

MINUTES OF P&C MEETING

Wednesday 13th February, 2018
7:00pm to 9:15pm
Executive Meeting Room, RGHS

Meeting Details

18 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. Paul Jones
2. Christine Davis
3. Patti Amato

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 12th of December 2018 P&C meeting were reviewed and no corrections were noted.

Motion: To accept the minutes of the 12th of December 2018 P&C meeting be accepted as published.

Moved: Greg Low **CARRIED**

Business arising

1. Belinda has contacted the NSW Teachers Federation Union Organiser regarding presentation of Life Membership to Paul Jones
2. Fair Funding campaign details included in an email to all parents.

Correspondence

None noted.

Principal's Report

1. Welcome to new parents
2. Very happy with HSC results. Not as outstanding as previous years. Maddie Low highest ATAR 98.05. Year 12 results BBQ to be held on results day in future. 25 year 12's gained early entry to Macquarie.
3. School Bytes purchased for payment of school fees, replacing "POP" system. Linked from "Make a Payment" on school website.
4. Five staff vacancies. More flexibility in questions that can be asked at interviews is now permitted. P&C representatives required.

5. Two head teachers have moved out of area. New GA appointed.
6. New BYOD User Agreement: Based on expectations and follow up discussions. Now titled "Responsible Use of Devices". Draft to be shared with staff this week. Draft to be sent to P&C Exec.
7. Riverside Connects:
 - a. The Principal advised that there are difficulties with some students getting to school on Saturday afternoon and staff support for attending a Saturday event is low, however they are happy to provide static displays.
 - b. Dance presentation is difficult given it is early in the year.
 - c. Quad flexi-pave installation date not determined which could affect quad availability.
 - d. Open Day will possibly be moving to a school day afternoon, perhaps later in the year (May/June).
 - e. When questioned on preferred date for an Open Day separated from the Connect event, the Principal advised that in that case the preferred Open Day date would be Thursday, March 7th.
 - f. There was discussion on benefits of holding Open Day in March versus later in the year, after new year 7 parents had submitted school selections. Those present expressed their concern that this date was not in line with other local schools and should be held prior to the deadline for new year 7 parents making their school selection.
 - g. Possibility of P&C reps talking to teacher meeting to encourage participation in a Saturday afternoon Connects for fundraising this year.
8. Quad update: Assets management visited. Seat refixing was supposed to be last Saturday. Soil beds to be fertilised.
 - a. P&C Exec will be writing letter to department Director North Sydney Assets regarding the problems as first step.
 - b. P&C Member, Chris Williamson, offered to assist
 - c. Letter to local member suggested.
 - d. Principal commented that the Director has been supportive to date.
 - e. Principal has raised questions with the department about lack of transparency.

Motion: Letter to be written to Director Assets, North Sydney regarding timings, costings, confirmation of plans, and to seek further discussion.

Proposed: Martin Brown

CARRIED

Subcommittee Reports

School Uniform Sub-Committee

1. Principal and President meeting possible supplier next week for expected start of new uniforms in 2020, possibly with new pieces for winter 2019.

Fundraising Sub-Committee: Open Day/Connect

1. Gelato cart ordered for Friday afternoon and Open Day

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

1. \$45,000 has been paid to date towards quad enhancements

General Business

1. School invoices don't specify "P&C" contribution as being for that purpose. Principal to follow up.

2. Question on whether P&C could assist with lighting upgrading in the hall. The school is still persuing assets.
3. Canteen contract retendered.
 - a. Online ordering is apparently not available - Principal to follow up.
 - b. Students seem happy with the menu
 - c. Feedback on canteen to be added to next P&C meeting's agenda
4. Fridge and freezer: P&C to buy new fridge, freezer
5. Christina Patawaran has offered to donate her employee allocation of Coca Cola soft drinks, water, juices to P&C events.
6. Louise Naylor (daughter in year 12) raised concerns regarding the senior lawn. Her daughter has raised safety concerns to teachers in the past.
 - i. Peeling paint, broken picnic tables
 - ii. Insects under tables
 - iii. "Lawn" unkempt, unmaintained
 - iv. Piles of sticks, leaf litter
 - b. Principal commented:
 - i. On the size of the school grounds in general versus amount of labour available
 - ii. The School has put money into school projects, including picnic tables
 - iii. Current damaged tables should be removed
 - iv. The school has added to the number of tables recently
 - v. It is better for students to decide on new tables
 - vi. The school will replace tables that have been removed
 - c. Suggest skip be used next working bee to remove damaged tables. SRC to be informed of plans to remove damaged tables.
 - d. Louise's daughter to meet and discuss with the Principal.
7. Lenore Hankinson: Presented to the meeting on the P&C Federation Fair Funding campaign, disparities in school needs versus offers of government funding. Requested parents to consider the campaign. Urged to write letters. Possibility to invite politicians associated with the campaign to attend P&C events.
8. Finance request for \$6,000 for musical expenses considered.
 - a. A suggestion was made to request a Community Grant (eg. City of Ryde Community Grant). The P&C member is following up.

Motion: To provide \$6,000 for purposes of the musical, pending receipt of the budget

Proposed: Rachel Dunne

CARRIED

Actions

1. P&C members to be canvassed to participate in teacher selection panels
2. Principal to forward the proposed "Responsible Use of Devices" policy to the P&C Executive for comment
3. P&C Executive to contact Chris Williamson for assistance with letter to Director North Sydney Assets regarding the quad upgrade
4. Principal to follow up regarding titling of invoice item for P&C Contributions
5. Megan Hudson to investigate purchase of fridge and freezer
6. Principal to meet with Louise Naylor's daughter regarding senior lawn
7. Head teacher, CAPA, Graeme Lowe, to be requested for Musical budget

Next Meeting

2019 meetings to be aligned to weeks 3 and 7

- 13th March 2019 (Term 1, Week 7)
- 15th May (Term 2, Week 3)
- 12th June (Term2, Week 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