

Beaumont Road Public School Council
President's Report
Annual General Meeting, 6 May 2016

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report provides an overview of the work undertaken by School Council from its reconstitution in September 2014 to December 2015.

2. Council membership

- 2.1 The following table shows the period of service and role of members

Malcolm McDonald	Executive Member	12/9/2014 - current
Jane Coad	President	12/9/2014 - current
Tim Jenkins	Secretary	12/9/2014 - current
Emma Bromley	Appointed Member (P&C)	12/9/2014 - 13/3/2015
Carey Francis	Appointed Member (P&C)	13/3/2015 - current
Darren Hills	Teacher Representative	12/9/2014
Cheryl Coombs	Teacher Representative	21/10/2014 - 5/12/2014
Mary-Ellen Green	Teacher Representative	20/2/2015 - current
Isabelle Kourasias	Teacher Representative	20/2/2015
Jayna Hirani	Teacher Representative	1/5/2015 - current
Punam Wahan	Alternate Teacher Representative	1/5/2015 - current
The Hon. Alister Henskens, MP	Community Member	21/8/2015 - current

- 2.2 Meetings have been held generally twice per term with extraordinary meetings as required.
- 2.3 The term of the Council is two years. However, to align with election and AGM protocols in the Constitution, Council intends to extend the current period by four months.

3. Recruitment

- 3.1 On behalf of the School Council, the Appointed Members (P&C) participated in recruitment for teacher and support positions throughout the period.

4. Planning

- 4.1 As part of its role in planning, Council reviewed the strategic plan of the school and educational goals prepared by the Principal and the executive team. It was pleasing to see the inclusion of the extension programs; problem solving, computer education, music and Spanish.
- 4.2 Council supported the proposed building of a multi-purpose room funded in partnership with P&C. Following the submission to the DEC of plans for the building, the DEC advised the Principal that the cost estimate as submitted fell short of the Department's estimated cost of the project. The Principal also advised Council that the building could potentially be used as a classroom as enrolments grew in future years. This news was disappointing to both Council and particularly to P&C who had done a tremendous effort in fundraising for the project.
- 4.3 Council has responsibility to assess the needs of the school from time to time in areas such as buildings, grounds and facilities. In August 2015, a Building and Grounds Sub Committee was formed to provide advice and recommendations to Council on matters relating to the built and natural environment of the school. In particular the Sub-Committee was asked to develop, in consultation with the broader school community, a building and grounds development master plan.
- 4.4 A special thanks goes to volunteers for the Building and Grounds Sub Committee: Chris Carr, Rob Turchini and Richard Webster who contributed their expertise and experience in architecture and building development.
- 4.5 Council met with P&C in November 2015 to gain early feedback on the draft plan ahead of more formal consultation for the BRPS Campus Master Plan - Stage 1 in early 2016.
- 4.6 With growth in student enrolments Council promoted the inclusion of a new school house, Blaxland, which was introduced at the start of 2016.

5. Policy

- 5.1 The National Day Against Bullying and Violence provided a catalyst for Council to initiate a program lead by teacher representatives to raise awareness and promote good friendships. This initiative includes a review of the Student Welfare and Anti-Bullying policies.

6. Finances

- 6.1 Council has examined expenditure reports provided by the Principal. Council will take a more active involvement in determining broad budget priorities and developing the school budget plan.
- 6.2 Council worked with P&C to enable the release of the remaining funds from Beaumont Road OOSH (the provider prior to YMCA). The funds are now held by P&C and have been ring-fenced for the purchase of capital items for the benefit of students at BRPS, particularly those BRPS students who attend the out of school hours care service at BRPS.

7. Supplementary Services

- 7.1 The provision of before and after school care and vacation care is an important service provided to over 100 families at Beaumont Road. Council focussed on two aspects throughout the year: the quality of service provided to families and ensuring we have a quality provider contracted to the school.
- 7.2 Following a survey of past and present users of the service in early 2015, a number of issues were identified. The Principal and Council engaged with the service provider, YMCA, throughout the year to improve the quality of service and ensure that skilled staff were employed.
- 7.3 The OSHC Contract between the school and YMCA was reviewed and Council advised the Principal to go to tender before the school committed to a further long term contract.
- 7.4 Council worked with DEC in preparing tender specifications and the tender was open in November 2015. Delays in the tender process meant that a new service provider was not appointed for the beginning of the 2016 school year.

Jane Coad

President, School Council

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