

# **Minutes:** General Meeting of the Vincentia High Community

Hosted by the Vincentia High School P&C

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**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**Term 1**

**Commenced:** 6.00pm

**Attendees:**

Michelle Haynes-Armstrong,  
Michelle Graham, Jodie Newman,  
Liz Folkard, Ruth Winfield, Mary  
Nelson, Sarah Ketelhohn.

**Apologies:**

Sarah Bransgrove, Sara Chamberlain,  
Renee Gilbert.

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## **Acknowledgement to Country –**

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes from last meeting.

**Motion moved - Jodie Newman**

**Seconded – Liz Folkard**

### **Principal's Report by Ruth Winfield**

- Playground – Term 2 Plan: The playground can be very temperamental and we have had many fights in the playground in recent times. We need to create a positive atmosphere and music was suggested to be played. Also limiting areas for senior and juniors.
- Vaping in toilets is still an issue. Teachers will be at the seniors and junior toilets to monitor as there is also quite a lot of vandalism being done to toilets.
- Ruth received a letter from the Department of Education congratulating her and VHS for high improvement in the state for HSC results. Well done!

### **Treasurer's Report**

- As per AGM

## Canteen Report

- As per AGM - \$20,000 to be handed over.
- Spriggy system is working very well.

## Community Liaison Officer Report

- **Newsletter:** is emailed home on the Thursday of Week's 3, 6 & 9 and uploaded to our website and Facebook. Each newsletter is viewed by 415 -675 people.
- **Website** is updated multiple times each week and receives between 1200 and 3000 hits per week.
- **Facebook** continues to grow in followers. As well as good news posts about our students and staff, I post community announcements that could benefit our students or school community. Please like or leave a comment on posts so that we don't disappear from your Facebook feed.
- **Alumni** – I contact ex-students to feature in our Where are they now series
- **Staff Profile** – introduces and informs of a staff members roles and passions
- **Electronic sign** is updated weekly with important dates and events.
- **About Magazine** has a VHS article every month
- **NSW School Updates app** and the NSW Education Parent App – includes links from our website for News, Events and Newsletter.
- Parents and students are welcome to email the school with any out of school achievements for publicity.
- Emails are sent home to the preferred contact list for year groups for all important messages, reminders, or events.

## Correspondence

- Gumbari and CAPA/TAS departments both put in for donations for projects at the meeting. Both are to be considered at next meeting when funds have been built up a bit and we have more information on each project with updated quotes.
- A suggestion is to try and apply for grants. Sarah suggested a Grant Organiser that can advise as to what to apply for.

## General Business

- Jo Warren – Thank you to P&C for all supporting given to projects for wellbeing around the school and community. Jo has been working as a community and a community and diversity mural. Give Out raised \$2,210 towards the cause. Jo wanted to advise the P&C their timeline which has now been put on paper and advising where they are at with fundraising and organizing. Meetings are in place, the SRC has been engaged for input and school promotions, workshops will be run, artists will be nominated, and mural will be worked on. All this will peak with Wear It Purple Day on 27<sup>th</sup> August to start conversations.
- Jo and her team have been encouraging school services to attend the VHS Wellbeing Hub, instead of missing us and continuing on to Ulladulla. COVID has stalled some of the services that would usually be offered, with Youth Councilors, Youth Mental Health Services, Anglicare and Councilor VAN (Sexual Assault & Trauma). There will be 2 purpose built consulting rooms and a councilors office. Jo is asking any services that may be interested please reach out. A Project Officer is also a really important position to the Wellbeing Hub, to continue the project going forward in an effective way. The fit out is being planned for the end of April, but won't be totally finished till approx.. Term 4. Illawarra Health may allow Telehealth for follow up appointments. If any P&C members know anyone who may be interested, contact Jo Warren. Check out VHS website, updates have been made with look and content.
- Mural – Aunty Gai and Maree McNeill are still talking to artist to get mural going.
- New teachers to receive a thank you card from P&C.
- Liz brought to the P&C's attention that on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 1200 educators marched through the centre of Nowra, with at least 20 of them being VHS educators. VHS has no casual teachers and the work load is causing burn out in our teachers. The P&C understands the great work load and pressure our teachers feel and will always try to support them as best we can as a committee and as parents of students who attend the school. Michelle Graham, Jodie Newman and Michelle Haynes-Armstrong did voice their opinion that the P&C meeting was not the

forum to discuss this as it felt very political and it didn't seem like the right place to discuss.

- Liz suggested a morning tea for all teachers and staff for a job well done. Vouchers were considered a better idea as staff could use when they wanted and wouldn't miss out if they were not available to attend morning tea. Vouchers were printed and given to staff to be redeemed at the school canteen during Term 2. All agreed it was a great idea to show support to our teachers and we know they are all doing their best under crazy and unpredictable circumstances.

Meeting closed 7.40pm

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**NEXT MEETING**  
**TERM 2 – WEEK 4 - MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022**