.

6. Other Business

6.1. Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences - Years 7-12 – March 22 2016

As per Consultative Committee Meeting 08/02/2015, the proposed schedule for P/T/S Conferences (March 22 2016) is

- Staff meeting 11.00am to 11.30am
- Preparation and lunch 11.30 – 12.30
- PTS 12.30 to 7.30 allocated to interviews with a break of 45 minutes
- Heather Secomb requests that School Council approve these arrangements noting that while it is not a 'normal' school day, it is expected that students attend conferences with their parent/carer(s)

Motion: It is proposed that School Council approves arrangements for PTS conference day as described			
Proposed	Terry Sullivan	Seconded	Paul Longfield
			Carried

6.2. Choice of 2016 whole school Production – *Hairspray*

- a Year 11 student lodged an online petition on Change.org, calling for the decision to stage *Hairspray* as the 2016 BSC whole school musical be reversed due to concerns over lack of students of a particular ethnicity being involved in the show
- BSC Community champions discussion around social issues and invited concerned students to discuss the matters raised
- at the time that the petition was launched, no librettos etc were to hand and no casting information had been issued to students
- Hal Leonard, the company which issue the rights for the show, confirms that this concern has been covered in the documentation for the show – writers understand that some groups/schools do not have sufficient ethnic representation to produce the show as written. The documentation includes consideration of limitations and offers resolutions to same, which the BSC Production Team is required, and intends, to observe
- after preliminary discussion, the student chose of her own volition to remove the petition from Change.org
- Acting Principal, Production Team and the students have met to discuss the matter and to resolve issues. Moving forward, the students will be working cooperatively with the Production Team to flag and resolve any potential issues as well as to use the opportunity of *Hairspray* to encourage a broader diversity of students to be involved in the show. They will actively approach students to engage them in the show.
- Issues of discrimination as highlighted in *Hairspray* will be raised in COGS sessions – the concerned students will be involved in content and delivery of these sessions
- The BSC Production team should be commended for their dignified and conciliatory approach to this matter

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School Council acknowledges the sensitive and considered work around this process and gives credit to all teachers involved. While this issue is important and has raised valid discussion around social justice issues, the outcome remains that the school will stage *Hairspray* in 2016.

Queries raised and ideas noted include:

- As a community are we going to use this opportunity? How can this incident be reflected in policy/procedures?
- What message has been communicated to the community around existing procedures and protocol re social media?
- The incident was a huge learning experience for students involved, but BSC can incorporate more into teaching about social media & protocols, the ramifications and the 'ripple effect' of actions involving social media via COGS sessions
- Should we have a plan for media follow up? Can we turn the negative message into a positive message?

Motion:	It is proposed that School Council endorses the choice of <i>Hairspray</i> as the 2016 whole school production.		
Proposed	Adam Ramage	Seconded	Paul Longfield
			Carried

6.3. School Council Elections

All relevant notices and documentation has been posted to the BSC Compass Newsfeed for Parent information. Hard copies of nomination forms are available at the General office. Staff have also been contacted re Staff representative nomination. Nominations close March 1 2016.

If School Council members have any queries, please refer them to either [Heather](#) or [Lindel](#).

6.4. Request by a third party to use BSC facilities to conduct Arts Professional Development Session (outside of school hours).

In exchange, the organiser will provide a place and materials in order that one of the BSC staff can participate free of charge

Motion:	It is proposed that School Council approves the use of BSC facilities for Arts PD.		
Proposed	Con Lekakis	Seconded	Paul Longfield
			Carried

6.5. School Council Funded Gymnasium –

- 6.5.1. **Timeline** - Change rooms, mezzanine & viewing area will be available for use in early March.
- 6.5.2. **Additional Fencing** - Cost to provide additional fencing ref 3.1.1
- 6.5.3. **JUA between BSC and Brunswick Hockey Club** – refer Finance Subcommittee Minutes 09/02/2016. BHC use of change rooms, car park, access issues - charges and revisions to agreement
- 6.5.4. **Local Sports Hire** – refer Finance Subcommittee Minutes 09/02/2016

Motion:	It is proposed that School Council endorses an amendment to the Local Sports Lease Agreement allowing for a 5 x 5 year lease.		
Proposed	Adam Ramage	Seconded	Terry Sullivan
			Carried

6.6. 2016 Project –

- 6.6.1. **Endorsement of Master Plan** developed by Baldasso Cortese Architects - have moved through AMP Gateway 2. In order to comply, we are issuing a letter re enrolment ceiling (refer 3.2.5)
- 6.6.2. **Trees in Fallon Street** - refer B & G Subcommittee Minutes 09/02/2016.
Moreland Council - Graeme McKinnon to follow up

6.7. Renovations to A3 (Croxtton Teaching Unit)

These renovations are being undertaken and as per the MUA, Croxtton is liable for the costs of renovations

6.8. AIP

6.8.1. BSC Self-Assessment against 2015 AIP

Staff have assessed performance and outcomes

6.8.2. Draft 2016 AIP and FISO initiatives

A copy of the 2016 AIP has been issued to School Council members who are asked to review it prior to the next School Council Meeting.

This AIP must be endorsed at the next meeting. In the interest of expedience, we ask that any feedback/queries are communicated via email to [Heather](#) or [Lindel](#).

6.9. Centenary Update

Deferred to next meeting

6.10. Year 9/10 Camp

Deferred to next meeting

6.11. Acknowledgement of retiring members –

On behalf to the entire BSC community, School Council offers its sincere gratitude to retiring members Helen Shanahan, Jenny Taaffe and Andrea Faubel (absent) who have served on council for many years. Each of these members has brought to council their diverse experience and talents as well as genuine commitment to the welfare of the BSC community, and they all made a valuable and significant contribution. It has been an honour and pleasure to work with them.

7. PRESENTATION: Principal Selection Process

- DET Secretary Nominee advised School Council of the Procedures around Principal selection, reminding all of the necessity for confidentiality around this issue.
- Timeline - Position will be advertised 19/02/2016. Applications close 07/03/2016. Panel must shortlist applicants in the week beginning 07/03/2016, conduct interviews and makes recommendation to School Council Monday on 21/03/2016
- In order to allow the Panel adequate time to consider applications, March council meeting will be moved to Monday 21/03/2016
- It has been agreed that Adam Ramage & Terry Sullivan will serve on the Principal Selection Panel along with two DET Secretary Nominees
- It has been agreed that Heather Secomb will act as the contact for the school. All relevant documentation will be made available 19/02/2016 to applicants via link to hidden page on the BSC website.

8. Out of Session Motions

8.1. #letthemstay Social Media request – tabled via email February 10 2016

Motion: It is proposed that School Council approves the BSC participation in the #letthemstay campaign.

Proposed Adam Ramage Seconded Heather Secomb

Carried

Email Correspondence on file – 11 School Council members responded, 11 affirmative responses

9. Meeting close

Next meeting: Monday March 21 2016