
Minutes: General Meeting of the Vincentia High Community

Tuesday 23 June 2016

Commenced: 7.50pm

Attendees: Peter Dooley, Steve Glenday, Neil Allen, Rosana Nemet, Cathy André (minutes), Angie Jenkins

Apologies: Nina Santangelo, Colleen Stahlhut,

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from May 2016.

Motion moved - Rosana

Seconded - Steve

Business Arising

Canteen

- Pete tabled the canteen staff entitlement calculations provided by Jenny. This report confirmed provisions were satisfactory.
- Jenny has made enquiries with BOSCO on the most appropriate accounting package for the canteen.
- Jenny advised that superannuation payments were not automated.

Staff Recognition Thank Your Cards

- **Tracey Borg / Mr Ebdon** – Science Parent Information Session.
- **Denise Hough / English teacher** – Tournament of the Minds Coordinators.

Community Engagement

- Pizza Night
 - Friday 9th September 2016 from 5.30pm
 - School will provide pizzas
 - Steve confirmed school / staff support
 - School wine will be sold on the night

Neil to contact BOSCO and enquire about software package and automated superannuation payment requirements.

Steve to provide Rosana with name of English teacher for Tournament of the Minds thank you card.

Communication / Marketing to be planned at the July meeting.

Principals Report

- Cathy provided Steve with Water Filling Station contact. Steve is currently in negotiation with the supplier.
- Steve asked Vincentia High Community to write to the RMS, Shelley Hancock and the General Manager of Shoalhaven City Council, requesting a change of 40km speed limits that reflect the school times and faster traffic light changes during peak school times.
- Street Artist, Matthew Thompson completed a wonderful mural of a native bird on the canteen wall.
- Great participation in Tournament of the Minds.
- Very powerful presentation to Years 9 and 10 boys by Dan Hunt from St George Rugby League about managing depression, anxiety and bipolar.
- Well Being Program is a bonus for the school. New focus on how to build resilience.
- Under 13's Rugby League team won their competition.
- 135 families attended the Year 11 elective subject selection night. Agreed that a positive, encouraging and informative approach should always be adopted by presenters at such events.
- Steve reported that a group of Year 11 and 12 students had sought approval from Bill Donoghue to clean up the litter in the student carpark area with the use of a bobcat. Angie Jenkins added that she had also been in discussion with Bill in relation to this matter and provided the following overview:
 - Angie is providing leadership for two Year 8 students as part of the mentor program that has been initiated to develop links with the community and local industry.
 - The students are investigating conservation in their local environment and have developed a Poster Design Competition that promotes bushland values and threatened species in and around the school. They have chosen the student carpark area as a focal point to tidy up and conserve.
 - The winning poster will be displayed in the carpark and prizes awarded on Threatened Species Day – 7 September 2016.
 - Students aim is to change behavior about litter and increase respect for their school environment.

Steve to provide Peter with an outline of ideas. Peter to write letter and seek final approval from Steve.

Angie has since provided student donation request letter. Vincentia High Community agreed to fund a prize. Pete to respond to the students.

Steve will arrange for the students to present to the SRC.

Steve to follow up Ms Gilbert to ensure the students' PowerPoint presentation is shown at the Executive Meeting.

- Angie had emailed Bill advising him of legislative requirements when clearing vegetation.
- Angie noted that one of the trees in the carpark is a potential risk. Steve reported that trees had been checked last week and nine were marked to be removed. Angie noted that a wildlife handler should be onsite during the felling of trees.

Treasurer's Report

- Report presented.

Canteen Report

- Report tabled.

Correspondence

- View Club
- P&C National Body – Gonski Support
- Invitation to participate in Gonski door knock Sunday 26 June.

General Business

- Peter reported that Jocelyn had tested the ENews Application. Jocelyn recommended that the app would not be cost effective (\$750 fee the first year and \$550 thereafter) if it was used only to promote the School Newsletter. Other than that she was neither for nor against the implementation. Foty suggested consolidation of 1 or 2 communication tools such as Facebook and the website.
- Peter provided uplifting accounts from students who participated in the African Choir workshops.
- Steve thanked Jo Warren and the SRC for their efforts organising the Refugee Week Photo Exhibition on Monday night. The displays were well received.
- Foty reported that a Gonski rally had just been held in front of Ann Sudmalis' office. He encouraged everyone to participate in the door knock event at Shoalhaven Heads on Sunday at 10am and invited people to contact him if they wished to help at polling booths 2 July.

Neil to email Cathy with report for filing.

Peter to investigate ENews further and provide a working paper for the Executive.

Nest Meeting

Thursday 28 July 2016 7pm

In the Library