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Minutes of meeting Tuesday 15 February 2022 at 7pm by Zoom	
1.	Acknowledgement of Country
2.	<p>Meeting attendees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Janine Marcus, Peter Silberberg, Sarah Aldridge, Wandy Hochgrebe, Richard Whan, David Giddy, Lisa Wentworth, Elizabeth Honey, Leah Miles, Michelle Pullen, Warren Lee, Katie McCloskey, Seamus McCartney, Jane Stanton Gillan, Viv Fantin, - Part: Cole, Alice Cadwell, Emma Rolley, Louis Trisley,
3.	<p>Previous minutes</p> <p>Janine is seeking confirmation that the 2023 intake parent night can still go ahead under current COVID rules.</p> <p>Possibility of running a COVID vaccine program at school but no details from DoE</p> <p>Air quality: 8 HEPA filters were received from the DoE for small staff spaces with minimal ventilation, not classrooms. In class windows and doors are kept open and the AC is on. Luckily on the whole it hasn't been too hot and teachers have been using outdoor learning areas where possible.</p> <p>Minutes were passed by Peter Silberberg, seconded by Michelle Pullen</p>
4.	<p>Treasurer's report - See report attached</p> <p>The December trivia night raised \$5,524 the raffle raised \$9,170. The total raised after all fees and costs is almost \$11,000.</p> <p>30% of the net funds will go to the SRC.</p> <p>\$19K left in the account once this payment is made.</p> <p>Well done to everyone, particularly Michelle, who donated prizes and helped with the raffle and trivia night. The trivia night was a good night and represented good value. Bowerbird provided delicious food and there were some fabulous prizes.</p> <p>This is Richard's last report. Many thanks to Richard for many years of service to the P&C.</p> <p>Lisa Wentworth will take over as treasurer in March.</p>



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<p>5.</p>	<p>Principal's report</p> <p>Congratulations to all 2022 HSC students. They achieved amazing results after a hard couple of years. It was a shame results came through in holidays when there were not many people in school. Congratulations to all the families who supported the students.</p> <p>It has been a good start to new year. There have been changes to the y7 orientation. Students have taken literacy, numeracy, writing and problem-solving tests as well as undertaken an interview. The data was analysed to sort students into classes. Science, maths etc have a top class, with other subjects taught in mixed abilities. It has been an exciting start to year and the students seem happy to be back.</p> <p>There has been lots of play on the basketball court. The agility course is 90% ready and once complete will be open at recess and lunch.</p> <p>Jane MacGowan is going to run consent workshops with years 7&9. Y8 is doing this as part of their PDHPE syllabus. Peter has info about the parent course. Kirra Pendergast is coming in term 2 to talk to all year groups.</p> <p>Google classrooms is still being monitored for students who are having to self-isolate.</p> <p>Good photos in newsletter showing teacher profiles. When students leave they say the best thing about the school is the teachers. Staff profiles will be loaded on the school website.</p> <p>There are currently 127 students in y7</p> <p>Y13 area: New outdoor furniture to be Installed. New aboriginal paintings on walls.</p> <p>Non agenda item raised by parent: Vaping – Janine advised there was a bit of a peak last year but by end of the year it seemed not to be such an issue. This year 2 girls were caught with vapes, s the school is still being vigilant. It is a current trend, and there are clear expectations and consequences around vaping. It is timely to have the conversation. Jali groups focused on vaping last year and it is probably going to be covered again In Jali groups this year. The P&C requested the school link timing of the Jali group discussions with an article in the newsletter to raise awareness and encourage discussion at home. Students are becoming more aware of the risks and things are starting to change.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>SRC report - Louis Trisley</p> <p>7 new SRC members have joined from year7. The first fundraiser to be held this year will be for Heart Kids, selling bracelets for \$5 with a target to sell 200. The Harmony Day mufti day (orange clothes) will be held but the charity has not been decided yet. The 3rd fundraiser of the year will be Cure for a Shave (in aid of leukaemia), with raffle ticket sales, the winner of which will choose to shave a head or dye hair for somebody In the school.</p> <p>Lisa suggested a local charity providing meals for health workers, Front up for the Frontline or Liberation Larder.</p>



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	<p>Peter noted that the SRC should let the P&C know if anything is needed at the school e.g. in the y12 area. Janine noted that the 'Valentine's Day fundraiser used the y12 area for pancake making.</p> <p>Peter asked if the SRC has any ideas for spending the money from P&C. Louis advised that the SRC has compiled a list of suggestions from students and will analyse the ideas at the next meeting. \$2,588 contribution from P&C from the raffles and trivia night is available to be allocated. Last time the money paid to install chilled bubblers.</p> <p>Wayfinding paintings are starting to be installed at school. SRC donated \$3K for furniture for the y12 area. Peter asked if student artwork could be displayed near the neon sign on a rotational basis. Display method and artwork safety would need to be considered.</p>
7.	<p>Fundraising -Michelle</p> <p>\$8627 was made from the raffle in 3 weeks, which is almost as much as was raised in the previous year over a longer period and is impressive bearing in mind the COVID restrictions in place. The trivia night was held at the golf club and Sue Charles was very helpful organising it. 98 tickets were sold. Bowerbird provided great food. Brad Canfield was fantastic as the MC. Great prizes donated by local businesses including the meat and seafood trays at short notice. It was a much-appreciated opportunity to bring the parent / carer community together in a fun and relaxed atmosphere.</p> <p>Planning for 2022: 3 things spread throughout the year, includes a social event, maybe in May after Easter hols.</p>
8.	<p>Professional development staff day</p> <p>The school was non-operational at end of term 4 2021 due to COVID so the 2 days of staff development (8 Ways program) had to be cancelled. It has been provisionally rebooked for 18 & 19 July at the start of term 3. This requires approval for an extra staff development day at the beginning of term 3 and an extra learning day at end of term 4. This was approved by the meeting.</p>
9.	<p>Inclusive education</p> <p>An article was published in the SMH https://www.smh.com.au/national/nsw/school-funding-reform-for-170-000-students-with-disabilities-20211202-p59e95.html regarding a change in funding for students with disabilities in public education. It has not eventuated yet and is needs based, not diagnosis based. If this funding starts Janine will inform the P&C. There is potential P&C Involvement via a subcommittee to support parents of disabled students and advocate for positive change for inclusivity and provide an avenue for feedback. A webinar is being held on 17/02 about P&C subcommittees that have been formed and anyone in the school community can attend. P&C to establish if there is an appetite for such a subcommittee. Currently 17 students at BBHS funded by integration funding (requires diagnosis or a disability confirmation via senior psychologist). Many disabilities do not qualify for funding and lots of reporting is required to be submitted online from the school</p>



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	<p>wraparound care team. This is then submitted to a panel in Sydney which notifies the outcome which is normally an amount \$7-20k. The amount is never enough for a full-time teacher's aide. Teacher's aides are scheduled across as many classes as possible, supporting families depending on individual need. Disabilities can be identified through behaviour or testing at school then liaison with families to access specialists. Funding applications are not always successful. The focus is on accessing learning at this school, bridging disability to maximise access to learning. There are some other avenues e.g. distance education that can be used as well. Lisa used to work for NDIS provider and noted that families are often exhausted by the number of different people they have to deal with, so any subcommittee needs to provide a tangible benefit to families and a different service to that already available. It is already a big issue to navigate the system and we don't want to be just another part. We need to find out from parents with disabled students what they need. We could concentrate on parents of students with a disability to try to minimise isolation from the main school community. Ideally, we would include a representative from the subcommittee to attend P&C meetings to ensure inclusiveness is embedded in all decision making. Seamus noted that it is important to offer to set up a group to see if there is an appetite or need for it. Michelle to attend the online forum on Thursday 17th 12.30-1.30pm and report back to P&C at next meeting. Any parents interested in the idea are encouraged to contact the P&C by email bbhspandc@gmail.com</p>
10.	<p>Zero waste box</p> <p>This is a proposal to buy a waste disposal box to recycle face masks. Janine noted the cost is quite high for a small box and she can't find another company who provides a similar service. Wandy suggested asking Council if they have a program for mask recycling. Janine to follow up.</p>
11.	<p>Other business and close</p> <p>Peter discussed his email about P&C office bearers. Peter is stepping down as President and Michelle as VP and fundraising coordinator. Michelle is considering taking on the President role. All positions will be declared vacant and anyone can volunteer for any of the roles at the AGM in March. If anyone needs further information they can contact Peter or Michelle to discuss. The preference is for a face to face AGM, but it might have to be on Zoom depending on COVID restrictions. The notice of AGM will be sent out to the school by Janine at same time as the minutes of this meeting.</p> <p>A fundraising subcommittee is required. Seamus posted a link to available grants that the school might be able to apply for and offered to assist in writing grant applications. Janine or SRC to advise what would be helpful to apply for.</p> <p>Next meeting March 15th 2022 at 7-8.30pm. AGM and normal meeting.</p>



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Treasurers report 15 February 2022

Administration account – Reconciliation Report	
Bank account as at 16 November 2021 (last report)	11,083.51
ADD deposits	13,802.47
LESS payments	(2,970.00)
Total funds in bank at 15 February 2022	21,915.98
LESS unpresented cheques	(0.00)
PLUS outstanding deposits	0.00
LESS outstanding payments	(2,588.00)
Total funds as at 15 February 2022	19,327.98

Notes to explain the transactions for the period.

- Deposits
 - Rafflelink Proceeds (net of Rafflelink fee) \$8,665.65
 - Trivia Night Tickets (net of Eventrbrite fee) \$4,588.66
 - Trivia Night Games \$548.16
- Payments
 - Trivia Night Catering \$2,970.00
- Outstanding Deposits
 - NA
- Unpresented Cheques
 - NA
- Outstanding Payments
 - SRC Share of Raffle Proceeds \$2,588.00

The 2021 Raffle had gross ticket sales of \$9,170 (\$8,627 after fees and costs) and the Trivia Night gross sales of \$5,524 (\$2,167 after fees and costs).

Regards

Richard Whan
Treasurer