

Vincentia High School

P&C Meeting Minutes

23 February 2012

Present: Jenny Durante, Steve Glenday, Peter Dooley, Annette Bevan, Jenny Moffat, Sandra Coyte, Melinda Creamer, Karma Fiez, Linda McKay, Clare Proudfoot, Nathan Cash, Tobi Craig, Karen Cunningham

Apologies: Michelle Marland, Sonja Hammond, Kim Trew

Meeting Opened: 7.35 pm

Previous Minutes: Accepted – Jenny D 1st, Peter Dooley 2nd

Business Arising:

- P&C financial support to VHS Triathlon teams: 138 students will represent All Schools event. P&C have not given any funds previously. Triathlon gives students confidence and focus. Suggestion that P&C donate \$2000 and the school will purchase from the Triathlon wish list eg; uniforms, kick boards, subsidising trips, bike equipment etc. All members present agreed to donate \$2000 to VHS Triathlon Teams, Motion moved Jenny M 1st, Karen C 2nd

Correspondence:

Received

- Letter from Shelley Hancock in further response to the fence issue – Steve Glenday elaborated on this: Minister for DET (Adrian Piccoli) spent considerable time at the school last week having a look around. He was given info about the schools need re: the 8 community agencies that utilise the school facilities, more amenities (toilets) and classrooms, senior area, visitors building, refurbishment. The Minister was impressed with what VHS were doing and met some senior students. DET not building any security fences at the moment, however, VHS is a priority. All improvements may still be a 12 month process

Treasurer Report: December 2011 and January 2012 as attached, accepted Peter Dooley 1st, Annette Bevan 2nd

Canteen Report: December 2011 and January 2012 as attached, accepted Peter Dooley 1st, Jenny Durante 2nd

- The canteen is going well, Mary is doing a fantastic job – she puts in a lot of volunteer hours to ensure the canteen runs efficiently and profitably
- Profits in Term 4 2011 were down
- Canteen will give P&C \$32000 in March 2012

GUEST SPEAKER: Sharna Corbett – PSP Priority Schools Program

VHS has been a recipient of Priority Schools Program support for approx 8 years. The PSP supports schools that have high concentrations of families of low socio economic standing. The program provides additional assistance to the school to reduce the achievement gap for students and focuses on improving literacy and numeracy. VHS would like to use this funding for staffing, consultancy, programs for disengaged students, alternative programs and a junior homework centre.

A survey will be issued to every student in Year 7 and 8 on 5 March 2012. The survey is treated as highly confidential and there are no names or addresses attached to the survey paperwork. Assistance is provided at the front counter in filling out the forms.

The only way that funding can be secured is to ensure a very high return rate of the surveys – all families are strongly encouraged to fill out the survey and return to the school. VHS may offer a raffle of an iPad (each child who brings home a survey will go into the draw). If VHS get a high enough return of the surveys we may be eligible for PAS Priority Action School Funding which qualifies the school for extra support through specialised programs.

Principal's Report:

- Term 1 has seen a number of incidents/ problems/ fights. The whole school has a no tolerance policy to any antisocial behaviour or disengagement from learning by students
- The COLA in front of the Administrative office is finished. Total cost of the 3 COLA's was approx \$165000. Would like to make the whole front space a green area with plants and extra seating, including resurfacing in front of the hall. Once the beautification is complete will look at rainwater tanks for that area. The joint school funding for the COLA's has been very successful and are looking at the next project for 2013 submissions (COLA for basket ball courts). So far P&C has donated over \$58000 towards COLA's.
- Still looking for a school bus to purchase – Al Voysey is assisting. Current school bus is for sale \$ 2000 - \$ 4000
- Year 7 camp next week
- Mr Glenday has received many requests for school assistance so far this year. VHS receives \$13000 p/a to use for subsidising student excursions, uniforms etc
- All Schools Triathlon – 138 students will be attending. Year 7 training day was very successful. 60 students volunteered at the Huskisson Triathlon. Joanne Warren and Cathy Boyce do an awesome job
- New careers advisor – Holly Pastor. Jenny M to follow up re: emails to students/parents from Careers Advisor
- University early entry has been brought forward to August. There is a big push from Canberra University in attracting students from VHS to attend – they will be visiting the school with more information later this year. Parents urged to look at University websites. Early entry is on Principals recommendation. University of Canberra and University of Wollongong attract bonus points on ATAR if attending from VHS
- School Photos – Science Department are not running this fundraiser this year – is P&C interested?
- SKWIRK – interactive learning website. Covers the core subjects of primary and secondary schooling – strong visuals and dynamic learning experience. McDonalds no longer sponsoring Maths on Line.
- Will have more information from Minister Department of Education & Training at the next P&C meeting

General Business:

Jenny M – Old school website is linked to the new site. New bulletin board – will cost approx \$11000 so will persist with the old one. Jenny will speak to Jo Warren re: Car Boot Sales to find out when planned for 2013

Tobi C – Tobi has had feedback about the school recently re: a caring and supportive environment. Would like to see tutoring for chemistry and physics start asap

Peter D – Swimming carnival was great with a student from Ulladulla High School breaking Lori Munz (former VHS student) long standing Butterfly record

Clare P – Their family is very happy with the standard of teachers at VHS and happy with the level of homework set for students

Sharna C – HSC – half yearly exam marks are very important. The half yearly's are in approx 4 weeks time; 19/3 will be half yearly theory and 26/3 will be half yearly practical. WK 7 (14 March) Parent

teacher night for Yr 11/12. HSC Trials will be 13 August and go for 7 school days. The 4 week time period after the trials is critical time for study for HSC exams

Steve G – Front of the school appearance will change considerably due to shopping centre development. There will be an underpass to the shopping centre and traffic lights near the front of the school where the entrance to the complex will be located. Roadworks for these changes will start April 2012 and continue until approx December

Jenny D – Suggested Yr 12 breakfast on the day the HSC marks are released. The event would be hosted by P&C before school, inviting Yr 12 students and family for BBQ breakfast

Annette B – Presentation Day 2011 was a great success; daytime proved to be a good change

Karen C – Cocktail party fundraiser – she will look into it, if P&C are interested in doing it

Next meeting AGM at 7pm with general meeting starting at 7.30pm – 22 March

Meeting closed: 9.00pm