

MINUTES

Vacy Public School P&C

Term 3 August 2, 2022

Meeting Opened: 7:06pm

Attendees: Vanessa Barwick, Karen Fonti, Penny Evans, Phil Clements, Kathleen Iles, Kelli, Leanne Balnave, Maree Greaves, Richie Hansen, Loren Hermann, Chantelle Hannah

Apologies: Belinda Butler, Cassandra Alison

Previous Meetings Minutes:

Accepted: Phil Clements Second: Kathleen Iles

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Dave Layzell contacted Penny in school holidays about a grant opportunity that would be relevant to the septic at the school, Penny referred him to Karen. See Principal's report for further info.

Principal's Report

P & C Meeting 2/8/22 Principal's Report

- Thank you to Maree Greaves for relieving in my absence as principal.
- External Evaluation is now postponed until next year.
- Interns in school – Ethan Callinan (Year 6) & Laura Inwood (1/2G).
- Numbers for next year. Presently looking at losing 6th class (not room) 123 predicted at this stage. We require 130 for our 6th teacher. Please let us know if you intend leaving or you know anyone who is coming.
- Changes happening in the department regarding recruitment of non-teaching positions to lighten the load for teachers. This is not what we have been asking for but will certainly assist us as we are swamped.
- Computers to be ordered shortly, funds graciously supplied by P & C. Thank you.
- GA Andrew Viner's substantive position has been temporarily filled by Mark Cant. I have asked that he be given it permanently.
- COVID cases again in the school. Information is coming through about updates from the department weekly and I will pass on any new information to the community via Skoolbag.
- Sensory Garden – To celebrate National Tree Week the school is being given 25 bush tucker trees for our sensory garden (Riverdene Nursery, East Gresford). We envisage building, using authentic materials, a yarnning circle. Mr Cant will coordinate this with our Aboriginal students.
- Sewer cost – 2018 - mid 2022 \$21,955.81 amount was emailed to Steve Craft from Infrastructure who is looking at get some money back to the school. Upgrades have been escalated due to David Layzell intervention. I am meeting with Steve and his boss on 9/8 to discuss future proving the school and our community's concerns.
- 2/3 demountable is out of action due to mould issues. Carpet and all other flooring is being striped and floor repaired and treated just as library was. Walls are compromised and will also be fixed. I have refused to put the class back in there until it is finished.

- NAPLAN results are out soon. The glimpse I have had is encouraging.
- Parent information day/evening are scheduled 31/8 & 1/9. How we teach reading. Essential information to assist parents understand the new ways and why and how we do the things we do.
- Absence note when out last week showing your child's attendance percentage for the year. Our school plus the department have targets that we should be aiming for. It is important for families to see and understand the impact of unjustified 'time off' from school. Sickness is counted but inevitable for all. Next time we send it out we will include the graph that we see showing leave, reasons given by you as a parent and early late attendance patterns.
- Book packs for 2023. We have the opportunity for parents to pay for them directly to the provider in Term 4 and delivered ready to go for Term 1. No pay no pack with provisions made for any families that may struggle with this arrangement. What are your thoughts?

The school would purchase some additional packs for new families Karen will look to notify families in Term 3 for prepayment to supplier.

Education Week – Theme Assembly timetabled for Week 5, 18th August (depending on COVID) 9:30am

Congratulations to the following people who have been recognized for their contributions to our school:

Teaching – Peter Lascelles

Non-Teaching – Eleesha Pereira

Community – Penny Evans

Student – India Rowles

Program/Initiative – Strategic Support Initiative regarding the teaching of comprehension.

Congratulations from the P& C to all recipients and especially Penny!

Treasurers Report

Bank Account Balances @ 31/7/22:

Mutual – P & C Fundraising \$4977.13

Mutual – Canteen Account \$11787.29

Mutual – Canteen Visa Account \$148.36

CBA – P & C Fundraising \$475.80 @ end May 2022 – no other statements available

CBA – Canteen \$4139.35 @ end May 2022 – no other statements available

Outstanding Accounts @ 31/7/22

ED Connect – Star Struck \$600.00

- Stage 3 Camp \$2050.00

Total \$2650.00 Due 25/8/22 P & C Fundraising

Kevin Balwin \$212.45 Due 7/8/22 Canteen Account

Paterson Friendly \$41.58 Due 7/8/22 Canteen Account

Reimbursement owing to Vanessa \$156.93 Due 3/8/22 P & C Fundraising

LW Reid \$495.51 Due 25/9/22 P & C Fundraising

Kathleen requested that when purchasing sundry items on the accounts at Paterson butcher or IGA to please put a name or order number in the comments so that Kathleen knows who to contact should there be a query with the purchase. Chantelle will ask if IGA can do this.

Kathleen was able to log into ACNC and determined that the 2022 financial report is not due until June 2023. Jamie tried to enter information for the 2021 report, however removed himself as an authorized user before this could occur. Kathleen now needs a listed "responsible person" to add Kathleen so she can lodge the information. – Kathleen to provide Penny with log in details to action this

Canteen Report

Nothing to report. Good figures so far this term. The pie warmer is still out of action but has not been needed. Chantelle will set up Father's Day purchase on Flexischools.

Fundraising

Trevor Radford and Julie and Bill Gray thank you notes were sent.

Penny will write a letter outlining what P&C contributes to the school and the importance of fundraising events.

Penny spoke with Murray Booker for Term 3 to have dinner dance – with August quite busy Saturday 17th put in as tentative. Current COVID restrictions will not allow an indoor gathering – fingers crossed they change.

Sunday 12th Vacy Country Carnival. Karen to engage with Year 6 to ascertain if they will hold a fundraising event.

Phil to provide update to committee via Messenger Group on Schools commitment at the VCC – is it meat n gravy rolls.

October 15th Cutting Day

New bank details to Tocal for Craft deposit next year were sent to Charise and Kate.

The question was put to Leanne as how to get parents to volunteer, who has come from a small school of 20 families. After seeing the same small handful of families always volunteering the hard and fast approach was applied, by allocating families time slots and putting the responsibility back on them to fill it if it was not suitable.

Gresford/Vacy Scorpions soccer canteen timeslots are allocated to families at the beginning of the year with little pushback. Opportunity to be organised at the beginning of the year to co-ordinate families across each of the main events

Uniform Report

Nothing to report, other than orders have slowed down and waiting on delivery of a back order of hats, although still plenty in stock to fill from

New Business

Karen is putting out a survey to parents which will include a question about homework. The school is currently a no homework school and does not formally expect it from students. The future approach to homework will be discussed with staff as to what it may look like. They do not want to put pressure on families but want consistency. Homework expectations may change in the older grades to get them ready for high school expectations.

Correspondence: None received

Next Meeting: Week 7, 30th August

Meeting Closed: 8:01pm