

MINUTES OF P&C MEETING

Wednesday 12th December, 2018
7:00pm to 9:30pm
Executive Meeting Room, RGHS

Meeting Details

10 parents' names recorded in the attendance book. Also in attendance: The Principal, Belinda Kelly.
It was chaired by Belinda Brodrick, P&C President. Minutes were taken by Martin Brown.

Apologies

1. Rachel Dunne
2. Christine Davis

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 14th of November 2018 P&C meeting were reviewed and no corrections were noted.

Motion: To accept the minutes of the 14th of November 2018 P&C meeting be accepted as published.
Moved: Belinda Brodrick **CARRIED**

Correspondence

Incoming:

1. Art & Go Artisan Gelato
2. Comedy for a Cause
3. Office Products Depot stationery supplies
4. NSW Dept Education EDConnect statement
5. Thank you letter from Amy Wolken
6. Senator the Hon. Kristina Keneally (Federal Senator) regarding Labor school funding enquiry
7. Accident and medical insurance for students, recommended by P&C Federation

Outgoing:

1. Email to the Principal regarding Dux and Academic Award determination criteria at Lambton High School

Principal's Report

1. Quad update:
 - a. Options for resolving quad length problem (not long enough for netball court but OK for tennis, volleyball)
 - i. Cut back north and south platforms
 - ii. Repair rear courts to full size and
 - iii. Repair rear courts and extend quad court
 - b. Concrete colour is not what was proposed and has too much glare

- c. Concrete surface is too rough
- d. P&C response prepared post-meeting based on consensus view:

Poor planning and management have left the school with major quadrangle issues and no usable netball court. Education has been significantly impacted during the extended build period and a resolution to provide for a full size netball court in the quad would require significantly more impact as well as significant loss of planned, useful raised areas. The proposed netball court within the main quad would have resulted in significant revenue for the school. The P&C supports remediation of the issue by:

1. Upgrade of the two existing, currently sub-standard courts on the south-eastern border of the school to make them both fully usable netball, basketball and tennis courts in order to offset the loss of planned school facilities and income. Minimum work required for this would include extension of the current courts, repairing cracks and resurfacing/painting. The court upgrades should ideally include provision of power, toilet and rest facilities in order to offset the lost income from the lack of a full size netball court in the main quad.
2. Remediation of the quad concrete surfacing to:
 - a. Address strong sunlight glare owing to the lighter colour of the concrete than agreed; and
 - b. Reduce surface roughness to prevent significant, ongoing injuries which will result from the extremely rough surface.

The P&C strongly opposes any major reworking of the quadrangle which would be required to provide for a full size netball court there because of the resulting lost facilities, impact to education during the remediation work, and significantly increased risk from changes to the drainage system.

2. New School Community Charter presented
3. Parents to be reminded about their daughters' use of mobile phones and suggestions on technical controls
4. Enquiries have been made about banning use of mobile phones at school. School's approach is to foster responsible use of phones with parents' support.
5. Year 7 information night instead of BBQ in 2019 in week 2. First P&C meeting to follow the week after. 13th for next P&C meeting (week 3), 1 week after year 7 information evening.
6. Security at the school was investigated. Recommendations were to reduce late night lighting, perhaps with extra lights on timers. Sliding gate across entry to car park suggested.

Subcommittee Reports

School Uniform Sub-Committee

1. More detail being obtained about suppliers' contracts and operations
2. Final decision to include a larger body of students/parents

Fundraising Sub-Committee: Open Day/Connect

1. Paul Jones met with the Principal
2. "Connect" name to be associated with the event
3. Event is on Facebook
4. Promotional material to be ready for term 1
5. Staff input to be obtained this week
6. An alumni area proposed on senior lawn, with marquee

7. Link in with TAS for food/stalls/etc
8. Discussions have been held with History for school history projects
9. Old girls, and ex-teachers to be invited
10. Working bee to be organised before event - Belinda Brodrick to contact Tara regarding focus areas

Annual Treasurer's Report and Audit of P&C Accounts, 2018

1. Unable to present Treasurer's report since previous treasurer was absent from meeting
2. Finance meeting: Items to be recommended to P&C:
 - a. "Stile" app for Science. Proposed to be extended to years 9, 10 as well as 7, 8. Total: \$6,500. \$2,000 was funded by the P&C in 2018 for years 7, 8.

Motion: P&C to contribute \$4,000 funding for Stile application licenses

Proposed: Martin Brown CARRIED

- b. Request for funding support for musical to be presented next year (around \$6,000)
3. Audit of reports is complete with no issues
 - a. Motions to be passed in future for expenditure

General Business

1. Federal Government policy launch held at the school earlier in term - opinion expressed that the school was used for political purposes. Principal responded that the Department instructs the Principal to host the event and RGHS was chosen for good reasons based on entrepreneurship. Department made choice to promote public education. Students gained some exposure to political process.
2. Opt outs of SRE for 2019: Process is changing for new parents for 2019. A form must be returned to opt in or out, and is part of the enrollment pack. School to publish on website what alternatives are available for SRE. Opinions expressed to provide ethics or civics studies as alternative. Word Fliers is available from the English department for reading and related activities. SRE is rostered across classes to reduce impact.
3. Next working bee to be 2nd March, Sat afternoon
4. Options for solar panel installations (Paul Jones) presented:
 - a. Proposal to lobby department to fund solar power
 - b. Beneficial for students, long term gains for department

Motion: To sign open letter to Rob Stokes (NSW Minister for Education) to fund solar power for every school.

Proposed: Paul Jones CARRIED

5. Utilities costs and options to be discussed between Principal and P&C in 2019.
6. ABC data analytics website presented regarding public vs private schools funding. (<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-11-22/counting-the-cost-of-the-education-revolution/10495756>) There has been an increase in disparity between private and public school funding. Parents' contributions and P&C fundraising is a small component of the funds required from government.

Motion: For link to ABC analytics and support of the P&C for the Fair Funding campaign to be in a email to all parents.

Proposed: Paul Jones CARRIED

7. Belinda Brodrick attended Year 7-9 assembly presentations. STEM award was made to year 8 student with a brilliant design project. Thanks expressed to Lenore Hankinson and Kevin Channells for sponsoring the award.

8. Lack of parking was discussed with council. Meeting held on site. Council presented their plans to change parking signage to replace or move 4-5 parking spaces to provide for pick up zone on west side of road. Parents to be asked to delay pickups to 3:25pm to avoid buses.
9. There was discussion regarding the changed policy on feedback given to senior students for assessment tasks. Previously students could submit drafts and receive feedback from the teacher but that feedback was not necessarily shared with all students. Now the opportunity for drafts and feedback if any must be stated in advance in the assessment notification and any feedback shared with the entire course cohort, not just individuals.

Actions

1. Belinda Brodrick to contact Tara regarding focus areas for next working bee
2. School to email parents regarding ABC education funding analytics and Fair Funding campaign

Next Meeting

- 7:00pm Wednesday 13th February 2019 (Week 3)
 - 2019 meetings to be aligned to weeks 3 and 8