
Minutes: General Meeting of Vincentia High School P&C

Tuesday 27 October 2015

Commenced: 7.42pm

Attendees: Annette Bevan, Rosana Nemet, Steve Glenday, Neil Allen, Pat Thompson, Colleen Stahlhut, Cathy André (minutes)

Apologies: Peter Dooley, Kerry Wright, Jenny Moffat, Renee Gilbert

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from October 2015.
Motion moved - Rosana
Seconded - Colleen

Business Arising

Staff Recognition Thank Your Cards

Steve identified the following recipients for the next round of Staff Recognition cards

- **Tom Mason** – Awesome coordination of Year 7 camp.
- **Jessie Norman** – Awesome coordination of Year 7 camp.
- **Maryanne Meehan** – Fantastic ‘go to person’ for Year 7 camp.
- **Karen Lane** – 11th year catering for Year 7 camp.

Planning for the Year Ahead – carried over

Discussion held on programming for the future and how to link to the Wellbeing program. What are the expectations and goals of the P&C? All agreed that programs should be based around connecting to the community. Agreed to put forward ideas at the next meeting.

Holly Pastor’s message was read by Cathy. Holly offered to continue to run the Parent Information Sessions. Toni suggested that a focus on a particular Year often receives positive participation. Steve added that teachers wanted to use the sessions to educate parents on the Key Learning Areas for their faculty. He requested the first information session be presented

Rosana

P&C members bring program ideas to the next meeting.

Carried Over.

by Science followed by Maths. Agreed to run the sessions in Term 2.

Australian Schools Plus

Steve agreed that this program should be kept on the agenda but is dependent on the election outcome and the continuation of the Gonski funding.

Steve is presenting the benefits of Gonski funding at the State Principal's conference next Friday. Vincentia High School has received Gonski funding for this year and will receive \$1.25m in 2017. The funding is a major contributor in providing support for 11 support classes, 53 students with disabilities attending mainstream classes and aboriginal programs.

Canteen Voucher

Rosana confirmed that Mary had been presented with a beauty voucher.

Future meetings

All agreed that future meetings begin at 7pm. Due to the Easter Break agreed that the next meeting and AGM be held Thursday 31 March 2016. **All other meetings will run on the fourth Thursday of every month.**

Principals Report

- In response to Peter's enquiry, Steve confirmed all students had received their diaries and that they were being used in the classroom. Steve agreed that commitment from all teachers and students continued to be a work in progress.
- Great response from the Year 7 Brain Day. This event has been booked for 2017. Year 11 were also involved in the workshop.
- Wollongong University ran workshops for Year 7. Steve is now in discussion with the university to run similar workshops for Years 8, 9 & 10. These workshops will run in conjunction with the diary program.
- Funding for the electronic sign has been received from Woolworths.

- Jenny Durante represented the P&C at the recent staff interviews. A representative from the newly formed P&C will be required to participate on future interview panels.
- The School Excellence Framework is a document that measures the schools' deliverables and outcomes. Steve noted that the P&C provides the link between the school's performance and the community. Steve asked that the P&C review the framework and discuss at the next meeting. Steve will provide a copy to all members.
- Teachers have been trained to run the Wellbeing program. Seniors are involved and 80% of classes actively engaged. This program is tied into student attendance.
- 1087 students enrolled. Additional 46 students enrolled in Term 1.
- TAFE are delivering the Human Services course at the school. Fantastic feedback from TAFE. Based on the success of this course, TAFE are considering running more courses in the school in 2017.
- Great things happening with the Invest program and Kiama Community College.
- The School Newsletter will be revamped this year. Ads will be moved to the website and facebook.
- The school's facebook page is receiving over 1000 hits per day.
- Staff Development program will run over 4 afternoons this term.
- Parent and Teacher interview dates will be advertised on the website and facebook.
- All Schools Triathlon next week. Biggest school representation to date. 57 individuals and 34 teams.
- Sheep and Alpacas will be shown at the Canberra show.
- Great results from the students at the swimming carnivals.
- Sarah Ewers won the State Environmental Award as an outcome of the MAD project.

Steve to provide Framework document to P&C members for review.

Treasurer's Report

- Report tabled. Accepted by Rosana.
- Closing balance \$67,720.00
- Cathy asked for the report to be emailed to her for filing.
- Neil to advise Cathy if she can confirm signature at the Nowra Bendigo Bank branch.

Neil to Email Cathy the report.
Neil to confirm if Cathy can sign documents at Bendigo Bank Nowra.

- Neil confirmed that the financials will be provided to Bosco for auditing early next week.

Neil to provide Bosco with financials.

Canteen Report

- Canteen Reports for December 2015 and January 2016 tabled.
- Cathy to request Jenny to provide Bosco with financials for auditing purposed.

Cathy to email Jenny re Bosco audit.

Correspondence

- Notice of Endorsement for Charity Tax Concession.
- Easter Bakers Delight fundraiser – declined.
- Gonski Campaign P&C Federation NSW
- Enrolment Notice P&C Federation NSW
- Student Injury Insurance – declined.
- South Coast P&C Federation Forum.

General Business

- Toni provided an overview of the African Youth Choir tour that Vincentia High the first week of May with a public performance held Thursday 5 May. The P&C agreed to support the event by manning the merchandise stand and contributed \$1000 towards the fundraising. Peter thanked Toni for her efforts in coordinating the event and the host families.
- Peter thanked members of the P&C for volunteering at the Gonski petition last week.
- Toni suggested the P&C documents be saved to the Cloud. Cathy to investigate.
- Rosana suggested the P&C change its name to make the group more appealing and inclusive.
- Can we report on the number of website searches for the P&C minutes? Cathy to follow up with Karen.

Cathy to follow up file saving options.

Cathy to follow up website report with Karen.

P&C to put forward suggested names for the P&C at the next meeting.

Meeting closed: 8.45pm

Next meeting to be held in the Library.

Thursday 31 March 2016

7PM