
Monday 3rd May 2021 Term 2

Commenced: 6.00pm

Attendees:

Michelle Haynes-Armstrong,
Michelle Graham, Lily O'Connor,
Sarah Bransgrove, Sara Chamberlain,
Gail Brown, Linden Quin, Jodie
Newman, Hayley Brauman, Karen
Cunningham, Aimee Brown, George
Brown, Sarah Ketelhohn, Sarah
Lawson, Ruth Winfield.

Apologies:

Mary Nelson, Nina Santangelo,
Jenny Moffat, Anna Butler, Sandy
Clarke, Jess Holloway-Fry, Megan
Goerlach.

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 - Jodie Newman Seconded – Lily O'Connor

Principal's Report by Ruth Winfield

Treasurer's Report

- Still in changeover stage from previous committee

Canteen Report

- Some concerns were brought up regarding canteen closing 5 minutes prior to bell. Suggestions were a digital clock for canteen to display for students. Warning bell was suggested but concerns that may cause a rush. The school is happy to work with the canteen to find a solution to concerns.
- Jenny Cooke from canteen staff is leaving in 4 weeks. P&C approved to pay for a gift for Jenny.

Staff Recognition

- Cathy Boyce – for organization of the Eagle Epic
- Jacque Copland – thanks for the milkshakes and organizing ANZAC Day attendance for students.
- Maree McNeil – all work with school based apprenticeships and indigenous programs
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Correspondence

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General Business

- Uniform Shop – change of hours. To fit in with working parents it was agreed the uniform shop needs to stay open at 7.45am for at least one day. It was agreed that Uniform Shop hours should be Monday 8am – 10.30am; Wednesday 7.45am – 10.15am; Thursday 8am – 11am.
- Michelle Haynes-Armstrong will also chase up what happened to the long pants in the uniform shop.
- Aunty Gai – asked P&C is ok to put language signs around the school. “We carry the fire for tomorrow” will be put up near front office above archway.
Clontarf Shirt – Year 12 boys receive a shirt. A Maroon shirt has been designed for Aboriginal girls to wear for their senior years, P&C agreed it would be a good incentive for these girls to continue to their senior years. A blue shirt has also been designed for all students to purchase.
P&C approved the signs & shirts to be considered part of the uniform for those students.
- Dhurga National Anthem – Michelle Cashman and Harmony Dyer are happy to record professionally the anthem to be played at assemblies – P&C approved.
- Sporting Bike Racks – Portable bike racks to be used for Coondoo, Triathlon, Sea Eagle Epic and Triathlon Training Days. Cathy Boyce requested the purchase of 8 racks. This was moved by Sarah Chamberlain; seconded by Karen Cunningham.
- Wreck Bay Community Council & VHS – Aunty Gai are looking at a shade sail for the new garden area named the George Brown Memorial Garden. It is being beautified and adding a full wall mural. Aunty Gai will forward a price to P&C to email out to all members to vote on.

- Harmony Dyer – A discussion was had regarding individual funding of students. As previously stated the P&C would prefer to fund faculties as more students and benefit from this. Lily will have a look at the Council Grants and forward letter. Ruth will run it past the wellbeing committee to see if she can hold a fundraiser at the school for raise funds to support her journey.
- Classroom Behaviour – Ruth has sent an email to all parents making them aware of the way classrooms are running. She explained classroom expectations, that the school is targeting students late to class to stop disruptions. Parents are encouraged to talk to kids about positives in school.
- Karen to let parents know via fb that parents can email the school at any time and admin will forward to the teacher concerned.
- Vietnam Returned Serviceman Uncle Garbo – the school will have an official opening of the Uncle Phillip McLeod Memorial Garden for Indigenous Returned Serviceman on Friday and asked P&C if they would like to attend.
- VHS Parent Linden brought some awareness to the P&C and the school regarding LBGTIQ attitudes at the school. These attitudes are not good and more awareness needs to be shown, not only to these students but all students. Headspace has been helpful and students need to be aware of safe spaces in the school. Linden has reached out to DET for resources regarding this at schools and lists support that can be given through schools, staff, students and parents. Ruth advised that training was held for staff at end of last year as staff didn't have the literacy around this issue. Ruth will take to the wellbeing team with any resources Linden has found that have been helpful. Linden presented a printed package with resources to have a look at and consider. Resource lists a step by step approach to create an inclusive environment for students. The thing these students have in common is school and to have programs or support groups in place at school to improve awareness and inclusivity for these students and understanding would be very beneficial.
- Using Cards to pay at canteen – can't be done as wifi isn't good enough. Ruth to look into.

- George Brown from Wreck Bay Community Council – advised the school that they are running a Homework Centre @ Wreck Bay on 19th May for indigenous kids. There are now 2 gardens and VHS
Holding a Career Expo for indigenous students on 25th June for NAIDOC Week and George will invite all prospective employers for work experience opportunities for these students.
Youth Leadership Forum – 22-23 May being run by the Regional Development Council and Wreck Bay Community Council teaching the kids in attendance resilience, leadership skills, wellbeing, about consent and a multitude of other topics will be covered.

NEXT MEETING

TERM 3 – WEEK 4 - MONDAY 4th AUGUST 2021