

MINUTES

Vacy Public School

P&C March 15 2022

Meeting Opened: 7:33

Attendees: Richie Hansen, Penny Evans, Karen Fonti, Phil Clements, Angela Priestley, Kathleen Isles, Cassandra Allison, Duncan Smith, Courtney Trudgett, Maree Greaves, Kristy Grainger, Amanda Buck, Sally Rogers, Eleesha Pereira, Lizzy Drablow

Apologies: Heather Maddocks, Belinda Butler

Previous Meetings Minutes:

Accepted: Karen Second: Penny

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

The roles of Uniform a Co-Ordinator, Treasurer, additional Vice President and President remained unfilled at the end of last AGM. There are 22 financial members of the Vacy School P&C who have voting rights.

Kathleen Isles was nominated as Treasurer by Karen, second by Penny.

Belinda Butler and Heather Maddocks came forward for the Uniform Co-Ordinator role. A vote was put to the committee and Belinda Butler was voted in as Uniform Co-Ordinator.

Penny Evans was nominated by Duncan Smith for President, second by Phil Clements.

An additional Vice President role is now required and will play a role in fundraising. Cassandra Allison was nominated by Karen, second by Loren Herrmann

Jamie Maddocks was to follow up confirmation of payment of Membership & Insurance to P&C Association. Jamie has been unavailable on the north coast and has not been able to comment on progress with this. Penny will follow up with Phil once he becomes available.

Principals Report

- Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction position has been filled at Vacy PS. Congratulations to Mrs Sally Rogers who has been selected to fulfil that role at Vacy.
- Decision not to sway students into different classes was made and publicised to parents a few weeks ago. The decision was made due to the fact that we have been overwhelmed this term with sickness and change. Classes will be quite full though.
- I have spoken to Steve Craft ASO, and he has passed on my email informing him of the future development in the area to his superiors. I told him that our P & C had many concerns about the ability of our current facilities to cater for the increase in student population. I also spoke to the principal at Lochinvar who is also fighting a similar battle with no avail.

- The new Inclusive, Engaging and Respectful Education Policy is being delivered to schools. There are some concerns, but I will be delivering the professional learning to our staff shortly. The three policies: Inclusive Education, Student Behaviour and Restrictive Practices Framework and Policy are quite different in some respects and will require us to change some of our practices in the school. New Policy will need to be drafted.
- Student Council has begun with our first sessions interrupted by the flood situation. Valuable feedback gained from younger students on their situations and feelings that can now be addressed by staff.
- School closure was determined by the advice taken onboard from the Police and SES. The department supported their concerns about the possibly flooding situation being worse than 2015 in the Dungog area which saw people lose their lives. The decision was made way above my head.
- Parent support sessions about how parents can assist their child at home are going to begin next term. Mrs Greaves and Mrs Rogers will be running the sessions for anyone who would like the support. For example, home reader program.
- Our current substantive GA Mrs Andrew Vine has resigned. Our relieving GA Mr Mark Cant, will continue to fill the position until it is finalised.
- The Year Six students with the assistance of the office staff are coordinating the mother's and Father's Day stalls this year. More information will come out shortly.
- Excursions - Surf School change of date to 25th March, Musical Performance for students 'Frozen' and then 'Little Mermaid' later in the year.
- We have a new counsellor in the school, Ingrid Rogers. We also have the assistance of Max Grieve from the Dungog Community Centre who will be working alongside each other to provide quality programs for our students.
- Parent survey will be distributed throughout the school before the end of term to assist us with our external validation and future planning.
- Mrs Amanda Buck will be returning next term. A huge thank you to Mrs Pereira, Mrs Drablow and Mrs Crouch for keep the ship sailing in her absence.
- Interest groups will begin next term if there is anyone who is interested in assisting us in the following areas, please email the school. Gardening, music, drama, cultural groups, robotics, craft, team sports
- If any parent has a complaint or needs clarification about anything, please contact the school so we can sort out your concern.
- Cyber-bullying concerns reported to the school will be passed on to the Incident Reporting Hotline and if needs be the Child Wellbeing Unit. These incidents are taken very seriously, and Police intervention is sometimes required. Our students will be participating in a Cyber safety Program with the Police Liaison Officer shortly. Please be aware of what your child is doing online and who they are interacting with. If any inappropriate content or actions occur, keep a screen shot as evidence and block the other user straight away. It is important that you let sites such as Facebook etc know what has happened too along with the Cyber Safety Team. Please also let me know if it concerns students at our school so I can put procedures in place to protect those involved.

The question was raised, if the school had considered attending surf school in Term 4 instead of 1 as there would be more opportunity to practice what has been taught coming into summer holidays, and it is a less busy term? The school offered surf school in Term 1 as the students had missed out on so much last year with Covid. Surf School is done every 2 years, so opportunity in future to attend in Term 4.

Penny took the opportunity to speak with state and federal members at the Gresford Show about the schools under resourcing. An email will be sent to Dave Lazelle who has offered to personally look at the school and respond to Penny.

Treasurers Report

Read by Vanessa, provided by Jamie

Current balances as at 6:30pm on 15/3:

P&C account: \$5,176.67

Canteen account: \$10,129.34

Canteen card: \$201.08

Some bills remain outstanding and are due at the end of the month.

Australian Charities and Not for Profit statement has been lodged for 2021.

Audit reports for both 2021 and 2020 have been generated and remain with the executive for sign off.

Bank accounts will need to be created and funds transferred to Regional Australia Bank once the new committee is formed.

The P&C will purchase a zoom link for use for 1 year. Vanessa to do

Canteen Report

None provided due to technical issues. More aprons need to be ordered for use in future fundraising events

Fundraising Plan

Bulb order has progressed but may need to be repromoted.

Easter Raffle tickets went out today

BBQ for clearing sale at Flying Fox Lane on 26 March. Need volunteers, from 7am to 1pm. Bacon and egg role, poppers, tea, coffee, steak, sausage sandwiches, lamingtons (anything that can be frozen). We should look to purchase our own square, perhaps Regional Australia Bank can include in a package. Note will need to be out a call for volunteers.

Fundraising calendar will be circulated to parents with an expectation of volunteering

Cracker night, May 28, hot pot, beef rolls, corn. Rotary has offered their van free of charge, Richie and Duncan have volunteered to fry chips. So yes, to accepting the van, Phil will inspect van to see what it offers.

Uniform Report

Cassie, unpacked 6 boxes of stock, and has a printed stock take report. She has been inundated with shirt orders. Uniforms are being solidly ordered.

New Business

Karen put forward that PnC support the breakfast club, for children. Yoghurt, milo, cereal, about \$2,000per year. Last year, businesses contributed and supported the club. Fruit is getting very expensive and would prefer these options rather than just cereal and toast. Penny suggested that we may be able source grants or other sources of income, such as “Good for Kids” grants, or donations from businesses or parents before committing committee funds. Penny suggested for Facebook, shout out to see what sponsorship we can get, - there was huge success with Pony club businesses coming forward to support them. Amanda will provide the details for a donation account.

Karen raised that she was concerned that the amount of money spent on the fans will not be well worth spend with the limited time, also the school is expanding that may not fit for much longer.

A wish list of fundable projects to be submitted to the P&C to decide where monies will be spent.

Correspondence:

None

Next Meeting. Week 3, 10 May, 7pm, Face to face and Zoom option

Meeting Closed: 8:33pm