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|  |  | **Thursday 27 October 2016** |
| **Minutes:** General Meeting of the Vincentia High Community |  | **Commenced:** 7.05pm**Attendees**: Peter Dooley, Steve Glenday, Pat Thompson, Nina Santangelo, Rosana Nemet, Foty Loupos, Neil Allen, Liz, Suzanne Fruend, Cathy André (minutes), **Apologies**: Jenny Moffat |
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| **Approval of Minutes**Motion to approve minutes from September 2016.Motion moved - RosanaSeconded - Pat**Business Arising****Canteen** * Direct Debit facilities have been set up to access Xero Accounting package. Integration of canteen computer has delayed access to the software. Steve confirmed that the issue has been resolved.

**Staff Recognition Thank Your Cards*** **John Fairs –** Money Matters class supports local Dairy Farmers with successful advertisement.
* **Bill Donoghue –** Collaboration program with local primary schools (Tomerong/Huskisson) to introduce students to laser cutter design.
* **Jenny Durante –** Has taken on an administration leadership role during staff absences.
* **Megan Goerloch –** Coordination of health progam for Special Education classes and Year 12 Crossroads program.

**Traffic Conditions*** Pete tabled Transport NSW’s letter of response.
* Transport NSW have declined the request to change speed zones in the morning but is considering extending the afternoon time.
* No response in relation to traffic light timing.
* Agreed to monitor progress.

**Insurance Policy Review – carried over****Year 12 Year Book*** Rosana and Pete provided Miss Higgins with a forward on behalf of the Vincentia High Community.
* Steve reported that the Year Book is currently being printed and will be presented at the Year 12 Formal.

**Principal’s Report*** BOSTES (Board of Studies) will be replaced by the Australian Standards Commission. This change will result in the following:
* Revamp of Junior School
* Second semester program for Year 10 students will mirror their HSC choices.
* Preliminary HSC classes will provide Year 10 students with a sense of the HSC requirements.
* Courses will now be run as skills based rather than content based.
* Crossroads Mental and Sexual Health Programs were presented. Dan Hunt facilitated the workshops for Years 9 and 10.
* Ali Taylor coordinated Mindfulness programs.
* A ‘no tolerance policy’ has been implemented to discipline students that disregard school rules.
* External validation achieved.
* HSC currently in progress.
* Successful SRC Camp held this week. Camp managers commended the students for their positive behavior and welcome the school for future camps.
* Paul Hogan has accepted the position of Principal at Goulburn High School.
* Retiring teachers include:
* Vicki McKenzie
* Jo Warren
* Sharna Corbett
* Rai Roxbury
* Steve introduced Liz who nominated Peter Dooley to receive a P&C Life Membership. Liz provided an overview of Pete’s tireless commitment to support the school, its students and staff. Activities included:
* Student mentorship.
* Volunteering at sporting events such as triathlons, mountain biking, AFL.
* Ensuring inequality is never a roadblock for student participation at sporting and academic events.
* Recognising the efforts and meeting the needs of the Canteen staff.
* Steve seconded the nomination and praised Pete for his foresight in initiating programs like the Beautification of the School and his overall unflagging support.

There was a unanimous support for Pete to receive the P&C Life Membership. Pete humbly accepted.**Treasurer’s Report*** Tabled by Neil. Pete moved to accept the report and Rosana seconded.
* Rosana presented school receipt and thank you card for recent donation.
* Canteen Business Activity Statement presented by Rosana. Statement placed in Canteen pigeon hole for Jenny to collect.

**Canteen Report*** Report tabled. Pete accepted the report.

**Correspondence*** Thank you card from Kim & Jason Trew - Vincentia High Community supported Jake’s participation in the All School’s Soccer competition.
* Steve advised that Jake will now represent the nation in England and as such asked Vincentia High Community to contribute $500 towards travel expenses.
* Rosana moved to accept the request and Neil seconded.
* Pete was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from a NSW Government representative at the Year 8 Mentoring presentation morning tea. Pete noted that the presentations were very impressive and that students were articulate and demonstrated increased self confidence.

**Website/Facebook Report*** 150 views of the School website last month and 31 views of the P&C page.
* 800 daily Facebook hits.

**General Business*** Steve requested funding to purchase a wood router (laser cutter) and x6 3D printers to complete the Manufacturing Centre. Total cost $32,000. Pat moved to accept the request and Rosana seconded.
* Foty reported that he and Holly Pastor were submitting a proposal to Council to initiate a School Enterprise shop at The Basin. The aim is to provide students with a simulated retail environment. A Tea Shop has been proposed with an option to set up an additional training room that could be leased back to the community. The Special Education team have offered support to manage the tea packaging and the INVEST group will run the outlet.
* Suzanne Fruend congratulated the school on its varied programs.
* Liz invited staff, parents and students to join a bus tour to Parliament House on 30 November to meet with Tanya Plibersek. Topics of discussion would include Gonski funding.
* Liz congratulated Vincentia High School for providing the live animal farm at the Sanctuary Point Public School fete.
* Nina initiated a discussion on how to implement parent workshops that deal with issues such as mental health, school engagement, teenage partying and drugs. Suggestions included:
* Pat proposed another Pizza Night at the beginning of the year to introduce new families to the school.
* Community exhibition at the start of the year to engage parents with sporting clubs, support groups such as Headspace etc.
* Rosana identified that as a group we need to develop a culture of information events for the community.
* Organise one or two major events to create a sense of occasion.
* Foty suggested that regular smaller workshops should feed into the major events so momentum is sustained. He added that parents and the community body could be audited to determine what ‘specialities’ are available e.g. Suzanne had expertise in suicide prevention program ASIST.
* Pete read Ali Taylor’s proposal to run parent workshops concurrently with the student mental health program facilitated by Dan Hunt. Steve supports Ali’s proposal.
* Rosana raised a concern that students were being inadvertently made to attend religious events. Steve advised that as part of the NSW Department of Education’s Religious Policy parents must provide a letter at the beginning of each year if they wanted their child/s to opt out of religious programs. Any concerns should be sent to Steve in writing for him to forward to the Director.
 |  | **Pete to evaluate policies.****Neil to advise Jenny to collect Business Statement.****$500 cheque to be presented to Jake Trew.****Workshop planning November meeting.****Steve to discuss Dan Hunt parent sessions with Ali and provide confirmed details.** |

**Meeting closed 8.45pm**

**Next Meeting in the Common Room**

**Thursday 24 November**