

Michelle Graham, Jodie Newman,
Liz Folkard via phone, Sarah
Lawson, Anna Butler, Ruth Winfield,
Monique Jackson.

Michelle Haynes-Armstrong, Mary
Nelson

Minutes: General Meeting of the Vincentia
High School P&C Association
For the Vincentia High School community

Acknowledgement to Country –

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from last meeting.

Motion moved - Jodie Newman

Seconded – Anna Butler

From Minutes from last meeting

- From last meeting Liz asked if a Union Rep could attend the meeting and talk on their campaigns and support for teachers. Monique Jackson offered her time to attend. It was a very informative conversation with some shocking facts being relayed to the P&C. The “More than Thanks” campaign is the current campaign. Some stand out facts were teachers are paid for 35 hours per week and actually work 60 hours plus a week; and the sad fact that 1 in 8 teachers are leaving in the first 5 years of their careers. Liz’s support of VHS & public education is unrivaled. She is so passionate and been involved in supporting public education for over 30 years. We are glad as a P&C that Monique could attend and we thank Liz for the suggestion. Monique gave an overview on the Teachers Union, their role in ensuring the school is working within awards and to support staff with anything they need. Jaz Corr is the Teachers Federation Rep. The question was presented to Monique “What can the VHS P&C do to support teachers?” Monique was taking that question away and coming back to us next meeting.

- Canteen Mural Update: Jaz had submitted mural outline. Jodie to contact Jaz to find out if she is still happy to continue with the mural. If not we will source someone else.
- Support Bus Update: Price on lease was received but the Support Unit needs space for 2 anchored wheelchairs. Ruth was waiting for updated information. A light vehicle licence will be required to drive the bus. Ruth will follow up on the \$40,000 to be refunded to the P&C to Bendigo Bank account.
- Gumbari Shed Update: Ruth informed the P&C that she wasn't aware of this project, that the school needs to handle any construction funding so that all safety/construction guidelines are followed. The P&C have held off this money and will see what happens after this is run through the proper channels and how the P&C can help see this project come to fruition. Jodie will liase with Ruth and forward to P&C to see where we go from here as information comes to hand.

Principal's Report by Ruth Winfield

- The school held meetings around subject selections for year 10 to year 11. Parents and students both came in and talked about subjects, videos were available online and all executives were involved in the process. It was a very successful outcome for all involved.
- Year 6 interviews: An open evening was held, each year 6 student as also been interviewed and welcomed to the school
- VHS is working on the new Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP)
- Student Showcase is coming up
- Social Media Awareness Workshop for parents and community of VHS: parents and community are invited to this event. Police, the Social Media Unit, Wellbeing Staff and NSW Government school reps will be available to answer questions and go through some activities to make attendees more aware of the issues facing our students. We hope this is well attended and it has been a long time in the works to bring this together.

Treasurer's Report

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Canteen Report

- Jacquie who works 5 days is leaving – Jodie will purchase a gift card and give to Jacquie/Anna during the week.
- Anna has had 6 applicants for the position for 2 casual positions.
- A new initiative is grazing boxes will be available for purchase for showcase attendees.

Community Liaison Officer Report –

- As attached

General Business

- **The way P&C distributes funds:** Ruth asked the way in which the P&C distributes funds to the faculties of the school. We are about trying to understand the direction of the school and helping the school to get to their goals. Ruth suggested instead of getting individual requests from faculties, those faculties apply through the school and then P&C transfers to the school and the school allocates to where it needs to go. Then the school reports back to where funds have gone and how it has helped the school. This was suggested due to the Gumbari Shed project – the P&C doesn't want anything to be missed. It is something for the P&C to think about and discuss at future meetings.

Staff Recognition

- Nicole Higgins – Year 12 Drama kids
- Wes Ring – Year 12 Electronics after school study
- Sasha Joura – Year 12 History Study day
- Rachel Davidge-Hill – Year 12 Dhurga coordination
- Jonathan Hill

Meeting closed 7.50pm

AGM & NEXT MEETING
TERM 1 – WEEK 4 - MONDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2023