

Community Meeting 7th August Beaumaris Campus

Introduction by Allen McAuliffe

Howard Kelly addressed the community meeting. He presented copies of the draft motion.

Howard Kelly highlighted that we want it to be on the desk of The Minister for Education.

Professor Jack Keating from Melbourne University found that two campuses is the preferable multi campus option. His research contended that three or more is not viable.

Howard Kelly stated there have been community feedback sessions for primary schools in the local area to ensure that the local community has a real say in the decision making process.

Howard Kelly read and explained the draft motion being put to the council. He noted the process is taking the minister to the core issues. Firstly we ask that we have disaggregation of the campuses to two new schools. Then secondly, we ask the Minister to agree to new schools to be in operation by the 1/1/2014.

Sandringham College requests the minister to agree to the disaggregation on the principles outlined below.

Next stages and understandings:

A developed Memorandum of Understanding between Beaumaris College and Sandringham College.

- The councils of all entity's commit to meeting together to promote ongoing educational programs of each College.
- The Principals of each college will aim to do the same.
- The projected outcome of the disaggregation will be put to the minister by 31/3/2013

Respective working parties will be implemented to ensure community involvement. In addition an appropriate leadership team and interim Councils will be appointed. Howard Kelly noted that we need each other to exist. Howard Kelly stated he believes in writing in to the alliance of the schools into the MoU to ensure the longevity and success of both new schools. He further emphasised that we want to commitment in government budgets for the regeneration of the college.

Allen McAuliffe stated that the leadership team have been working extensively with staff in such matters as a restructure of the timetable to align the campuses; process to redefine our vision and values and examination of a new school leadership structure for next year. Mr McAuliffe stated that the school will seek to involve closely our local primary schools to assist in the refocusing of our curriculum and pedagogy. In addition the school will examine links between 10 and year 11 and 12.

Howard Kelly stated that the challenge for both new schools is the market share. The council did receive a demographic study which predicts growth. We need to explore engagement at a local level for buy in and market share.

Howard Kelly stated that the Sandringham College School Council went to Eumemmerring College to visit the newly demerged schools. He spoke of the fact that the College has received a rise from 29% of the local primary school to 70% in recent years.

Howard Kelly stated that we must stress that the government made the decision to merge Sandringham College originally as a three campus school. We must understand gradually this model was not supported by the government of the day and that we need to realise that it was not the school but it was the model that put us in this situation

Howard Kelly stated that he believes if the motion goes through the council, the opportunity for the Beaumaris Campus is huge.

Howard Kelly stated he would like to see the two schools with a MoU; and the school has a MoU between each campus. Future campus Principals would have to commit to the MoU for the two schools. An alliance will continue. Offering subjects through the alliance a range of program's that local Private schools do not offer. Students travel between schools to meet this need.

Allen McAuliffe stated there is current and future enrolment growth in the surrounding suburbs and we want to be able to tap into this market.

Allen McAuliffe stated that we have been overwhelmed with the commitment from the local Primary schools. We are looking to create program's that will encourage sharing with local primary schools...

Allen McAuliffe stated how pleased he was with the teaching staff, who have continued to maintain their standards whilst this process has continued. The growth of the year 7 program and enrolments demonstrates this.

Allen McAuliffe stated that Leading Teachers have decided to advertise their positions at the end of the year, means faith in the process and the future of the college. We have also been working with the AEU to ensure the staff feel secure and understand the changes in the system.

Allen McAuliffe stated that August 20th is deciding date for the school Council to make the final decision. This will be quickly dispersed to interested parties. The school will continue to look for feedback from staff. The staff and students have no great surprise with the motion. We will begin talking to students from tomorrow about what the college might look like in the future. We will continue to develop this.

It was noted that Allen McAuliffe will continue to mentor working groups to continue to deliver the best curriculum and pedagogy. The timetable is being changed to align all of the campuses. This will allow staff and students to travel. It will also allow a wider range of program's to be offered to all students.

Howard Kelly stated that the timeline for the new school systems will be at the end of March. We need to sort out the paperwork and program's before semester two 2013 for the following year.

The College, however it stands will maintain consultation with the community. We also need to look at the regeneration project through the budgets. We aim to commit the manifestos each political parties to ensure we have received commitment for the reservation project.

Howard Kelly stated he will commit his expertise to the end of the project. He was of the view that we have worked really hard to ensure government knows that the College is an issue. This will not be surprise. He thanked the community groups for the pressure to the government. He further noted that The Bayside Council are interested in the regeneration project and have been fully briefed.

Howard Kelly noted that we are in a tough climate in presenting to the Department and the Government for additional resources. Once the decision is made by the council, we will know where we are going with this.

Howard Kelly noted that he will ensure that the public is informed with the decision.

Follow up questions and discussion took place. A key issue was of boys / co- ed / parallel education.

A wide variety of questions and concerns were raised on this matter. Howard Kelly concluded that we want a school for Beaumaris first before we look at co-ed / boys / parallel. In the end this decision will be made by the Minister. Process of consultation will undergo to ensure that the decision is made correctly. By the end of the year, we should have an idea of what the two choices might be. By Feb. we would make a recommendation to the local advisory group to be put to the council.

In response to a question Howard Kelly noted the name of the Beaumaris entity will be also decided by consultation. It may begin operation under one name, but there will be a process for naming.

The Meeting Concluded: