

BANKSTOWN WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL

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P&C MEETING: FEBRUARY 2022

P&C Committee	President: Fatinah Zirein Vice Presidents: Dalal Dabboussi & Dina Elahmad Treasurer: Aysha Haddad Secretary: Aisha El-Cheikh
Meeting Date	24 February 2022
Meeting Commenced	10.00AM
Attendees	Mrs Benson, Ms Williams, Fatinah Z, Sameena A, Dalal D, Aisha H, Jess F, Jacquie S
Guests	Nil
Apologies	Nil
Meeting Closed	11.00AM

1. PRINCIPALS REPORT – Nicole Benson:

- **Staffing for 2022:** This year we welcomed Ms Mallory Campbell, Ms Ploy Sananpa, Mrs Dani Fox and a new SLSO, Christine Shalak. We also welcomed back Mr Conor O'Brien and Ms Natalie Andreadis who were with us in term 4 last year.
- The **Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction position** has been advertised with applications received yesterday afternoon. The culling and interviewing process will be next week with the permanent applicant starting in term two of this year. Ms Stacie Vuong has been acting in this position this term. Thank you to Taha Marabani who is representing the P&C and the community on the panel.
- **NAPLAN:** NAPLAN falls this year between from the 10th-20th May. It is all online and should avoid Ramadan and Eid this year. There is increased flexibility to allow for use of devices and internet issues across this time frame. There is compulsory training for staff and a two week period for practice sessions.
- **Check-In Assessments:** Years 4 and 6 will be held this term with Years 3 and 5 later in the year.
- **Parent Meetings:** Two parent meetings are being held for Kinder parents and one parent meeting is planned to focus on high school applications for stage three children.
- **Out of Area Placements:** Valuable information and feedback from neighbouring schools in terms of what they are looking for in an application will be shared for parents pursuing out of area placements.

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- **COVID guidelines**

- All kids will be finishing school at 3pm, with the electronic gates open from 2:45pm for parents to access school grounds, from next Monday, 28th February. Gates will also be open in the morning for parental and student access. Kids will still be supervised at the gates in the morning and afternoon for parents who want to 'kiss and drop.' Parking may be an increased challenge.
- From Monday 28 February, visitors can be allowed back on school sites regardless of their vaccination status. All visitors are asked to follow our usual sign-in and sign-out process.
- Workers and volunteers on school sites must meet mandatory double vaccination requirements.
 - Further discussion and clarification on who this includes: this includes scripture teachers and all parent volunteers at any P&C event, including attendance to meetings.
- Mixing of cohorts will cease over the next two weeks as new timetables are adjusted. This means the school will go back to operating with one consistent recess and lunch time. Community language lessons will begin for Years One to Six.
- Within two weeks the children will all be able to access the field and tar areas on a rotational basis.

- **Discussion on Future Fundraising:** Mothers' Day and Easter Hat. Further discussions to be held.

- **ICT Agreements:** Over 70% of parents have completed the ICT agreements with those children already granted access to devices. Year 2 this year have access to chromebook sets although this will be a very balanced approach with written work, work from the board, text books etc.

2. P&C Membership fees

A motion was put forward to increase P&C membership fees from \$2 to \$5.

Reason for this is the P&C has not been able to fundraise over the last 2 years as it has in past years due to COVID and the restrictions placed on parents entering school grounds and conducting activities, and so this has affected P&C funds. Even with the limited events over the last 2 years and not being allowed on school grounds, we were still expected to pay insurance fees, at the full rate with no discount given to us.

So taking all this into consideration, a vote was conducted and the motion was carried.

3. Traffic lights on Marion St

Jacquie discussed the safety issues surrounding crossing the traffic lights on Marion St with many cars that don't stop or run a red light and speeding. This has been increasingly worse and has become very unsafe for children walking to and from school. She was endorsed by the P&C to contact the local MP and any other relevant organisation to address this issue.

4. Questions:

- a. *PSSA*- will resume as normal from next term (soccer & netball).
- b. *Parent attendance on school grounds with regards to vaccination*- addressed above.
- c. *Usage of the field*- will go back to normal over the next few weeks and will be shared among all students with K-2 at recess and 3-6 at lunch.

5. Next meeting will be the AGM- date to be determined.