

Vacy Public School P&C
Term 2, 14 May, 2024
Meeting Minutes

Location: 5/6 Classroom, Vacy PS

Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87156294823?pwd=TyeSNJ4D7dPPXi4BnmlycP9En5lr4v.1>

Meeting ID: 871 5629 4823

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Meeting opened: 7:03pm

Attendees: Karen Fonti, Maree Greaves, Natalie Kijko, Simone Rawson, Olivia Cody, Ashleigh Bridge, Lizzy Drablow, Kaisey Macdonnell-Scott

Apologies: Jasmyn Johnston, Jenny Winnett, Belinda Butler, Cassandra Allison, Mia Mackay, Sian Ineson

Previous meeting minutes

Accepted

Moved: Simone

Seconded: Lizzy

Business arising from previous minutes

- Community Access Support Grant update (Jasmyn) – to be discussed at a further meeting due to absence of committee member

Correspondence

IN

- David Gillespie office photo opportunity re: Volunteer Grants
 - Approved as a committee to submit the P&C group photo from February meeting.
ACTION: Nat to email to David Gillespie's office 15/5
- Volunteer Grant (\$1000) – approved. Payment will be received by 31 May 2024
- Paterson Cracker Night – request for public liability, council notification form
 - ACTIONS:
 - Nat to fill in council notification form and email to cracker night committee 15/5
 - Public Liability form has been actioned (Ash)

OUT

- Bunnings letter sent by Karen. Thank you.
 - Update: Bunnings will visit the school 31st May and take students through workshops such as gardening, composting, worm farming

Principal's Report

- No success with grants (Infrastructure and Hunter Water)

- Notification made to assets about getting the basketball hoops/court etc. upgraded using existing P & C funds from 2023. A bit of a process but in the pipeline.
- New company has been in to assess the roof over the stage. I have been assured that the job will still be done.
- Budgeting cuts within the Department will NOT affect Vacy PS structures. Schools with teaching principals such as us, will not be getting any cuts (1.25% of total allocation). We have had approximately \$14,500 frozen in our 6101 account which was not allocated towards anything such as staffing or major projects, so it isn't affecting our staffing. Some schools are in a considerable amount of stress after losing such a large amount of funding from these accounts that had to be used this year. 6101 was like a savings account where rollover funds could be placed. Schools need to spend their money on the students for that year and not save anything. Community money goes into another account called 6300. That money is safe but can be accessed if we go over budget at the end of the year.
- A significant amount of professional learning is taking place for us this year regarding Explicit Teaching. The government is pushing for teaching methods to get back to the basics with a real focus on high expectation in behaviour. Here at Vacy, we have been implementing these principles for a few years and are now working hard to perfect the implementation of these evidence-based teaching strategies so that we develop a high level of consistency within the whole school. We are using the same language, in all classrooms, and teaching using the methods. Collectively we are striving to continually improve our own practice by undergoing observations.
- Departmental 'wellbeing' funding \$8,500 is being spent this year to support the bus component for all our major excursions. It is also being used to supplement the costs for our intensive swimming scheme at the end of the year.
- Thank you for your organisation for the Tocal Field Days and our Mother's Day stall.
- Mrs Fonti will be taking leave for the last two weeks of this term. Mrs Greaves will replace me as principal during this time.
- Signage at the front of the school looks great. One plinth is being rewrapped due to spelling mistake.
- Explanation of class structures when teacher absences occur is going out to the community tomorrow.

Treasurers Report

Bank Account Balances as at 13/05/24:

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| • Mutual - P&C Fundraising Account | \$13,594.85 |
| • Mutual - Canteen Account | \$8,833.46 |
| • Mutual - Canteen Visa Account | \$431.72 |

Total Funds	\$22,860.03
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Outstanding Accounts: Nil

Notes:

- \$10,000 to be received from cutting day, spoke to Penny last week, there has been some hold ups from her bank with the transfers not going through, but she is working on it and will sort it asap.
- ACNC information statement has not yet been completed, it needs to be done under a personal email (Treasurer is already registered as a committee member of son's preschool)

however the only person currently linked to the Vacy P&C is Penny Evans. Penny has lodged an enquiry with them as she is unable to log in to nominate me so will follow this up and lodge the outstanding statement asap.

- Invoice has been sent to Tocal for 2024 Tocal Field Days contribution.

Moved: Nat

Seconded: Simone

Canteen Report

- Agreed there would be no special-order day for Term 2 due to other commitments for committee members (ie: Cracker Night and Athletics Carnival)
- Athletics Carnival Friday 21 June – Vacy P&C to coordinate canteen
 - Suggested items to sell; pies, sausage rolls, salad wraps, salad bowls, cheese and bacon rolls, toasted sandwiches, lolly bags, chips, lamingtons, cupcakes, drinks (not soft drinks), tea and coffee.
 - ACTION: Kaisey to investigate food and drink options
 - Coffee van – investigate this as an option and suggest they provide a donation to the school
 - Volunteers required to manage canteen
 - To be discussed in further detail at the next meeting

Moved: Karen

Seconded: Olivia

Fundraising

- Easter summary
 - Raised ~\$1000 (hot cross buns and raffle ticket sales). Exact amount TBC
- Tocal Field Days summary
 - Much easier than 2023; no competition, no hay, smaller site, less crosses, clothes still to be sorted at school, more volunteer tickets supplied from Tocal would be appreciated because 12 isn't sufficient (an additional 12 were purchased)
 - ACTION: Nat to send school report re: event to Tocal by 30 June
- Mother's Day stall summary
 - Great success, sales figures TBC (noting unlikely to make money from this event which is expected)
- Paterson Cracker Night
 - Rotary van is available for our use per 2023 event
 - Road works at the park will be completed by Council by the date of event
 - Volunteers are required between 3pm – 8pm;
 - ACTION: Nat to work out number of volunteers and do a shout out for volunteers
 - Food items to sell; hot chips and gravy, beef and gravy rolls, cans of drinks, lolly bags
 - Prices: \$5 chips, \$10 chips and gravy, \$10 beef and gravy rolls, \$2.50 cans, \$2 poppers, \$2 lolly bags
 - ACTIONS:
 - Ash to arrange \$900 float
 - Kaisey to arrange gas bottle, check oil, food and drink purchases
 - Jasmyn to arrange Square

- Trivia Night – date TBC and to be discussed at a further meeting
- Disco – date agreed for around Halloween and to be discussed further. Karen will check with staff what date works best as they will be staffing the event
- Vacy Country Carnival (run by Year 6 students and parents) – September – to be discussed at a further meeting
- Cutting Day – October – to be discussed at a future meeting
- Cookbook update (Lizzy)
 - Lizzy to send email to school to request recipes and photos from school/local community, noting if photos are submitted, parent is giving consent to publish the photo in the cookbook
 - Sponsorship packages to be investigated
 - Cookbook names – a suggestion was to come up with 5 ideas and allow students to vote. Agreed.

Uniform Report

- Nothing to report

New Business

- A generous donation of ~\$2500 has been given from a community member for gardening supplies at school. Karen has suggested the school use the money for new garden beds / garden club

Meeting closed: 8:21pm

Next meeting – Tuesday 11 June, 7pm