

Vacy Public School P&C

Term 1, February 21 2023

Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened: 7:33pm

Attendees

Maree Greaves, Lizzy Drablow, Nat Kijko, Mia Mackay, Kaisey Macdonell-Scott, Cassie Allison, Reece Winchester, Sarah-J Winchester, Luke Johnston, Jasmyn Johnston, Kelly Peach, Simone Rowson, Phillip Clements, Jenny Winnett, Lachlan Prior, Ashleigh Bridge, Chantelle Hannah, Connie Kleinig, Penny Evans

Apologies: Belinda Butler

Previous meeting minutes

- Accepted: Cassie Allison
- Seconded: Penny Evans

Business arising from previous minutes

none

Principal's report

Karen Fonti, Principal Vacy Public School

- Great start to the year with our 5-class structure.
- Ms Graham was unfortunately unable to return to Vacy so we have employed Peter Lascelles to replace her in the learning and support role. Mr Lascelles will predominately be working with our 3-6 students and Ms Grainger will be assisting the K-2. Mrs Rashleigh and Mrs Kijko are our Student Learning Support Officers and will be working alongside them for one-to-one student support.
- Duncan Smith is teaching the 4/5 class on Thursday for Mr Prior who will be fulfilling his role as Digital Classroom Officer. This role has been established by the department for the year to support staff to be able to manipulate the new boards/devices we have access to in our rooms. Mr Smith will also be running wellbeing programs to support our students on Fridays – 30 mins in each class.
- The new K-2 curriculum is being implemented in classrooms. A considerable amount of professional learning will take place for staff to increase their understanding of the changes. We are already set up to be able to implement the new strategies in our school and are way ahead of many other schools in our network. Mrs Greaves and Mrs Rogers will be offering

workshops again this year for our parents so that they can support their children effectively at home. The new 3-6 curriculum will be implemented in 2024.

- NAPLAN testing for our Year 3 & 5 students will take place on 15-27th March. Our students (both Year 3 & 5) have been practising manipulating the technology needed to complete the tests so that they are familiar with the questioning format. Reporting to parents has changed this year with wording rather than bands stated on the report.
- 3 Way conferencing interviews are being released. Please take up this opportunity to work with your child and their teacher to set goals. It is very important for them to see that you want to be a part of their learning journey and that you are working in partnership with their teacher.
- Projects for 2023 - Our front school sign that was donated by the Williams family in 2006 has broken. We would therefore like our P & C to assist us to buy an electronic board for the front of our school. They are quite expensive but I think with the money that we have left over from the wonderful fundraising efforts of our community last year, we could possibly look at sharing the cost (approx. \$20,000). The other endeavour that we spoke about last year was our Bee Project (\$5,000). Our school would be working with a group of specialist who provide us with the hive, queen etc and guide us to manage via an interactive website the production of our own honey. Vacy is out of the restriction zone (just) so we would be able to have it onsite. This is a great opportunity for our students to learn about sustainability and ties in well with our environmental science units. I have asked Mr Lascelles to manage the project with the Year 3/4 students this year. The link is attached for your viewing. We here at Vacy PS, have called our Queen Bee 'Nukang', which is the Gathang (Worimi local language) for bee. Student support for Stage 3 camp is another area as well (\$1,750). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N-C5nDGewoM> Student support for Stage 3 camp is another area as well (\$1,750).
- Planned maintenance to school includes new septic, roof on stage and sunshade at rear, replacement of fence, internal painting of remaining rooms J Block C & D. Grounds at the rear of the canteen building.
- Welcome to all our new families and thank you to all of our committee members from 2022 for supporting our students and school.

Treasurers Report

See complete 2022 financial report from previous AGM (ie: separate attachment from 2022 Treasurer Kathleen Isles).

School signage

- A new digital communication sign for the front of the school was discussed
- The current sign board is very old, outdated, cracked, beyond repair and it's a time-consuming job for staff and students to update the messages
- Digital boards cost in the vicinity of \$20,000.
- A motion to vote was put forward for the P&C to donate \$20,000 to go towards the new digital board
 - Moved: Cassie Allison
 - Seconded: Jasmyn Johnston

There were no objections to the vote

- **ACTION:** 2022 President Penny Evans, and Treasurer Kathleen Isles will arrange for the \$20,000 to be donated to Vacy Public School ASAP.

Canteen Report

A good start to 2023 for the canteen.

The introduction of bacon and cheese rolls this year have been popular.

Volunteers are still required, especially for Friday as this is the busier day of the two for canteen orders. Although there has been some interest in the Friday shift gaining 2-3 volunteers – the momentum needs to continue.

Fundraising

Event coordinating for P&C

- It was discussed that each P&C member be responsible for one event, rather than one person to coordinate all events for the year
 - **ACTION:** To be discussed further at next P&C meeting

Vacy Country Carnival 2022

- There are lots of dog toys left unsold, located in the canteen. Since they are really durable, they could be sold at the event in 2023 (if P&C decide to hold a stall), otherwise see if they can be sold at the school?
 - **ACTION:** To be discussed further at next P&C meeting

Gresford Billy Cart Derby, 8 April (Easter Saturday)

- School has been given an opportunity to host the 'gum boot toss' (note: boots are in the garage, and some boots may need replacing)
- Committee agreed to participate
 - **ACTION:** 2023 President Cassie Allison to coordinate
- It was mentioned that every organisation that donates to the auction will receive a portion of the auction proceeds
 - **ACTION:** to be discussed further at next P&C meeting what the P&C will donate if interested in participating

Tocal Field Days, 5-7 May 2023

- A representative is required to meet with the Tocal Field Days event coordinator Charise Foulstone to sign an agreement for the fundraiser - a scarecrow making competition
 - **ACTION:** Mia Mackay to represent the P&C on March 27 at Tocal
- Scarecrow competition: "Crosses" have already been made at Tocal, hay will be provided by Tocal, and Vacy school needs to supply clothes
 - **ACTION:** Cassie Allison and Kaisey Macdonnell-Scott to arrange clothes for the scarecrows

Rotary Cracker Night, 27 May

- Vacy has been offered a stall at the Cracker night for free
 - **ACTION:** Lizzy Drablow to investigate the usage of the Rotary Van to cook fried foods (hot chips) as the Vacy van isn't geared up to cook fried foods

New Business

EFTPOS sales at events

- To make effective use of the square reader the P&C already owns, we would need to purchase a tablet for the transactions
- P&C would need to set up some transactions in the square app such as 'beef and gravy rolls', 'hot chips' under the name 'Vacy Canteen' to be an approved Apple charity
 - **ACTION:** to be discussed at next meeting about the purchase of a tablet, and set up of the square before the next fundraising event

Mural/art in Gresford surrounds

- It was mentioned there is a committee in Gresford aiming to paint murals and display art and sculptures in the Gresford and surrounding area for beautification purposes
- It was asked if the school would be interested in hosting one of the murals which are graffiti proof
 - Karen Fonti, Principal, said permission would be required from the Department of Education, and must be able to be removed
 - **ACTION:** to be discussed at next meeting

Zoom/face to face meetings for P&C

- It was discussed hosting both zoom and face to face meetings for all P&C meetings to encourage other members to attend and not miss out
 - **ACTION:** Lizzy Drablow to investigate the existing account with previous Secretary Vanessa Barwick

Back to school vouchers for uniform sales

- It was discussed if the Government introduces the 'Back to school' vouchers for families again next year, the P&C will look into applying to accept the vouchers for uniform purchases. Vouchers can be redeemed for excursions and book packs from the school front office.

Correspondence:

None

Next meeting:

Tuesday 21 March, 2023 7pm

Meeting closed: 8:17pm