

Minutes
General Meeting of Vincentia High School P&C
Thursday 27 March 2014

Meeting Commenced 7.38pm

Attendees: Peter Dooley, Cathy André (Minutes), Fotis Loupos, Colleen Stahlhut, Neil Allen, Rosana Nemet, Pat Thompson, Annette Bevan, Steve Glenday, Amber Grainger

Apologies: Renae Gilbert

Minutes from Previous Minutes were adopted by Peter Dooley and seconded by Colleen Stahlhut.

Business Arising

ACTION

Staff Recognition Thank You Cards

- Steve confirmed that photos of staff receiving recognition awards will now be promoted in the school newsletter.

Next Round of Staff Recognition Awards

Karen Cunningham – promotion of parent workshops via media and postcard production and distribution.

Rosana Nemet

Kylie-Ann Cody - Kitchen initiative to encourage participation from Support Unit students.

Brendon Gibson - Efforts to finish the construction of the BushScape Café.

Ged Brindley – Inspirational teacher who is committed to finding the best in every student.

The Committee agreed to provide the Canteen Staff with thank you cards that included a free lunch at the BushScape Café in recognition for their ongoing support and commitment.

Rosana Nemet

Recipients include:

- Mary Nelson - Jenny Cooke
- Kerry Lingard - Kath Nation

The Committee agreed that a \$100 gift voucher should be included in Mary Nelson's thank you card in gratitude of her continued support and efforts to provide an exceptional level of service to staff and students.

**Jenny Moffatt to advise
Cathy Andre of beauty
salon. Cathy to purchase
voucher.**

In addition the Committee nominated the following parents and ex student as recipients of a thank you card and BushScape lunch for their dedication in offering support to the school at the All Schools Triathlon Event held each year at the Penrith Regatta Centre.

Rosana Nemet

- Jim & Jenny Birdfield - Luke Harden
- Phil Kennedy

Parent Communication

- Foty confirmed that postcards promoting the parent workshop program were sent to Year 7 students. More cards have been printed and will be sent to the remaining years.
- Steve confirmed that newsletters are distributed electronically each week to email addresses provided by parents.
- Amber Grainger congratulated Cathy Boyce for providing personalised feedback to students on their performance at the All Schools Triathlon event.

Bendigo Bank Luncheon

- Bendigo Bank Management will confirm with Steve Glenday when they are available to attend luncheon at BushScape Café.

Principal's Report	Steve Glenday
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- On Monday 3rd March, 2014 Geoffrey Ellison Deputy Chair of the Board of Directors for the Sanctuary Point branch of the Bendigo Community Bank presented scholarships of \$5,000 to Nicole Miles and Ebony Booth. The scholarships were given to support the students with the cost of their University Education and studies. The bank provides \$20,000 in scholarships each year to Vincentia High. They are currently promoting the partnership in a video to other communities. Steve thanked Veronica Husted, Bendigo Bank Director, for taking every opportunity to support the school.
- Year 7 camp has been postponed until Term 4 Week 2 due to wet weather.
- Steve reported that the school has initiated a Cheese Making program. This is a partnership program with the Victorian Dairy Industry and local cheese makers, Jindy Cheese.
- 80 bottles of wine will be bottled this year from the school's vineyard. The first year vintage will be auctioned as a fundraiser. Amber offered to invite her friend, who is a wine tasting expert, to attend the auction.
- Illawarra Alpacas has partnered with the school to support the Alpaca program. The school currently owns 5 alpacas. Three of the group were champion paraders at the Moss Vale Show. They will go on to represent the school at the Camden show and then students will spend 10 days presenting them at the Royal Easter Show.
- Chook Club will begin Monday 31 March 2014. The chicken breeding program is underway in preparation for Royal Easter show in 2015.

Amber to follow up wine tasting contact.

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- The school is struggling to maintain paint work. This will be followed up in the holidays.
 - Five Year 11 students attended the University of Wollongong (UOW) during the holidays and now have 1 unit credited to their degree. UOW are providing more than 20 hours of tutoring time for Vincentia High students which will work towards their future modules.
 - University of Canberra are providing Innovation Centre tours for students.
 - Australian National University has recently been promoting early entry opportunities for students.
 - Foty reported that from the 97 students that sat the 2014 HSC, 55 had an ATAR pathway and 45 were offered university placements in the first round.
 - The Bay and Basin Learning Community was launched this term. This program provides a seamless progression for students from Kindergarten to Year 12. The school is rebadging their transition programs and will now be targeted at Years 4, 5 and 6. Year 6 Sanctuary Point students spent 3 days at the high school at the end of last year. This received positive support and resulted in one of the easiest transitions to date.
 - This year the school will focus on three main themes:
 1. **Assessments.** The majority of which will be completed in class. Marks will no longer be given from a score of 100 but as an A,B,C or D grade. This will help to reduce student anxiety.
 2. **Literacy and numeracy** particularly for Years 7 & 8 but working up the line. ALARM is a scaffolding tool to help students write essays.
 3. **Positive Behaviour** – Working with students to promote their personal best and respect.
 - Foty noted that there had been more than 30 students attending the homework centre with core group of Year 7 juniors. Year 7 -9 require permission for the first visit.
 - There were eight requests to run the first workshop again. The committee agreed to invite parents to attend this repeated workshop on 8 May 2014. An RSVP will be required.
 - Bay & Basin Community Centre has partnered with the school to support the Parent workshops and will provide refreshments and guest speakers when. Students are welcome.

Foty Loupos

Treasurers Report	Neil Allen
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- Neil Allen tabled report.

**Neil to email report to
Cathy Andre.**

Canteen Report

- Report to be emailed to Cathy.

Jenny Moffatt

General Business

- Facebook launched Tuesday 25 April 2014. Information Nights will be promoted on this page. Posting will be available after approval.
- Receipt for thumb drive passed to Treasurer.
- Amber thanked Foty for his commitment to the homework centre and Philosophy classes. Rosana added that the Philosophy classes have had a long lasting effect and meaningful impact on her child's study.
- Robbie Collins continues to host an information night for Vincentia High students to introduce them to the Shoalhaven University of Wollongong campus. Foty encouraged students to attend.
- Pat Thompson congratulated the school on their positive support of other students and overall respectful behavior at the All Schools Triathlon.

Correspondence

- School Global Budget
- Thank you for presentation day from Steve Glenday
- Publicity officer report was tabled

Meeting Closed 9.07pm

**NEXT MEETING
THURSDAY 22 MAY 2014 7.30PM**