

Parents and Helpers Meeting

Wednesday 18 March – 4pm

Apologies:

- David Trewartha
- Roxanne Dean

Attendees:

- Raechel McCarthy
- Kylie Wood
- Sarah Daniels
- Fiona Colvin
- Jenny Burrell
- Christine Okoniowski

Agenda Items:

- Principals Report
- Berkeley Neighbourhood Centre – RM advised that they are welcome to visit anytime next week. Tarryn Goodyer to co-ordinate the program.

Budget run through by Kylie Wood. RAM is \$584,973 this year.

- **Student Assistance** is used for fees, camp and uniforms.
- **Norta Norta Tutor** approved with increased days to ensure continuity with Kylie Etienne.
- **Inspired Teaching** – KWood will be released next term to work one on one with teachers. Using growth coaching and technology (mini iPad's). Financial assistance has been supplied to assist parents with their lack of funding to purchase BYOD devices.
- **Chaplaincy Program** – Heather Grant is running a pancake eating competition and has a real student focus with her projects. Students are very engaged.
- **CLOWD Room** – Continues to be a success with both students and staff.
- **Merryn Birch**- Permanent SLSO comes out of this to pay her salary.
- **ESL** – Non English background students
- **Academic Mentors** – Pay for the Dragon boys to come in and work with particularly our Year 7 students and are proving to be a great success.
- **CLO** – Pays for Sarah Daniels. She is doing a wonderful job.
- **SMS Messages** – Need to have Grant Colliss investigate replies to attendance messages.
- **Meditation sessions** – Parents and Friends would love to join in.
- **Feedback regarding the budget** – Parents Agree to the budget and are happy with the allocations.

School Plan

- Raechel McCarthy very proud of the all the work that has gone into the School Plan. All the members of the planning committee including staff, students and parents have assisted in the creation of our school plan.

3 Strategic Directions:

1. Inspired Learning – note the relevance of how the subjects are relevant to their futures
2. Valuing People – Staff Wellbeing Wall
3. Connecting our community – Beyond Berkeley, Beyond Wollongong, Beyond Australia...

Tell Them from Me Surveys

- Parents have the options to opt in or opt out of the surveys. We have only had 6 students opt out to date. This will be conducted online over 2 periods. There is a survey for parents and students.

Parent feedback and General Business:

- Berkeley Skate Park: Sports program could this happen at the school. Youth off the streets are requesting for Alcohol and Smoking to be prohibited.
- All PE Staff – must do Alcohol and Drug policy at Uni to develop the modules. ACU want to do a marketing research and the unit of work will report back to the students and teachers.
- Welfare Committee – could they look at organising a social as a fundraiser or dinner dance.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 May, 2015

Meeting close – 5pm