

MINUTES

Vacy Public School P&C

Term 3, August 30, 2022

Meeting Opened: 7:06pm

Attendees: Vanessa Barwick, Karen Fonti, Penny Evans, Chantelle Hannah, Richie Hansen, Belinda Butler, Phil Clements, Cassandra Alison, Maree Greaves

Apologies: Kathleen Isles

Previous Meetings Minutes:

Accepted: Karen Fonti Second: Belinda Butler

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

2/3 classroom repair progress; Outcomes of Steve Craft meeting; Homework survey results – reviewed Principals report

Principals Report

Numbers for next year. We are presently looking at losing 6th class (not room) 121 predicted at this stage. We require 130 for our 6th teacher.

- 15 computers have been ordered using P & C funds. A huge thank you for your kind contribution. Can donated funds from P & C be transferred to the school or would you like to wait until the VCC has occurred?
- Student absences have decreased. Hopefully the worst is behind us.
- Septic system is being replaced. Steve Craft has investigated options and plans are in place to either replace or reroute existing pipes/pit.
- Library and 2/3 demountable are both being completely refurbished by the department (new walls, floor, cabinetry, carpet, paint etc. Library is being moved to make room for another classroom to allow for future growth. LED lights are being installed throughout the entire school. A proposal has been put forward to build a new administration building and a full refurbishment of the existing building.
- NAPLAN still not available.
- 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. Thank you to Mrs Greaves and Mrs Rogers for putting this initiative together for the parents.

- Father's Day breakfast is on Friday commencing at 8am. Gifts will come home for those who have ordered on Friday.
- Apologies for the changes in the date of the Education Week Assembly. It is now timetabled for Week 9, 14th September 9:30am. Award recipients will be recognised at this assembly along with student performances etc. Morning tea will follow provided by the school. Changes regarding the restrictions on assemblies plus the building site implications, and general business of the school are to blame.
- Book Week celebrations have also been affected. We have booked a Book Fair and wanted to use the library, but our renovations will not be completed. Other arrangements have been made for the purchase of books and a parade will coincide with this next week. Our apology for the short notice.
- Congratulations to our Robocup teams. Apologies to those who were faced with complications regarding the programming of robots. I have addressed that, so it will not happen again. I believe the Year Six team and their parents, has agreed to travel to Adelaide in the holidays to compete at the National Competition.
- Stage 3 camp - changes have had to be made due to Covid risk assessment complexities. Other arrangements have been made and are being finalised as Stage 3 are now unable to travel to Canberra.
- There have been some concerns regarding the quality of our school photos over the past few years and were wondering if parents were happy for us to investigate other companies or whether they are happy with our present arrangement?
- Some of our staff have been asked by Joanne Gray, Director of Educational Leadership for the Hunter network, to present to other principals some professional learning about our reading programs and how we have embedded the new teaching strategies being used in the new K-2 Curriculum into our school. This is a great honour for us and I am super proud of our journey so far and how far ahead we are of many other schools in our network.
- Parent surveys have not been dispersed yet as I have not completed them. They will be done by the end of the term and the data will be analysed and acted upon.

Treasurers Report -

Bank Account Balances @ 30/8/22:

Mutual – P & C Fundraising \$545.99 - \$400 float has been withdrawn for Country carnival (in School Safe)

Mutual – Canteen Account \$11712.74

Mutual – Canteen Visa Account \$234.37

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

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

CBA Balances still need to be transferred, especially if we are starting to think of a new Committee next year. >>>> still need Jamie to do this however still terribly busy with the Verona mite

Outstanding Accounts @ 30/8/22

Nil

Notes:

Have I now been added as a Responsible Person to the ACNC? – Penny will investigate

The Canteen Cash takings are now being deposited into the Mutual @ the Vacy Shop weekly which is working well.

The Insurance \$794.00, Star Struck \$600 and Stage 3 Camp \$2050 have been paid from P & C Fundraising Account.

Father's Day Gifts were paid from the Canteen Account as there were insufficient funds in the P & c Fundraising Account.

Canteen Report

Chantelle has tried to source a second-hand pie oven due to potential risk of existing oven ceasing to work. Chantelle needs to consider a new one as she is not receiving any responses to queries made on secondhand ovens.

Chantelle is keen to offer snack-sized pizzas to replace existing slow-moving lines but will require a new pie oven for space.

The oven button on the wall is faulty – although the oven is working, the switch does not work. Request for an electrician to look at. Broken Kettle has been replaced with a new one. Chantelle has requested the school do a tag on these new items as part of their regular inspection.

Leftovers from burger day will be used at another Specials Day before the end of term (before Friday 23rd last day of term)

Chicken nugget supplier may need to change and will not be Gluten Free – clear notification will be sent to families.

Phil raised a question on why there was an invoice so much ham, bread and 17 coffees for the month of July. Chantelle explained how ingredients for toasties are sourced and that volunteers are given a free coffee on their rostered day. Phil did not think it reasonable that volunteers received a free coffee as it amounted to \$1,200 a year, reducing profit for the canteen. Whilst there was discussion as to whether this was reasonable no vote was taken by the Committee as to whether the free coffee ceased. Chantelle is happy to notify volunteers the offer is no longer valid

Fundraising

VCC (Sunday 12th) – Volunteers

Cassandra very impressed on feedback from families, thank you Penny for your encouraging email, it seems to have worked!! 6 slow cookers have been donated (to be dropped at school on Friday), 5 families will cook dog treats, 9 volunteers have put their hands up to serve.

Penny gave an update on food with some money raised for lamb through the Store. It was agreed to sell mini pies and sausage rolls – Stuart Ladder will provide a pie warmer if items are bought through him. Gresford Show Committee have also offered one as well which will be used in the canteen to preheat items. Leftover Coke, water etc from Cracker night will be used. Zooper Doopers will also be for sale.

Vanessa will send an email asking for family support for baking dog treats to be dropped at school in an esky in the week before. Vanessa to collect daily.

Raffle prize- Vanessa presented the serving board donated by FFF Rustik at Tocal Field Days that she will give to Vacy Store for inclusion in the VVCC Raffle.

Super dance tentatively booked for September 17th – two and half weeks away. No volunteers came forward to organize the event for this date. Vanessa volunteered if it was held in Term 4. It was agreed it would be a god social and P&C Networking opportunity for parents.

Kindergarten parents to be invited. Karen to provide some dates that are better than others due to camps etc

October 15th is Cutting Day (First weekend of term) – call out for volunteers required before end of term!

Uniform Report

Some families have fed back that buttons have been falling off jumpers. The supplier will provide a replacement of these if they were purchased within a reasonable timeframe

New Business

Succession plan for committee – there are only 2 meetings remaining and encouragement is needed to have more people attend the meetings to understand the committee's roles and becoming familiar with meetings.

Cassandra suggested a casual BBQ / meet and greet –something more social for the last meeting on 22nd November. It was agreed to promote and encourage new kindergarten families to come along.

Cassandra – mentioned that the previous year's cost of Melbourne Robocup was contributed by P&C. School is covering some costs for Adelaide and is supportive of P&C providing some funding. Cassie will ask Jenny McCosker what was previously funded.

Richie asked the question if the school has any communication with the Catholic system. Karen has had no formal communication but understands that there is more pressure on families to enrol in Catholic system earlier as there is no guarantee siblings will be able to join at High School age.

Correspondence:

None received

Next Meeting:

Pre-Cutting Day, depending on comms via Messenger.

Term 4, week 3 - 25th October

Meeting Closed: 8:25pm