

MINUTES

Vacy Public School

P&C Association Meeting

30th March 2021

Meeting Opened: 7:08PM

Attendees:

Karen Fonti, Penny Evans, Maree Greaves, Kristen Evans, Phill Clements, Jamie Maddocks, Duncan Smith, Vanessa Barwick, Kelly Peach, Alyssa Ulrick

Apologies:

Mel Smith, Lauren Herman, Cassandra Alison, Emma Eldridge, Kristy Grainger

Previous Meetings Minutes:

Accepted. Moved: Angela; Second: Maree

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

A calendar of events has been sent to parents.

Total is actively looking to engage Vacy P&C to be involved in Field Days. Jamie will see Jane as to what ideas she would like to propose. The school is happy to do craft again. Potentially less parent volunteers would be needed if the event is held in the Chapel again.

In Cassandra's absence, it was assumed uniforms (jackets) were purchased as a debit of \$1,189 has appeared in the P&C bank account.

Bulbs were not purchased by the school as the garden beds are not suitable.

New chopping boards have been purchased for the canteen

A 6month old, fridge has been purchased from Sydney and now waiting for delivery, approx. 2 weeks. A large stand up freezer has also been purchased from Organic Feast. The current canteen freezers intend to be sold to recoup some monies. Some rearranging of the canteen will be needed to fit the new appliances and Angela suggested removing the bug zapper would help.

Principals Report

- Drainage work complete next to the canteen so hopefully no more flooding. Flooding did occur during the recent downpour but no where near the amount as we have previously had.
- Fans are still ongoing. AMU are under the pump and haven't approved the work yet.
- Electrical issues with the lights and fans. Keep shorting out in 2/3 room & boys toilets.
- Bus issues (Hilldale route). Reports of inappropriate behaviour, swearing, disrespect towards the driver. Trevor, the owner of the bus company, has given all of the students a warning about their behaviour like I have, and threatened to take bus passes off students if the issues continue. I have

been in contact with the parents of the students involved and they are aware of the consequences. If your child reports an incident, please let me know and write an email to Linqs. At Week 10 a positive improvement overall in student behaviour. I will continue to monitor carefully.

- Student behaviour at school has not been desirable either with a lot of students getting loss of play or detentions. School behaviour policy is being followed in these matters. At Week 10 a positive improvement overall in student behaviour. I will continue to monitor carefully.
- 3 Way Conferencing thanks you for understanding regarding the change in times due to the floods. If parents are unable to attend we will send a copy of their child's goals home. Phone interviews are possible.
- Term 2 & 3 calendars are out to parents. Only thing missing on them will be the 'High School Musical' performance at the Civic Theatre. 1 big bus going, 53 students/3 teachers. Opened up to Years 3-6 first. And now to Year 2.
- Gresford Anzac Day march has been cancelled. Vacy PS will be having a service and the Year Six students will be making a video similar to last year.
- A drone has been used to take some arial shots of the school and students for a video Mr Smith is making about our school. This film can be used on our website or when new parents come to introduce them to the school.
- NAPLAN is on again in 2021 from 11th – 21st May. Years 3 & 5 will be sitting the online test.
- Staff taking leave this year: Mrs Greaves Term 2 Weeks 1 & 2 (Ms Graham relieving), Mrs Fonti Term 2 Weeks 9 & 10 (Miss Saxby relieving Mon/Tues), Mr Smith Term 2 Week 10 (Mr Lascelles relieving). Mrs Greaves will step up as Principal during this time.
- Stage 2 & 3 Camps – Your thoughts on having one every two years instead of annually. Survey to parents as costs involved are getting higher.
- Two parents attending Stage Three camp due to student support being required. They will only be there to assist in the evenings. Inclusive opportunities for all students is the main focus of the new Disability Strategies Policy within the Department.
- School Improvement Plan has been published on our school website along with our Annual School Report for your viewing. Thank you for your input throughout the process.
- Mrs Greaves presenting Everyday Math's Hub to parents.

Treasurers Report

To be provided by Jamie

Moved: Vanessa; Second: Phil

Jamie will contact Paul to understand if an external audit of bank accounts is required

Canteen Report

Thompson Pie Drive to be put on School Bag with orders due 14 May, collection 26th.

Crunch and Sip will continue to be provided monthly by the canteen. This incurs a cost of \$30-50, Penny suggested reaching out to ask for a community sponsor.

Thank you to Angela for providing containers for the Gresford Colts Presentation Day

Fundraising Update

Bulb orders currently at ~\$650 profit. To be broadcast again before closing date.

With current Covid restrictions easing there is now the possibility to hold a Supper Dance in the Hall (Term 2). Penny will speak with hall committee to see availability.

Vacy Country Carnival is going ahead on 12th September. Duncan suggested the Camp Oven Lamb stall is now available. It was agreed there would be interest in hosting this stall if lamb could be cooked in slow cookers, rather than camp oven fires. The school could still maintain “the look” of authenticity. Lamb legs would need to be donated to ensure profitability of event. Duncan will take proposal back to committee.

Uniform Report

None provided

New Business

The school is not renewing their Mathletics subscription. Karen suggested parents could purchase their own subscription. Individual teachers may provide their classes with an alternative resource. Targeting Maths is a suggested parent resource

As a result of the latest bus incident the school will use a more targeted approach in contacting parents of children known to catch a bus. No daily list is of children on the bus is compiled by the school.

The school may like to notify parents of the government’s Rural Transport Dispensation funding for parents who are needing to travel a distance to have students catch transport to school. Penny to provide website link.

Correspondence:

None

Next Meeting

4th May 7pm

Meeting Closed:

8:28pm