



General P&C Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday August 16th 2022
 7.30pm via Zoom

Welcome and Administration

- Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country
- Attendees and apologies

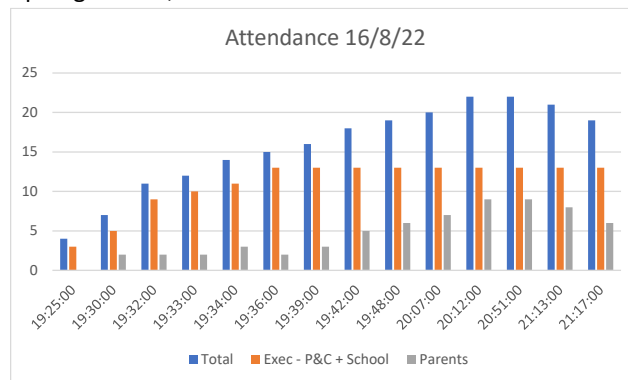
President - LH

Present – Peak 22 persons

P&C Exec: LH, DH, OL, MC, KI, CM, AM + associates LD & LB

School Exec: GH, ST, AM, AD

Apologies: MG, DW



- Adoption of previous minutes Adopted MC
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Note: where appropriate comments in chat may be appended in minutes at relevant positions.

Item	Issue/Topic /Updates	Responsibility
1	<p>Major Fund Raiser Colour Run</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This event is 3 weeks away. <p>LH – Reminded everyone the event is ‘just around the corner’ Lots of helpers are involved In the last meeting the vote was passed to buy materials such as head bands which are ordered The fund raising pages are now operative and communications will go out families for kids to get sponsored Still waiting on sponsors</p> <p>AD – 30 companies have been approached/decided on being sponsors or donors of prizes. AD has contacted 10 herself and had results from two so far. One prize is a \$700 family photoshoot from from a professional photographer</p>	Laura Halliday



	<p>AM – We have a wider range of sponsors this time because there was no Mayfair this year to compete for sponsors.</p> <p>AM – Still have some left over powder from last year but have had to buy this year which requires charging. Purchased bulk powder in 10kg lots which will need to be re-bottled into the smaller containers, with help of volunteers</p> <p>A request goes out to men to participate as well in the Colour Run on the day.</p> <p>Prizes for the event need to be child friendly.</p> <p>19:42:23 From Candice Milsom to Everyone: Need prizes... anyone with contacts?</p> <p>19:43:48 From Angela Davidson to Everyone: Alison can you please email me the details of the event cinema prize (number of tickets etc) to add to our spreadsheet? That would be great. Thanks!</p> <p>LH – Called for sub-committee volunteers</p>	
2	<p>P&C Container</p> <p>MC – Could not access the e-mail box used for the posting online to check for responses. No replies on Face Book</p> <p>Suggested if no offers, consider donating to Beth Tamba to use on her property</p>	
3	<p>Fathers Day stall update</p> <p>LB – The event is all set to go and packed</p> <p>Date is Tuesday 30th August</p> <p>The float is required for the stall</p> <p>Raised a question who will collect cash at end and then bank it?</p> <p>AM – Advised she can collect and bank the float</p> <p>CM – Advised float is stored in safe</p> <p>LB – Asked which safe and was advised on the location in question</p> <p>AM – The current use float needs to be replaced in due course back to the uniform shop, and then a new independent float raised</p> <p>LB – Asked about volunteering be placed on the WhatsApp group</p>	<p>Lucy Biro</p> <p>Alison Mackey</p>
5	<p>Uniform Shop / EFTPOS MC</p> <p>Note: The treasurer advised that information was received about the EFTPOS machine, but this item was not addressed at this meeting and so needs to be held over.</p> <p>LH – Requested an update on the progress of the contract for the uniform shop.</p>	



	<p>GH - The contract has been signed and Lowes will take over trading on 9/9/22.</p> <p>Communications will be made shortly to the school body</p> <p>At the meeting last week there was a positive response from Lowes management</p> <p>There will be no change to the uniform this year as this can affect sales in the short term</p> <p>OL - Confirmed GH's comments as also the last trading day for uniform shop will be before the hand over</p> <p>LH – The last uniform shop trading day will be 7/9/22</p> <p>Lowes will take over on 8/9/22 and transfer the stock off site after a formal stock take. Lowes will commence sale of stock on 9/9/22.</p> <p>Bulk ordering next year so changes to uniform can be fully reviewed and sorted out before new ordering made</p> <p>OL – Lowes requested holding off on a uniform change for the interim period</p> <p>AM – Asked is samples of the current uniform can be held for historical archival reasons.</p> <p>ST – Confirmed that some items are held, but for the time capsule only the girls summer uniform</p> <p>OL – Said there should no issues since at transfer there will be a stocktake</p> <p>AD - Said there are some items in the office</p> <p>LH – Asked if they were pristine (they aren't as they are emergency use items)</p> <p>AM – Recommended advising OL what is needed for archiving</p> <p>OL - Advised that ultimately prices will change (+20%) but there will be discount sale days</p> <p>LH/GH – Confirmed that prices will be held for 12 months at current levels</p> <p>GH – Lowes will have a VIP members program with four days per year of 20% discount</p> <p>They can also do the Yr 6 commemorative shirts and blazers</p> <p>Also stated that Lowes were very impressed with OL running the shop over the last 8 years and offered her a position in their business</p> <p>OL – Not taken up to avoid conflicts of interest</p> <p style="color: blue;">19:56:46 From Alison Mackey to Everyone: 20% off days - That's awesome</p>	
5 cont	<p>Uniform shop continued – second hand items</p> <p>LH – Second hand items. Sophie R will do one more sale. Need to store second hand items at school after that.</p>	



	<p>GH – Storage needs to be checked based on space needed</p> <p>AM – Asked if room would be available next week</p> <p>GH/AD – Commented there needs to be communication about handling of items</p> <p>AM – Sophie wants to clear the area where they are stored at her home</p> <p>LH – Lowes is alright with school continuing with second hand sales</p> <p>AD – Re-iterated that a helper was needed to be mentored by Sophie on the process</p> <p>LH – Suggested that a WhatsApp group volunteers call be made for a helper. Use the Q-Code in the news letter</p> <p>DH – Raised the question about change of the insurance policy date</p> <p>LH – Said the 9th September is best to allow for any delays</p> <p>OL – Asked if there was any interest in keeping a a second sale on school. How would this be arranged</p> <p>AM – Suggested one summer uniform sale and one winter uniform sale to simplify things</p> <p>LH – Ask parents not to drop items at school till the sale is announced. This simplifies things and eliminates holding large stock of items</p> <p>GH – Asked what happens to the unsold items</p> <p>AM – Ask parents to choose whether to donate the unsold items or take them back. Recommend that unsold items are returned to owners</p> <p>LH – Another option is to supply items to the recycling system</p> <p>OL – Recycling does have a cost attached to it. Lowes uses the same recyclers</p> <p>OL – Is there interest in a Kindy orientation sale for second hand items?</p> <p>AM – Might be easier to do general sale on the oval. Asked GH if school can advise new enrolments</p> <p>GH – When they enrol, they are placed immediately on Signmee so notifications can be made</p> <p>LD – There is also the new Kindies FBook page where this can also be posted</p> <p>20:01:08 From Laura Duselis to Everyone: Could a two day sports uniform be considered for k-2 kids be considered for next year (as older students already often have this due to Pssa)</p> <p>LD – Repeated chat question and asked would K-2 be considered for second sports uniform day for comfort reasons?</p>	
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	<p>GH – Asked why LD – More comfort for them GH – This needs to be bundled into the review process and decisions phased in during 2023 20:06:07 From Mardi Clucas to Everyone: Sophie has already created the sale note and I think sent it to the school for the newsletter.....it may need editing to mention about what will happen with items not sold.</p>	
6	<p>Junior Athletics Carnival – Senior Athletics Carnival <i>Note: These two agenda items were effectively run as one so merged in the minutes.</i> LH – Requested whether the P&C is able to run canteen Lots of parents turn up Can we do cakes and BBQ for juniors as this was not allowed for seniors? GH – Said no change since senior carnival but can review and seek new advice, and then will advise P&C LH -Suggested raise a motion to spend for canteen and BBQ costs. Buy stuff at Campbells, lollies, chips etc for canteen. Recommended \$500 for starters LB – Items sold to K-2 (stage 1) need to be adjusted to suit their age. There is also the issue of rubbish and left over with package materials like this 20:11:10 From Lucy Biro to Everyone: Will it be a canteen or cake stall? 20:11:16 From Suzy Lee to Everyone: coffee van? AM – Suggested no lollies sold as it is a shorter carnival ST – Said it will go beyond recess and will coincide with the 'Be skilled be fit' program. There will be activities up to lunch time LH – Good to have cakes stall and BBQ AM – Needs to be ethical choice on what is sold. Unsuitable items can be held over LH – Questions about profit from carnival AM – Stated that cost and sale price are equal AD – Was reviewing treasurers report (3-6 athletics). Questions about the difference between profit and retained stock. 20:12:28 From Karen Isais to Everyone: Just over \$800 20:14:25 From Suzy Lee to Everyone: yay</p>	



	<p>20:14:58 From Angela Davidson to Everyone: Where are you getting the \$575 profit from? The treasurer's report has \$1244.95 reimbursed to A Mackay and then 875.94 made which makes \$369.01 profit?</p> <p>Note: The discrepancy was resolved by review of the cost and residual stock</p> <p>LH – Asked if we have a canteen due to concerns about items sold not being appropriate, or run cakes and BBQs for parents</p> <p>AM – Said that left over chips have been sold at K-2 to before</p> <p>LH – Packets of chips? BBQ, and cake stall?</p> <p>Note at this point there was a rapid debate on lollies which was not recorded. The chat has more details.</p> <p>20:15:49 From Angela Davidson to Everyone: What's the date of the K-2 Carnival Sue?</p> <p>20:19:12 From Angela Davidson to Everyone: If the COVID task force advice is that we CAN have a coffee and cake stall, I would vote YES to that, but not so sure about the lollies for the kids...</p> <p>20:19:39 From Lucy Biro to Everyone: I vote cake stall and add the chips</p> <p>20:19:41 From Angela Davidson to Everyone: I think chips are ok.</p> <p>20:19:49 From Angela Davidson to Everyone: Not to be a lolly nazi...</p> <p>20:20:02 From Lucy Biro to Everyone: popcorn, poppers etc</p> <p>20:20:30 From Christina Sipkes to Everyone: I agree with Lucy</p> <p>20:20:56 From Laura Duselis to Everyone: I'd prefer no lollies too as my kids react poorly to it</p> <p>20:21:15 From Cameron Batey to Everyone: I think cake stall and chips are fine.</p> <p>20:21:19 From Christina Sipkes to Everyone: I have a problem with junk food and mess for the older ones!</p> <p>20:21:50 From Laura Duselis to Everyone: Cake stall chips all good</p> <p>20:22:26 From Kirti Pandit to Everyone: I like poppers popcorn cake stall sausage sizzle</p> <p>20:22:40 From Suzy Lee to Everyone: thank you Lisa for that insight</p> <p>20:27:10 From Angela Davidson to Everyone:</p>	
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	<p>Going forward thiinking about providing a canteen/lollies at a carnival is that it takes kids away from cheering on their friends/participating in house spirit etc.</p> <p>20:28:42 From Angela Davidson to Everyone: Tricky because it's a good little fundraiser and the kids do love it...just raising it.</p> <p>20:30:44 From Angela Davidson to Everyone: I don't think they sell them anymore even in summer.</p> <p>20:32:17 From Lucy Biro to Everyone: I think Disco is very different to a sporting carnival.</p> <p>20:32:23 From Laura Duselis to Everyone: Could we consider selling a snack pack has a drink chips etc all together</p> <p>20:33:08 From Laura Duselis to Everyone: A food policy is definitely a great idea.</p> <p>20:34:04 From Evelyn Irving to Everyone: I agree. It needs to be revised.</p> <p>20:34:18 From Vijay Anand to Everyone: Yes, agree on the food policy as well</p> <p>CT – Was concerned about the left over carnival mess from the pre-package items. This was a bad look for the school. Felt that there need to be a look at what is sold as it distracts kids from participating</p> <p>ST – The children will be occupied the whole time, so the problems with canteen distraction and mess will be minimised. There is only the recess break</p> <p>LH – The feeling is that K-2 preference is cakes/BBQ with chips but not lollies and sweet stuff, but dependent on C19 rules at time</p> <p>Note: No objections were raised</p> <p>LH – Concern about littering at carnivals</p> <p>GH – Was not pleased. Felt clean up was poorly organised and accepted responsibility. Was a bad look for community.</p> <p>AM – Said that the items offered had been broadened because of C19 restrictions.</p> <p>LH – The preference is for food and not sweets</p> <p>CM – We had to use pre-packaged because of C19 rules</p> <p>CT – Asked why Zone events are not following the same C19 rules?</p> <p>GH – This relies on advice received from Dept and Covid Task Force going forward.</p>	
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	<p>Maybe we should look at a food policy since lollies etc are out of step with messaging about healthy food and dental hygiene</p> <p>AM – Then asked about school canteen selling ‘junk food’</p> <p>GH – Canteen is controlled to the area health rules and are allowed to sell controlled measures of ‘red + orange’ as well as ‘green’ food</p> <p>LH – Noted that the kids stayed out of the disco itself in the main till the canteen closed. To counter balance non-sale of lollies the price of the disco would need to rise</p> <p>CM – The participation at the carnival was not high enough. Events need to be reviewed</p> <p>LH – There weren’t novelty events to cater for the non-competitive kids</p> <p>AD – Canteen interferes with events</p> <p>GH – Said they got a great attendance rate overall for BHNPS kids</p> <p>LH – Review of food sold as an agenda item at next meeting for discussion</p> <p>LH-GH – Discussed the absence of war cries.</p> <p>20:36:16 From Kirti Pandit to Everyone: LA have split the age group due to the covid</p> <p>20:36:25 From Cameron Batey to Everyone: And little As has a lot of volunteers helping</p> <p>20:36:35 From Angela Davidson to Everyone: @tina - I love war cries!</p> <p>20:36:40 From Mardi Clucas to Everyone: I hardly heard any chanting singing this year and wondered if it was a covid thing again?</p> <p>20:37:17 From Kirti Pandit to Everyone: Maybe P&C can get involved in novelty race and charge for these races</p> <p>20:37:20 From Lucy Biro to Everyone: Novelty races for the 3-6 carnival would be great for the non sporty kids.</p> <p>20:37:49 From Angela Davidson to Everyone: I second novelty races - great idea!</p> <p>20:38:57 From Christina Sipkes to Everyone: They haven't been able to practise - they don't know them like they used to</p> <p>20:39:22 From Angela Davidson to Everyone: Bring back the war cries! At the end of the carnival when the races are done, the houses have a 'cry off'</p> <p>20:39:35 From Mardi Clucas to Everyone:</p>	
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	<p>Teachers used to give out points at carnivals for war cries and keeping your area clean!</p> <p>20:41:08 From Alison Mackey to Everyone: Great point Mardi!!!</p> <p>20:41:20 From Alison Mackey to Everyone: That's so true Angie!</p> <p>20:42:03 From Angela Davidson to Everyone: Yes Tina, they need to be able to practice the war cries. And points given out by teachers Mardi, is a great idea.</p> <p>20:42:32 From Alison Mackey to Everyone: You are right Christina, they didn't practise the war cries this year. They normally practise them for weeks.</p> <p>LH – Suggested the re-introduction of a progressive scoreboard</p> <p>AM-AC – Noted that sometimes house leaders were not available to rally kids</p> <p>AM – Asked if the kids can have a 'stamp' to show which events they have done?</p> <p>LH – Also said the final results were not clear for those who children are/could be attending Zone</p> <p>20:43:03 From Cameron Batey to Everyone: I agree with Laura. I don't know what my daughter got into as well</p> <p>GH – Results had not been finalised as of this week. There will be an announcement this week and results made available.</p> <p>Said the organisation needs to be reviewed</p> <p>There are insufficient staff resources to allocate staff specifically</p> <p>It is a huge undertaking for the dedicated sports staff</p> <p>CM – Suggested to adjust the budget to allow for more resources</p> <p>GH – The process needs to use the schools HR assets to cover all activities and so the load shared across staff equitably</p> <p><i>PS items received after meeting for information</i></p> <p><i>There can be a cake stall and BBQ at the junior carnival</i></p> <p><i>The results for the senior carnival appeared in the newsletter on 22/8/22 and also in the week ending 19/8/22 at assemblies</i></p>	
7	<p>Vote for funding of Ethan S to attend national swimming carnival</p> <p>LH – Advised we would like to support Ethan and conduct a plain vote on funding (~\$500). This item was not moved as a motion at the previous meeting but came up between meetings</p>	



	<p>Vote was passed with 13 yes</p> <p>LH – Reminded people that general approval may be needed 20:49:35 From Angela Davidson to Everyone: And perhaps a policy for 2023 where there is a designated amount? 20:49:57 From Kirti Pandit to Everyone: good idea Angela</p>	
8	<p>Swimming pool hire costs</p> <p>LH - Said she wrote to council about cost and then read out the correspondence she sent.</p> <p><i>To Hills Shire Council,</i></p> <p><i>I'm writing on behalf of the Baulkham Hills North Public School P&C. It has come to our attention that, following the upgrade of facilities, the pricing for our school to hold its yearly swimming carnival has increased significantly.</i></p> <p><i>Prior to renovation, the school was charged \$450 for the day to hold the swimming carnival at Waves Baulkham Hills. This has now increased to \$3000. While we understand that the improvements to the site incurred significant cost to council, it is disappointing that an increase of six times has been imposed on a local public school in the Hills Shire.</i></p> <p><i>I'm seeking a response from the council as to whether there is an opportunity for the private operator to reduce the costs for our school, noting that our parents are also the most likely to privately pay for swim school and pool entry use.</i></p> <p><i>I look forward to hearing what arrangements Council may have considered for Public Schools to ensure access to these facilities remain available to all via their swimming carnival.</i></p> <p><i>Regards,</i></p> <p><i>Laura Halliday</i></p> <p><i>P&C President</i></p> <p>Reply was identified in P&C Executive email during meeting</p> <p><i>Dan Skakavac <dskakavac@thehills.nsw.gov.au></i></p> <p><i>Tue, 16 Aug, 11:53 (7 days ago)</i></p> <p><i>Hi Laura,</i></p> <p><i>Thank you for your enquiry regarding school carnival pool hire. In relation to fees, prior to closure the venue was managed privately by a contractor (Belgravia Leisure), the new centre is directly managed by Council. The \$450 you were charged equates to \$75 per hour for a standard 6 hour carnival, this is not a fee we would be able to offer your school. The Council adopted school carnival hire fees are inclusive of student entry/school</i></p>	



	<p><i>teachers/volunteers, and provision of Waves staff to assist with timing system.</i></p> <p><i>Regards,</i> <i>Dan Skakavac</i> <i>Manager - Fitness & Aquatics</i> <i>0466 005 628 dskakavac@thehills.nsw.gov.au</i> <i>44 Mileham Ave, Baulkham Hills NSW 2153</i> www.wavesfitnessandaquatic.com.au</p> <p>20:52:30 From Evelyn Irving to Everyone: What a poor response</p> <p>20:52:41 From Angela Davidson to Everyone: You wrote a great letter and they wrote a terrible reply!</p> <p>20:53:42 From Kirti Pandit to Everyone: We can boycott waves</p> <p>20:53:58 From Cameron Batey to Everyone: What's happening with the year 2 intensive swim weeks in term 4? Are the prices elevated too?</p> <p>20:54:10 From Kirti Pandit to Everyone: They will loose 900 families</p> <p>LH – Said she will respond, otherwise we may have to go somewhere else</p> <p>20:56:02 From Angela Davidson to Everyone: Go for it Laura - sit on that high horse!</p> <p>20:56:17 From Christina Sipkes to Everyone: It is atrocious!</p> <p>CM – Rate payers are paying double</p> <p>GH – Asked where the original funding came from to justify the cost</p> <p>GH – School won't be running the swim school as the council won't provide instructors. They don't have the staff but would still charge. Swim school to be held at Northmead indoor swimming</p>	
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• **Reports**

Treasurers Report	<p>KI – Refer to statements in the Agenda. LH – Read the financial report</p>
Grants Report	LH - The \$300k grant request was not approved
Principals Report	<p><i>Staff update</i> GH – The school is doing reasonably well even though under severe shortages in a tight market for teachers. Still having to move staff around but less absenteeism this term. Staffing levels in schools are at a critical level</p>



	<p><i>Leadership</i> To be placed on the next meeting agenda</p>
	<p><i>Communication platforms</i> GH – There will be communication shortly about the use of Seesaw as a school work tool and not a two way platform. To communicate with teachers please use Sentral and not other platforms 20:59:57 From Kirti Pandit to Everyone: Sentral portal still doesn't have our year 1 teacher 21:00:03 From Laura Halliday to Everyone: It'll be great to have consistency on what platform is used for what purpose. 21:00:29 From Kirti Pandit to Everyone: Ta 21:00:50 From Christina Sipkes to Everyone: I know some parents don't appreciate teachers sending info via seesaw that contradicts info from the school 21:01:33 From Laura Halliday to Everyone: Agree Christina, I assume we should use Signmee as the source of truth.</p> <p><i>PS note. This subject was discussed in detail in a message from the school the week starting 22/8/22</i></p>
	<p><i>Working bee request</i> GH – Requested that a working bee is scheduled because the values garden needs to be done Quotes to construct the garden are too high >\$25k The design is there and would like to harness parents to help Also needed are; • Mulching • Painting timber work • Construction of shed for playgroup Not immediate LH – We can get a list of items to help schedule work GH – No 1 job is the values garden KP/LH – Encourage the children to help as well LB – Asked about the area near the KJ class room, adjacent to Paraweena oval which has become a dirt bowl. Can this be added to the working bee fix it list? GH – Replied this area was scheduled as part of the 5 year upgrade of outdoor learning space 21:01:38 From Lucy Biro to Everyone: Happy to assist in a working bee 21:03:12 From Kirti Pandit to Everyone: Can kids encouraged to create this space or maintain it for aspiring gardeners 21:03:33 From Candice Milsom to Everyone: Agreed - having a series of dates would be helpful 21:05:42 From Evelyn Irving to Everyone: Happy to help and great timing with Spring coming. 21:06:36 From Angela Davidson to Everyone:</p>



	<p>Love the idea of fixing up the Kindy area Lucy.</p> <p>AM – Said that her preference was to upgrade and modernise the toilets GH – Said he didn't think that the toilets were too bad AM – Disagreed with this LH – Suggested photos of the areas to be improved with before/after for better communications and PR.</p>
	<p><i>World Teachers Day (WTD)</i></p> <p>GH – Said last year P&C paid for badges for WTD Badges weren't bought recently and prices quite high, \$6 to \$18 Did a morning tea instead or a lunch box LH – A vote will be needed on what the P&C decides to do, and how much is to be spent. AM-MC – Estimated that \$1.2k-\$1.5k be allocated</p> <p>Date is November 28th</p> <p>21:10:45 From Angela Davidson to Everyone: P&C did a lovely lunch in October 2021 for World Teacher's Day. 21:11:26 From Angela Davidson to Everyone: The teachers LOVED the special lunch last year. 21:12:07 From Candice Milsom to Everyone: Covid restrictions for world teachers day?</p>
	<p><i>Parking restrictions</i></p> <p>GH – Parking restrictions have been approved for Girralong Ave and will be done shortly</p> <p>21:11:59 From Christina Sipkes to Everyone: Good news for kiss and drop! 21:12:03 From Kirti Pandit to Everyone: My old northern road any luck 😊 21:12:11 From Evelyn Irving to Everyone: Yay! resident on Girralong Ave!</p>

• **New business**

Second hand uniforms	AM – Asked about storage for 2 nd hand uniforms. Three boxes worth a few weeks
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Next meeting - 20/9/22
 Meeting closed at 2117.
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