

Attendees:

Nina Santangelo, Karen Cunningham, Renee Gilbert, Ruth Winfield, Rachel Birkmyre, Louise Marr, Michelle Haynes, Mary, Liz Folkard, Cheryl Harris, Nicole Currey, Michelle Graham.

Apologies:

Ali Goodwin, Sarah Lawson

Minutes: General Meeting of the Vincentia High Community
Hosted by the Vincentia High School P&C

Acknowledgement to Country –

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from last meeting

Motion moved - Karen Cunningham Seconded – Liz Folkard

Principal’s Report by Ruth Winfield

- Please see attached pdf

Treasurer’s Report

- Louise to forward

Canteen Report

- Mary retiring the end of June 2020
- Thank you to all who helped regarding the JobKeeper initiative. Thanks to Louise for her expertise with this.

Correspondence

- Community Building Partnership Program 2020 – Ruth suggested furniture for two maths rooms that teachers have identified needed some.
- Ashley Tinkler requested support for HSC Packs. The P&C is more than happy to support this request but has asked Ashley for some suggestions and costings.

Michelle to forward to Sarah Lawson information for Sarah to review

Ruth to ask Ashley for suggestions and costings

General Business

- Huge thank you to all who have helped with the JobKeeper initiative for the canteen and anything that needs to be done clerically to run the P&C and the school.
- For all teachers and staff for putting themselves and their families at risk to help students to continue their education during this trying time. Teachers have been delivering support documents to students homes where needed. All teachers have stepped up and supported students massively during this time. Liz suggested a morning tea that the P&C paid for, for all teachers to attend at a cost of up to \$500. Moved – Louise Marr; Seconded – Liz Folkard. Ruth to organise date, Mary to do food through canteen.
- SCHOOL CAR PARK – there was a lot of negative feedback online regarding the closing of the school car park to students. A letter from a concerned parent was also received by the P&C. Ruth has explained that the car park was closed due to the demountable buildings being installed. The Dept of Education called and advised the date they would be delivered and it was very short notice so a decision had to be made quickly.
Students receiving fines was an issue for many parents if parking in the Leisure Centre car park. Ruth had spoken to Owen (Manager of Leisure Centre) and the car park is a public area so no fines would be issued to students parking there.
Ruth had also invited students to speak to her about the car park and the feedback was that the students had had enough of talking about it.
Due to an accident in the car park the whole area is being evaluated and Ruth will be speaking to the RMS and Council regarding the area to make it safe for students, staff, parents and also the busses that use the area.
Liz commented that she thought that Ruth was doing a wonderful job and thank you – Ruth has handled the situation very well with such negative and horrible comments online, and praised that the wellbeing hub is

now put in and she thought this was more important to the school community than the car park.

- REPRESENTATIVE SPORTS STUDENTS – all cheques have been written out and posted to students who represented the school last year. As of this year the P&C will be supporting the Sports Assembly as discussed at a previous meeting. Concerns were raised regarding a few students who cheques had been sent to and their events had been cancelled or postponed due to COVID-19. It was decided that the students do not need to reimburse as they will use it for the postponed events.
- BUSINESS MANAGERS POSITION – There was concern that the business managers position would not get much interest being advertised as a 6 month position. Ruth explained the position can only be advertised as a 6 month position as the role and job description will change from 2021 from what it is now.
- BYOD – Rachel addressed that her daughter was having trouble accessing WiFi at school on her BYOD. Ruth advised that all students having issues need to go to the library to see the Tech Support Officer who is there to help the students with these sorts of issues.
- COVID-19 UPDATES – Ruth will advise through email, facebook and website any and all changes with plenty of time relating to Covid-19.
- CHAPLAINCY – Still working through questions regarding this. It is going ahead slowly and Sandy is thinking of some ways to help the P&C manage this easier.
- MARY'S RETIREMENT – Nina to email after sourcing some suggestions.

NEXT MEETING TERM 3 - MONDAY 10TH AUGUST 2020



P&C meeting 18.5.20

Principal's report

1. School's response to COVID-19
 - Priority to continue learning
 - Google classroom
 - Paper Resources
 - Phone contact
 - Professional Learning for Staff – Teams, Zoom, Adobe Connect, Access to statewide staffrooms
 - Year 11 and 12 – ensured laptop access for Yr 11/12
 - Ensuring contact made with students.
 - Communication with community through vodcast with mixed results
 - Moving forwards - Year 12 forum providing feedback about learning from home.

2. We're growing - new buildings in place
3. Reviewing entrance/exit from school. Meeting with bus company and council
4. Staffing –
 - Congratulations to Rannay Henderson – Mathematics Teacher,
 - Currently recruiting PDHPE position, Business Manager

5. Bushfire Relief Strategy
 - Continue to review bushfire protection measures as part of state initiative balancing ecology and protection through
 - buildign design,
 - landscaping grounds and
 - evacuation procedures.

6. HSC Bag – Would P&C like to contribute

PLO Report for P&C Meeting 18 May 2020

- **The trial of Microsoft Sway for our newsletter** has been successful. It is emailed home, uploaded to the website and to Facebook. This version meets the DoE guidelines and can be read on any electronic device or saved as a PDF to print. We are able to upload as many photos as we like and embed videos.
- **Website** is updated multiple times each week and receives between 1200 and 2500 hits per week. A Learning from Home tab was added for Covid-19 updates. I have uploaded the videos that were posted to facebook. I have added a new page for the Wellbeing Hub under the PBS & Wellbeing tab. It will be updated regularly as the Wellbeing Hub develops. P&C minutes and agenda are uploaded each term. An updated canteen menu was uploaded and Uniform Shop dates fir Covid-19.
- **Facebook** continues to grow in followers and posts receive between 500 and 5000 engagements. Whilst I still post a few local employment opportunities on the Facebook page, we are trying to direct people to the careers website for job vacancies instead. I am posting a link to careers site weekly. As well as good news posts about our students and staff, I post community announcements that could benefit our students or school community. The post regarding changes to the car park created a wave of complaints that got too much to reply to over the weekend and so it was taken down.
- I update the **electronic sign** weekly with important dates and events.
- I send an article to the **About Magazine** every month and contact the **South Coast Register** for all our big news stories. The About magazine this month is about our Learning from Home program.
- Parents and students are welcome to email me any out of school achievements for publicity.
- I continue to track publicity for each faculty, with the aim of covering each one at least once per term, some faculties receive multiple per term. This tracking sheet covers South Coast Register, About Magazine and Newsletter articles, Facebook and Website news articles and events.
- The African Children's Choir UBUNTU #3 has been postponed to the same time next year.
- I worked closely with Ruth and Renee and Education Change Makers on 2 promotional videos for VHS. You will find 1 on the home page of our website. The other is targeted at Year 6 into Year 7 students and will be shown at the Yr 6 open nights and will be sent to local primary schools later in the year. I am making enquiries about the videos being distributed to show on public screens in medical centres etc.

Dear P&C

I was following the recent announcement about students not being allowed to park in the existing car space until it was removed. I was very disappointed about the way it was announced on a YouTube "chat" with the captains being given a directive by the Principle. There was no explanation or further discussion, after being told that they could no longer park on school grounds....

I could see there were a lot of people online and I can assure you, offline too, who were equally upset.

In our current world living with Corona Virus, families have little to no say over the safety choices for their children regarding whether to send or not send their children to school.

Being told their children now have to park elsewhere and walk or take the bus, has again taken away their parental choices about their children's safety.

I'm sure you can understand why families are extremely upset. In these current times families and students need to feel empowered in the safety choices for their children.

It is equally disappointing that our students were not given the opportunity to explore the processes of the democratic society in which we live, where people are informed, ideas are explored, and decisions of this nature are put to the vote.

Given we are a rural town, our context needed to be considered when deciding such a major transport decision, with all affected parties being heard and a vote taken.

Could you please answer the following questions?

- What was the process around this decision, e.g, why was there no discussion with all affected parties? Were local car parks contacted to see if students could park there all day? If the new parking arrangements it is to be the Marketplace car park, how will children safely access their cars through the bush surrounded walkways on their own? How will they carry often loaded bags, computers and major works from this distance?

- The responding post mentioned a choice was made between education and a car park... but this does not explain abolishing the already existing car park... If the decision was made for parents to drop off and pick up, they could park briefly in the Leisure Centre and cause less congestion and maintain the safety of students. If it is for more staff parking, I'm sure there is enough space for the students and staff to share this space. Students park all day and should have first access. It is their learning space and their safety (as minors) which should come above all.

- Who made this decision? Is there a reason why the "community" was not consulted? I understand with Corona Virus communication methods need to be altered, but there are many other communication platforms where this could have been put to the vote within the community such as, a Monkey Survey, Facebook votes, email votes, Zoom meetings with P&C and SRC students, which would have ensured everyone's thoughts are heard and counted.

I thank you for taking the time to read this letter and please revoke this decision and put the topic of, student exclusion from their current car park, to a vote for all to be heard and counted.