# **Bendigo Senior Secondary College**

# **College Council Meeting - Minutes**



# Tuesday 18 June 2024

### 1. ATTENDEES:

Dale Pearce (Principal & Executive Officer), Lahra Filsell (President), Dan Sheard (Vice President), Cameron Turnbull, Simon Gill, Justin Thacker, Kate Harte, Kylie Hand, Michael Morrissey, Louise Prosser, Rohan Tyler & Nissa Wakefield

## **APOLOGIES:**

Rob Stephenson, Tim White & Sandi Tun

## **OBSERVERS:**

Jo Peterson

### 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

- 3. PRESENTATION Wellbeing by Michael Morrissey, AP Wellbeing & Inclusion
  - High quality team
  - Model based on brief intervention then refer to community organisations (Headspace, CASA, Bendigo Health)
  - So far 452 students have presented 28% of student body (43% in 2023)
  - Main presenting issues: anxiety, depression, family conflict, peer conflict, drug & alcohol abuse, NDIS application support
  - Implementation of 'Staff Wellbeing Action Group'
    - Representative from each learning area, NETschool, ES staff

## 4. ITEMS OF UNLISTED BUSINESS:

4.1 Nil

#### 5. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:

5.1 Nil

#### 6. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

6.1 Motion: that the Minutes of the last meeting of College Council held on 21 May 2024 be received and confirmed as accurate.

Moved: Lahra Filsell Seconded: Kylie Hand Carried

## 7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- 7.1 Scooter Trial
  - 7.1.1 Novelty appears to have worn off a few issues initially but nothing recently
- 7.2 Sanitary products
  - 7.2.1 Audit has been held supplies have been topped up

## 8. REPORTS:

- 8.1 Principal
  - 8.1.1 Facilities
    - Looking to upgrade area at the back of the gym (weights rooms) and upstairs for additional classrooms
  - 8.1.2 Student Attitudes to School Survey
    - 1099 students have completed the survey
    - 32 components of the survey ahead of the state in 28
    - Girls responded more positively than boys, Year 12 more positive than Year 11

- 8.2 President
  - 8.2.1 Bendigo population currently 120,00, expected to increase by 80,000 in 30 years Ramifications for BSSC which is currently at capacity
- 8.3 Student Ambassadors
  - 8.3.1 Advertising
    - Changing to social media focus
    - Student Ambassadors have been involved in speaking about what they enjoy about the college
  - 8.3.2 Push Up Challenge
    - Currently raised around \$800
  - 8.3.3 Recently met with Dale and discussed food options at the café, exam pressures, sanitary products and links with other student leadership groups
- 8.4 Finance
  - 8.4.1 Motion: that College Council endorses payments amounting to \$674,476.97 from the Official account for May 2024 comprising:

TOTAL MONTHLY PAYMENTS: OFFICIAL ACCOUNT		\$ 674,476.97
CHEQUE PAYMENTS	Nos. Cheques	
Creditor Payments	4	\$ 2,768.60
	4	\$ 2,768.60

COMMBIZ PAYMENTS	Transactions	
Creditor Payments < \$3,000	223	\$ 78,801.17
Creditor Payments > \$3,000	36	\$ 517,949.80
School Local Payroll	1	\$ 21,626.10
School Local Payroll	1	\$ 31,484.71
		\$ -
	261	\$ 649,861.78

DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS	Transactions	
Creditor Payments	6	\$ 21,846.59
	6	\$ 21,846.59

TOTAL: \$ 674,476.97

Moved: Dan Sheard Seconded: Rohan Tyler Carried

Carried

- 8.4.2 Payments from other Bank Accounts
  - High Yield Account: only transfers of funds to the Official Account.
  - Library Fund: Nil
  - Building Fund: Nil
- 8.4.3 Motion: that College Council endorses the (revised) Signatory Register

Moved: Dan Sheard Seconded: Rohan Tyler

8.5 Program Reports:

- 8.5.1 Mid Year Exam period
  - 6000 exams printed, 93 subjects, 80% attendance for Year 11 and over 75% for Year 12
  - Redemption Sessions over 200 students attended, many working on multiple subjects
  - Number of 'Special Exam Arrangement' applications has increased
  - Letter to be sent to the VCAA outlining numbers and offering a solution
- 8.6 Child Safe Standards Nil
- 8.7 Motion: that College Council accepts all reports

Moved: Lahra Filsell Seconded: Cameron Turnbull Carried

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

- 9.1 Inwards:
  - 9.1.1 Email dated 8/6 from Stephen Nelson resigning from College Council and position of Treasurer 9.1.2
- 9.2 Outwards:
  - 9.2.1 Email from Dale Pearce to Stephen acknowledging resignation
- 9.3 Late: Nil

## 10. GENERAL BUSINESS:

10.1 Excursions:

10.1.1 Motion: that College Council approves the excursion to:

Excursion	Shepparton Historical & Cultural Tour
When	Tuesday 10 - Wednesday 11 September 2024
Where	Australian Botanic Gardens, Mooroopna Aboriginal Historical Walk, Bangerang Cultural Centre
No of Students	7
Staff Organiser/Leader	Peta Godfrey
Additional Staff	Juncai Lin

Moved: Simon Gill Seconded: Michael Morrissey Carried

10.1.2 Term 3 Outdoor Education & VET Outdoor Recreation activities

- Still to go through the internal approval process on Compass
- Email approval will be sought as no July meeting
- 10.2 College Council casual vacancies (Community) and Treasurer position
  - 1 x 1 Year & 1 x 2 Year Community position vacancies
  - Suggestions to Dale or Lahra
  - Lahra nominated Tim White to fill the Treasurer position, seconded by Dan Sheard

Motion: that College Council appoint Tim White as the Treasurer

Moved: Lahra Filsell Seconded: Dan Sheard Carried

- 10.3 Resignation/Retirement of Dale Pearce
  - Dale intends to retire at the end of Term 1, 2025
  - Selection process to take place during Term 3
  - Regional Office will convene a July meeting of Council to talk us through the process, composition of the panel, timeline
- 11. MEETING CLOSED: 7:31pm
- 12. NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday 20 August, 2024 Conference Room

13. FUTURE GENERAL BUSINESS