

MINUTES OF P&C MEETING

Wednesday 12th June 2019
7:00pm to 8:30pm
Common Room, RGHS

Meeting Details

4 parents' & community names recorded on the attendance sheet. Also in attendance: The Deputy Principal, Meg Tyson. The meeting was chaired by Belinda Brodrick, P&C President. Minutes were taken by Megan Hudson.

Apologies

1. Georgina Philpot, Martin Brown, Paul Jones, Rachel Dunne, Lenore Hankinson, Alison Gambino

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 15th of May P&C meeting were reviewed and no corrections were noted.

Motion: To accept the minutes of the 15th of May P&C meeting be accepted with corrections as indicated by Meg Hudson

Moved: Belinda Brodrick **CARRIED**

Business arising

1. Trevor Heazlewood scholarship: Belinda will speak to wellbeing team who will speak to the Year 10 Advisor regarding criteria and process for making award and have finalised well before TERM 4
2. Mulching Fork was purchased by Meg Hudson (\$69) but it snapped with first use. Bunnings happily replaced the item to be used at further Working Bees
3. Working Bee was a great success with over 20 parents/carers and students attending the clean up/mulch and planting session. Thank you to the Billiris family who donated a large number of Agave Plants
4. Girls In Property will present at 7pm at the start of next P&C meeting

Correspondence

Letter from Ryde RSL club with 4x \$50 vouchers to be used in a fundraiser. Either to give away vouchers or purchase items as prizes.

Letter from Med Entry UCAT Preparation provider more information available: www.MedEntry.edu.au

Principal's Report

Meg Tyson, Deputy Principal presented on behalf of Alison Gambino;

1. Gave a massive thanks from Alison to Meg, Belinda and Martin and everyone else for their contributions to the musical 'WICKED'
2. They've had feedback on the grounds and P&C were thanked as the grounds are looking great after the latest working bee
3. The grounds levy is being used for Life's A Garden that come every few weeks to do general tidying up which supports Javier and Tara in maintaining the large school grounds
4. Interview for Head Teacher TAS was today, still a couple to go

Follow-on Discussions

1. Paul Jones commented that bottle recycling will be starting soon
2. Several comments from parents that requests for payment are being received without notice or explanation, particularly the year 12 formal charges. Principal assured meeting that planning and aligning for events and charges would be investigated and addressed.
3. Comment raised regarding office staff behaviour towards students and in some cases parents.

Finance Committee Report

Due to Public Holiday no Finance Committee Meeting held this month

CARRIED

Subcommittee Reports

School Uniform Sub-Committee

1. Belinda has sent an email to Alison regarding the lack of response in finding a current agreement with Stitchem – Current Agreement is with the school not P&C so any formal notification needs to come from the school
2. Concerns with Stitchem to be sent to office by parents to build up a list
3. A possible solution would be for NOONE to provide a new uniform for the seniors only (there are a smaller number of students)), until the Stitchem situation has been resolved.

Fundraising Sub-Committee

1. Meg Hudson was thanked by Belinda for all the hours put in for WICKED
2. Meg countered by saying she could not have done it without the wonderful help of volunteers on the three nights, or Belinda for keeping her on track and also putting hours in or Rachel whose girls were not in the musical, but who came every night and was in charge of the roster
3. The barista students under Michael Blundell, the hospitality students under Ms Karbic, the volunteer mums who helped on the nights, the wonderful bakers who donated delicious treats were all mentioned and thanked profusely. Great success!
4. Ticket sales were very good this year, particularly for the Thursday and Friday nights
5. Popcorn, green fairy floss, predominantly green lolly bags, baked goods, drinks both hot and cold were sold. 274 bags of lollies made, 240 sold, 150 bags fairy floss bought and sold.
6. All of the home-made goods were donated by the hospitality girls or mums, plus \$128 worth of lollies was donated by Candy Bar Sydney. Some drinks donated by Christina Patawaran
7. \$3967.75 was deposited on Wednesday by Meg H
8. Just over \$1000 was spent on the food, decorations, popcorn machine, milk, supplies, so about \$2900 was raised – exact number next meeting – Meg H very pleased
9. Any leftover lollies, biscuits, etc to be given to cast at post Musical get together

Treasurer's Report

Greg Low presented.

1. Around \$60,000 has come in from about 450 families' fees
2. \$20,000 that has been approved is unable to be paid out pending invoices from the school office.
3. The P&C account is looking especially healthy, however we'd like to spend while those who have helped accrue the money are still at the school
4. Solar panels – Labor did not win the election, so we will follow up on those once Paul Jones is back
5. Kevin asked about the quad and what happened with the meeting – Belinda filled him in and referred him to the minutes of the last meeting.
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General Business Items

1. Will look at applying for grants/sponsorship for next year at the end of THIS year so that we are ahead of when we might require it – Janet Elms-Smith is a Year 12 mum who has expressed interest in helping out in this regard
2. The toilets are apparently still quite disgusting and some of the girls are holding on all day so they do not have to use them. Questions asked about what to do about the anti-social behaviour going on in the toilets? Pads are not being disposed of properly, a jumper was in one of the toilets, blocking it, apparently water pressure is not that great and the toilets aren't flushing properly. The toilet block has been locked when toilets/ cubicles were intentionally damaged in the past. An education program and new signage was posted on appropriate hygiene practices. Meg suggested asking the SRC to talk to their peers to ask for help in how to tackle and solve the problem. Really needs to come from them. Encouraging students themselves to report issues as they find them may help. Teachers are on duty at eating times and do regular checks, but not in the cubicle. If there are plumbing issues, they should be looked at.
3. Sharon Piech, Head Teacher HSIE, asked if the P&C parent body would put out a call for any other students wishing to join the Northern Territory trip in September. There are four more spots and having asked all of the girls to spread the word, has now approached the parent body to do so. The remaining airfares cannot be held much longer and it would be shame if the spots weren't filled.
4. Kevin Channells brought up the STEM award that he and Lenore Hankinson donate every year as follows;

ANNUAL STEM AWARD

- Awarded to a STUDENT in Yr 7 to Yr 11
 - Project must demonstrate innovation, critical thinking and/or problem solving
 - Prize money to a total value of \$150
 - Prize money must be used towards a STEM Enrichment experience [receipts submitted to Finance Office for reimbursement]
 - Selection will be made by the STEM Team considering three STEM faculties' consultation
 - The Award, Certificate and Letter of Congratulations from Principal will be presented by a delegate from the STEM Team at the Recognition Assembly
5. Meg Tyson will take the above to the Executive meeting on Monday and circulate information amongst the STEM teachers.
 6. After a bit of discussion on trophies or shields or honour boards, Kevin moved that an honour board for the STEM award be established. It would go in the hallway with the others as it isn't just one faculty. Kevin offered to contribute towards the board, whereby it was decided that the P&C could afford it.

Actions

1. Action from school in regards to Agreement with Stitchem to be advised and then next steps
2. Meg H and Greg to work out exactly how much we raised from 'WICKED'
3. Ask Paul Jones about solar panels and next steps to take for the school
4. Exec to talk to SRC re toilets and a solution, plus maybe check plumbing in the bathrooms?
5. Meg H to get in touch with Sharon Piech re sending an informative email to parents re NT trip
6. Executive to liaise with STEM teachers re choosing STEM award and source/purchase an honour board?
7. Meg H to liaise with Geoff H and Alison G re a date for Trivia Night 2019. ? August 2019

Next Meeting

2019 meetings to be aligned to weeks 3 and 7

- 7th August (Term 3, Week 3)
- 4th September (Term 3, Week 7)
- 30th October (Term 4, Week 3)
- 27th November (Term 4, Week 7) AGM