

BSPS SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

BSPS School Council Report: Meeting on Tuesday, 12 December 2017

Each of the subcommittee convenors reported back to SC on the recent activities of the subcommittees.

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) subcommittee

A subcommittee meeting was held on 9 October, with representatives from Camp Australia and OSHC staff. Lengthy discussion was had about topics including accreditation, communication, monitoring, staff ratios, staffing continuity, programming, food and fees (which are not changing for the next 12 months).

The subcommittee and the SC wish to thank Rouada Elhajja and all the OSHC staff for the tremendous amount of time and effort that went into preparing for the audit. We are very grateful to you.

We take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers that our contract with Camp Australia (CA) is for 12 months. We will conduct a review of CA's performance before the expiry of that 12-month period. Please get involved with the subcommittee and the review process next year.

Buildings and Grounds subcommittee

This subcommittee met on 28 November to discuss the following topics: progress on the West Wall Garden Development, the South Side Gate, working bees, staff car-park and driveway and the re-building of the bike shed.

An Action Plan for 2018 was proposed and accepted by SC.

The SC also voted in favour of proceeding with the West Wall Garden Development in stages, subject to the availability of funds.

Community partnerships subcommittee

This subcommittee held a workshop on 26 November to discuss the Winter Solstice festival for 2018. All parents and carers with a creative

streak are encouraged to have a chat with Monique Dawson or any of the subcommittee members. Your ideas and skills are much sought after! If you're not sure who to approach, please ask Trevor or Marg.

Policy subcommittee

SC ratified the Internet & Digital Technologies Policy, as recommended by the Policy subcommittee. The Policy is supported by the Internet & Digital Technologies Acceptable Use Agreement (there is one Agreement for Foundation – Grade 2 and another Agreement for Grades 3-6).

Finance subcommittee

The subcommittee approved a draft budget for 2018. This allows for, among other things, a new server for the school, new air conditioners and new furniture for classrooms, the staffroom and the resources room.

Principal's Report

We looked at our indicative enrolments for next year and discussed the staffing arrangements and selection currently in place. The feedback about STEM being a fourth specialist area has been positively received. We discussed this in alignment with some changes to the leadership structure in the school as mentioned in the last newsletter. We are waiting on the final report from the review. This will come early next year. The reviewers will present to staff and school council in Term 1.

SC approved the following student free days in 2018.

- ◆ Monday, 16 April 2018
- ◆ Monday, 16 July 2018
- ◆ Monday, 6 November 2018

We hope to see many of you at next Wednesday's annual report back session and/or at the end of year picnic.

We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season ahead,

Gabrielle Marchetti and of all the SC