

MINUTES
Vacy Public School P&C
Term 2, May 10 2022

Meeting Opened: 7:07

Attendees: Kathleen Iles, Belinda Butler, Phil Clements, Karen Fonti, Vanessa Barwick, Richie Hansen, Cassandra Allison

Apologies: Chantelle Hannah, Penny Evans, Duncan Smith, Maree Greaves

Previous Meetings Minutes:

Accepted: Karen Second: Belinda

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Penny was to follow up with Jamie, confirmation of payment of Membership & Insurance to P&C Association. In Penny's absence, carry to next meeting. Kathleen will look into existing paperwork for evidence.

Vanessa to investigate Zoom account paid options: Zoom is the more expensive option at \$15/month / licence versus Microsoft Teams at \$5/month/ licence, however Teams require an annual subscription (total \$60 minimum). Both options only enable one host (additional ones can be purchased at the same \$ rate)

It was discussed that, post Covid families, were familiar with Zoom so likely fewer barriers to using compared to Teams. It was agreed it was worth the investment especially coming into the colder months and to be able to provide an option to those unable to leave home to attend meetings due to children. Vanessa will pursue creating an account.

In Penny's absence, it was unknown if any response was received to Penny's communication to Dave Layzell, re school under resourcing. Carry to next meeting

Principals Report

- Lisa Muir (Executive Director for Hunter) visit. Last Friday Lisa Muir and Jo Gray (DEL) visited Vacy PS. They were most impressed with the progress we have made regarding the Strategic Support Initiative that we began last year. We have become a role model for other schools, and they are using us as an example within their program to show other school teams how successful the program can be and what is best practice. Lisa was also overwhelmed by the positive culture our school has. She has also promised to assist us to improve the building development within the school as she could see that what we have now is not acceptable.
- NAPLAN begins for 2022. Years 3 & 5 are completing the tests over the next few weeks. Mrs Babic & Mrs Smith are administering the tests in the morning/middle sessions. A letter to each student involved went home yesterday just explaining to them our expectations and that they do not need to stress about what is happening.

- Mother's Day breakfast was an overwhelming success. Thank you to Eleesha and Amanda for organising the event and to the staff who assisted on the day. Approximately 240 gifts were sold.
- 3 Way Conferencing interview schedules went out last week for parents to choose either a face-to-face interview or a phone conference. Assessment days are taking place starting this week with some more formalised testing taking place.
- Parent information sessions will begin soon regarding the teaching of reading in our school and how parents can assist their children at home with the new online reading supports. There are lots of changes that align to the new evidence-based process behind the teaching of reading, so it is important parents are onboard and have a good understanding of the new ways. Numeracy support will follow.
- I will be taking leave from Week 7 until the end of term. Mrs Greaves will be replacing me as Principal in my absence.
- Staff absence has been an issue however, we have been most fortunate to have Mr Lascelles and Ms Graham to fall back on. Getting a casual teacher is near enough impossible at this time. Our students, when their teacher is away, generally follow the classroom program unless it is a last minute absence. We will always do our best to make sure that we try our best to retain consistency within the school.
- Staff wish list – 10-15 student computers (approx. 10 = \$7817, 15 = \$11726), area behind the stage to be completed (fake turf stones \$5000), Stage 3 camp contribution

Staff wish list - application of funds to be carried to next meeting where to invest funds. It was agreed to support Stage 3 camp with \$50/ child contribution

Treasurers Report

P & C bank a/c to 12th April, \$4712 April funds were moved to the Mutual Bank. \$191 in uniforms to pay Canteen account at \$14, 344 – this is high due to uniform deposits coming in from Flexischools.

Moved Vanessa, Seconded Alison.

Huge thanks to Kathleen and Penny for their perseverance and commitment of time to deal with the transferring of bank details to Mutual

Banking of canteen monies can continue at Vacy store. Kathleen is requesting a deposit book to use at the canteen.

Canteen Report

The oven door is not closing properly, Chantelle will ask her father to try to fix it, if not will need to seek a repair job. The canteen door security lock needs replacing, the school will take responsibility into fixing this.

Canteen will continue to close if there are not enough volunteers.

Fundraising

- Bulb fundraiser: \$800 worth of sales from 12 orders (average order size \$67), of which \$319.80 is given to school = 40% donation rate. Action: Push more next year
- Cracker night: A large number of items are available for purchase from Paterson Primary school, ex Tocal supplies, ie Frozen chips, 20 x 30 Coke, 14 x 30 Coke Zero, 24 x 24 water. It was agreed we would purchase these items. The van will be inspected by Phil with Richie in the coming days.
Phil requested Karen put out a Parent helper roster. Don't need more than 6 in the van. Lamb and or beef rolls. Butchery used 80kg of meat last year, however food vans are attending this year. It was agreed to still purchase 80kg of lamb. Corn in a bag, 50 were purchased last year. Sausage hot pot went well. Phil will source Gas. Need to source tap and go POS. \$3 chips, \$5 chips, \$8 rolls. Table out front required to sell food tickets. 10 Volunteers/ shift: 2 outside, 6 inside, 2 spare
28th May: 2:00 – 6:30 start of fireworks.
- Tocal report:

Thank you to all volunteers, and so many staff for volunteering.

Total entrance for Field Days were 21, 356 (5,458 / 6,963 / 8,935). This is 8% lower than average.

The craft stand was steadily busy on all days (except Friday morning) Provision was made for 400 cross heads, with about 220 made. The 400 prediction was off the back of the previous year's record attendance. The stand needed to be "restocked" midway last year.

Kids like to make their own choice of what to make. Faces were "prepackaged" in cups to alleviate concern of "overuse" of supplies. However, this did not occur often – parents were generally strict on the supervision of their children to not overuse the craft items.

Tocal reimburses \$150 for supplies, purchased \$178, and will look to obtain refund on seeds and cotton balls, will take below the \$150. Whilst the "kit" purchased from Clever patch was great (suffice for 20 – 600), there was need to purchase additional supplies to cover expected numbers. With Darrel Lea absent this year, there was the opportunity for more space that was used occasionally when multiple groups sat down. Stage only, would still work, but will suggest to Tocal to redo the safety strips on the steps

The large signage provided by Tocal, on a star picket outside the entrance was visually good, along with the positioning of a school feather flag (cable ties needed). Need to ensure signage is printed and supplied by the school and displayed eastern corner of the chapel - requires taking own fastenings to attach to CWA star pickets (ie cable ties).

Uniform Report

Order for jumpers required, stopped supplying girls' pants, now need to source new pants. Existing supplier is quite expensive on "bottoms", Belinda will look at retail options like Best and Less, Kmart, etc for similar cheaper items. Karen was happier to purchase girls' pants, sight unseen as on formal occasions, the girls wear the school skirts.

New Business

Gresford News would like a contribution about the happenings at VPS. Karen will provide a copy of a child's "Newsletter" article from their interest group writings. Vanessa to advise Karen of deadlines, and details.

Correspondence:

Bulb Fundraiser cheque of \$319.80

Next Meeting.

7th June 7pm. Aim to have zoom meeting only for this meeting.

Meeting Closed:

8:30