

MINUTES

Vacy Public School P&C

Term 4, October 18 2022

Meeting Opened: 7:05

Attendees: Penny Evans, Cassandra Alison, Karen Fonti , Maree Greeves, Vanessa Barwick, Chantelle Hannah, Phil Clements

Apologies: Mel Johnston, Jamie Maddock, Belinda Butler, Kathleen Isles,

Previous Meetings Minutes:

Accepted: Cassandra Second: Karen

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

2/3 classroom repair progress. See Principals Report

Have the CBA bank balances been transferred?

Yes. Penny commenced and completed the process. It took longer than expected due to small daily transfer limits on some of the accounts.

Principals report

P & C Meeting Tuesday 18/10/22 - Principal's Report

- Inclusive, Engaging & Respectful Schools presentation (Presentation will be uploaded to our website.). Was shared at a top level at the meeting.
- IER impact on Vacy PS – Mainly in the area of restrictive practices and what that will look like in our school. These include areas such as the inclusion on camps of suspended students, the ability for all Year 5 students to go for leadership positions etc. Further discussion regarding the changes we will need to make will take place and be presented to the P & C later in the term for consultation. 'Detention' is no longer referred to as 'detention'. It is now a 'reflection' time for students to think about their behaviour and time frames are set in accordance with the recommendations set out in the policy.
- K-2 Curriculum mandatory implementation in 2023 will mean that we must structure our classes differently as the 3-6 isn't in place yet and still being trialled. Support staff will be working in the K-2 rooms and the 3-6 rooms to support the changes. We have tried to work out our class placements so that we do not have any classes across two stage groups to make it easier for staff to support their students. Since we have lost numbers to predominately the Catholic Education system (to gain access to high school) we will lose our 6th teacher in 2023.
- Numbers as of 17/10/22 for 2023 are 116 students (130 needed for 6 classes). We have lost, for a number of reasons, 33 students (this includes Year 6), and will gain 18 Kindergarten students for 2023.
- Building work is going well. The 2/3 class moved back into their classroom this week and work will now begin on our library. Next year we are moving the library to the new demountable building a class will move into existing space. New shelving is being purchased for the room. Sewer pit upgrade is going ahead once the plans and the cost have been signed off. Will likely be done in the holidays as it is a huge job.

- A huge thank you to Mr Nigel Falk for installing some extra power points and USB plugs throughout the school.
- Our gardens are being extended to fill in some muddy spaces due to the movement of our building.
- We have a mud kitchen in the back of the sensory garden that was kindly donated by Ms Grainger's parents, Mr & Mrs Howlett. I will be sending a thank you letter and some photographs when it is all completed, and we have put some rules in place.
- A huge thank you to the staff who have supported our students to participate in the many extra curricula activities that have been offered. Fundraising for the Robocup boys meant that their families each received just over \$500 towards the cost of their trip to Adelaide which was outstanding. The DDC of Schools Film festival is about to take place. Each class has submitted an entry. Our cricket team is now also competing again in the Reg Kelly Cup.
- Staff absences due to leave & sick leave. Mr Lascelles will be filling in for Ms Grainger (RFF) and Ms Grainger will be filling in for Miss Trudgett on Kindergarten (Weeks 3-5). Programs will continue as normal. Mr Lascelles and Mrs Babic will be filling in for Ms Grainger until the end of the year (Week 6 onwards) on Year 5 and RFF. Mr Smith is also taking leave during Week 4 and casual relief will cover his class.
- Captain's elections will take place for 2023 on 17th November. Parents are welcome to attend the speeches. Notes will go out to the candidates regarding the procedure shortly.
- NAPLAN results were pleasing especially in Year 3 where 50% (27% in 2021) of our students achieved results in the Top 2 bands in Reading and 35% in Numeracy (17% in 2021). This reflects the great work that our teachers have been doing in the classroom implementing the new ways of teaching reading. (Mrs Rogers presentation).

Penny made comment on the unfortunate situation of children leaving Vacy PS for the Catholic system and asked if there was possibility for Dungog High to advertise their opportunities. Karen responded saying she understands it is the parent's decision to send children where they want. All High School have the same issues in regards to 'teenage behaviour', and highlighted what fantastic results Dungog High has seen in meeting targets and HSC results. Karen will be meeting with the High School Principal to see what opportunities there are to promote the school

Karen commented that it has only been an issue this year as the Catholic High School in Maitland is reducing numbers. Siblings have been told there is no guarantee that they will be admitted but would have a better chance by attending a feeder primary school. Maree added that there may be an issue with the St Marys and Peters amalgamation with current primary school enrolled children choosing not to go to there, due to the senior high campus closing. This may see more opportunities for students in the future. Karen noted that all families that have left or will be leaving the school have indicated that they do so with great regret and that it was nothing to do with anything Vacy School had done.

Treasurers Report –

In the absence of Kathleen, Vanessa read the below Treasures report.

Vacy Public School P & C Treasurers Report – to 18th October 2022

Bank Account Balances @ 18/10/22:

Mutual – P & C Fundraising \$3,779.91 - Includes 19 payments of \$90 for Santa Photos as per list attached. The \$400 float was withdrawn for Country carnival (kept in School Safe)

Money will need to be paid to Claire to cover her costs.

Mutual – Canteen Account \$13,086.95

Mutual – Canteen Visa Account \$482.74

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

CBA – Canteen \$2139.35 @ end Sept 2022 – as a transfer was made on 14/9/22

CBA Balances still need to be transferred, especially if we are starting to think of a new Committee next year as it will be easier to assess our true financial situation with those funds being transferred to the Maitland Mutual.

Penny reconfirmed that the CBA balances have all been transferred

The discussions regarding next year's committee have prompted me to say I will be unable to continue as Treasurer next year.

Outstanding Accounts @ 18/10/22

Nil

Notes:

The new pie oven purchased from Atlantic Equipment was paid for on the 17/10/22. A Receipt was emailed to Cynthia at Atlantic.

Canteen Report

A 100-pie capacity oven was purchased which was \$marginally more than the 50-pie version and Kathleen had confirmed it was OK. Delivery should be this week through the school. Chantelle requested that Karen look out for it. It will have 12 months warranty.

Chantelle is keen to introduce pizzas that will meet the canteen's health food standards in individual packs and precooked so only require heating in the oven. She had received a call from a rep from Spriggy School (like Flexischools) selling their lower fees, which are less (~1%) than Flexischools (3% plus 29c/order) and that their app is better. Chantelle will look further into this. Penny raised the question if Spriggy can be used for uniforms and fundraiser orders separately. Angela Priestly did a lot of investigation to choose Flexischools and Chantelle will follow up with her. Penny also suggested going back to Flexischools and asking for a better deal.

Chantelle will review the roster to see when the canteen needs to be closed / open for based on student attendance at school with excursions etc.

The oven has been making a noise. Penny kindly offered to call her appliance repair person who is coming during the week to see if they can also visit the school. Thank you, Penny!

Karen raised that the positions of Treasurer, President, Vice President, Secretary, Canteen, Vice President (x1?) will be vacant next year. Cassandra is undecided, not sure about Belinda. Karen has started to put the 'feelers out' for new recruits.

Fundraising

Spring Fling – Friday 4th November. Vanessa proposed to go ahead with the night as an opportunity for parents to network and socialize and bring a bit of gel for the school community (and help fill some of the above positions). DJ Nathan has been secured for \$510 for 6:30-11:30. Vanessa asked what the restrictions were for the hall, and it was thought by 12o'clock, people should be dispersing. A small budget was requested ~\$50 to purchase some small prizes for games. The event will be open to the public (over 18s)

VCC– 27th November. Cassandra will re co-ordinate volunteers sensitive to the fact that the cutting day is the following Friday – approach to see if the School Community can commit to one of the events.

It was noted that the VCC is the same day as the Gresford Campdraft and a dance presentation, Cassie will resend out the schedule. Vanessa to send through Cutting Day list of volunteers

Cutting Day– Friday 2nd December. Twilight event. Van should be clean thanks to VCC! More compact day.

Total Field Days - new offering was discussed by Vanessa, which is scarecrow building competition. Total will supply the straw and have had 12-15 crosses made by Maitland Men's Shed. Vanessa to ask parents to keep secondhand clothes before the end of Term. Look to secure a TFD coordinator at next PnC

SANTA PHOTOS – 19 paid but only 6 slots left.

Penny thought it would be a good idea if each member of the executive committee took ownership of the 4 main fundraising events next year if a Fundraising Co-Ordinator position could not be filled.

New Business

Robo Cup P & C Contribution - Cassandra spoke to Jenny about last year's donated amount, and whilst Jenny was not too sure if it was about \$100 per child. Cassandra raised the motion to donate \$100 per family to support the costs to Robocup. It was agreed by the Committee. This amount will be supported for next year as well.

Maree held the reading group lessons which went well and will hold again at the start of next year.

Penny requested that the minutes state a vote of thanks for the Herrmann, Clements and Hansen families for all that they have done to support the school. Karen gave an additional vote of thanks.

Correspondence: None

Next Meeting

BBQ Week 7 Thursday 24th

Meeting Closed: 8:29