

Vacy Public School
P & C Association Meeting
27th October 2020 – Via Zoom

Meeting Opened at 7.00pm

Apologies – Mel Smith, Kristy Grainger, Jamie Maddocks and Cassie Allison

Present – Loren Herrmann, Karen Fonti, Penny Evans, Angela Priestley, Maree Greaves, Amanda Buck, Jamie Babic, Vanessa Barkwick, Alex Ineson and Eleesha Pereira

Previous Minutes

Accepted

Moved: L. Herrmann

Second: Angela Priestly

Business Arising

Principal Report

School Improvement Plan for 2021-2024

Coming along nicely. Huge job just like our External Validation was but one that needs to have the time taken and commitment given to it by all stakeholders. This week the staff are looking at devising a new vision statement. Collaboration will need to take place with the school community and the AECG to make sure we are all on the same page. Hopefully face to face meetings will recommence before the end of the term making this process easier.

Teaching Positions for 2021

The advertisement for our current teaching position is being published tomorrow (28/10). A panel has formed: Karen Fonti, Maree Greaves and Jamie Maddocks to complete the process. This position will be finalised by 25/11 and announced to the community before the end of term.

The other teaching position is being filled internally (our choice).

Planning has ceased until this has been finalised as some of our staff member currently working at Vacy PS are applying for the job. Classes will stay the same just the allocation of teachers may change.

World Teacher's Day (Friday 30/10)

All students are writing a thank you message to their teacher and I have organised a special lunch for the staff. It might be nice if the P & C or community could send some messages after such an intense and challenging year.

Shade Sail for Playground

A few quotes have been sourced and the price will be around the \$5000 mark. We were hoping to have some of the money from the Cutting Day supplement what we already have. It will be up before the end of the year.

Excursions

New procedures are being taken up by our family in regards to payments and permission notes. A big thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Reminders and instructions on how to do these payments will go out to families who haven't responded.

Some of our excursions are fun opportunities because our students missed their camps this year. Walkabout Park cost were supplemented by our Aboriginal background funding (\$1200) as it has a strong Aboriginal education link for all students.

Swim School (50 places) is targeted to our non-swimmers in the younger grades. We will be using the public facilities so please run through the drying/ change of clothes routine with your child before they attend.

Reports

Reports will go out this term in (Friday) Week 9. They will be in the normal format not like the one that we used in Term 2.

Presentation Day

The Presentation of Achievement Awards will go ahead but may need to be in a different format. We are spinning a few ideas and are waiting to see what guidelines are coming out soon before we make our final decisions.

Kindergarten Orientation

Dates have been set and published to our new parents. Individual visits plus student visits have been organised.

High School Transition

This will take place as planned with the Jump Start Program also set to resume. Only about half of the Vacy students going to Dungog next year.

Cutting Day

A huge thank you to the Evans Family and all those other individuals who assisted to make this event possible this year. Under the circumstances, I believe that it was an overwhelming success. Particular mention needs to go out to Emma Eldridge who was also instrumental in making the day a successful one.

Next year we need to look at how we can get our parents to volunteer at these events (and canteen too). It has been difficult this year with COVID and canteen is also difficult because a lot of our community work or have little ones. Finding a solution????

School Captain Elections for 2021

Process discussed with students already. Dates for nominations and speeches will be published shortly.

Treasurer's Report

P&C October 2020

\$1289.67 Closing balance

Canteen October 2020

\$3597.83 Closing balance

Accepted

Moved: P. Evans

Second: L.Herrmann

Carried

Canteen

Thursday 22nd October – biggest order day so far with 109 orders totalling in \$423 in sales

Still struggling for volunteers (no volunteers for Monday)

Special day – 16th November Hot dog day

New service to be offered to families – birthday buckets. Will be available every day.

Volunteer thank you – cards to be made by students and Ange to contact Vacy General Store for coffee and cake vouchers. Scripture teachers and Mrs Beazley to be included.

Fundraiser Plan

Cutting Day

Huge thank you to businesses that donated generously to the cutting day. A number supplied cash donations which resulted in a successful day. Looking around \$16000.00 in the account. Possibly \$10000.00 to come back to the school. \$1200.00 to replace marquees damaged by storm at the end of the day.

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New Business

NIL

Meeting Closed: 7.36pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 1st December 2020 @ 7pm