

Minutes of P&C Meeting

Wednesday 4 September 2019
7:00pm to 9:00pm
Common Room, RGHS

Meeting Details

Parents' names recorded on the attendance sheet. Also in attendance: The Principal, Alison Gambino. The meeting was chaired by Belinda Brodrick, P&C President. Minutes were taken by Paul Jones.

1. Apologies

Greg Lowe

2. Acceptance of last minutes

Proposer: Belinda

Seconded: Megan

Carried

3. Business arising from the Previous Minutes

Debating being worked on

Trevor Hazelwood response due back from school

Toilets - year 12 fundraising for formal and gift to the school - blackboard graffiti writing - start project that girls would own - will replace existing purple colour on the doors etc. this has been successful at other public highschools

Support for solar panels - Janet looking in to funding grant for solar panels. Tracy organising quotes. Fee funding number attained.

Stem award - to create a subcommittee regarding how the award would be recognised. Thanks to Leonore and Kevin for the support for this award. Martin reminded committee of NSGH tile in bathroom. - could be created by students in ceramics

SAS staff recognition week.

Correspondence - fundraising opportunities received. (largely advertising)

4. Principals Report

Life's a Garden Company - senior lawn is being turfed in 3 stages part 2 completed

Maintenance work - windows replaced on top floor areas of two story section

Conversation around a possible ban on mobile phones - phones and text from parents to students or isolation occurring - consideration of these issues is occurring.

Senior Uniform replacement contract for 2020 awarded to Noone. This will be bought for Year 11 Student 2020 and phased in over two years. Contract remains for Stitchem for junior students for 2020. Advice will be sent to parents detailing supplier and items for purchase. New skirt and blouse option shown to the meeting with unanimous approval. Colours retained and logo is the traditional school logo.

Stem Options - available in future years as staff are available for increasing engineering options. Need for promotion.

Language options for Spanish - when the teacher returns from maternity leave Spanish will be another option. Alison investigating language options for future report.

Previous minutes refer to buying in counselling services - is there a school counsellor? - we have a .1 allocation and have Aggie and Steffani providing additional services two days a week.

5. Subcommittee reports.

Fundraising - trivia night - 20th September event - tickets on sale via web site this week - email with hyperlink to tickets will be sent to parents Friday 9 September. Organization well in hand with many wonderful prizes donated. Keep abreast correspondence
10 tables of 10 or individual tickets available. Email with instructions for the night will be sent out with ticket purchase.

6. Finance committee/Treasurer's Report

Rachel presented Report: accepted

Last month we finally started donating money back to the school for many of the approved items, \$18,689

Artificial Grass Mat	\$ 919.00
Mary Poppins Frame	\$ 770.00
Refugee Challenge	\$ 2,000.00
Wicked Musical donation	\$ 6,000.00
Word Flyers	\$ 5,000.00
Stile Science App	\$ 4,000.00

At the end of August we still had about \$100K available after subtracting approved expenditure. The school has just transferred another \$25,198 to our bank account this week so it doesn't appear in the August report. Feedback from P&C contributions - 55% of families paid which meant \$60,000 out of a possible \$110,000

So we currently have about \$139K in the bank of which \$125K is available.

Motions for

- SASS breakfast - \$322 allocated and approved

- P&C Federation fee and insurance \$636 - approved
- \$168 /year FriendsOfRiverside website, domain and SSL certificate - haven't made any use of this with no Riverside Connect in last two years. Do we still want to continue paying for this?
Suggestion we retain domain name for \$12 fee annually and retain google suite of P&C emails etc.
- approved.

Finance committee meeting

- Parent P&C Voluntary Contributions statistics for 2019
423/769 (55%) families contributed
Most paid the full \$150, less than 20 paid a lesser amount.
About \$60K paid from a possible \$111K.

Funding Requests

- \$32250 Request for money for some artificial turf near the demountables that is currently a dust bowl and not very appealing to sit on the ground as well as the seats. Includes some excavation for the larger area. The is the lesser of two quotes and the school's preference. Other quote was between \$35K-\$42K depending on quality.

Approved

- \$2000 Year 12 Graduation contribution towards catering, decorations. Same amount as last year.
- Approved

- \$600 Banners for music stands.

Suggestion from Alison Gambino after seeing the Jazz Ensemble perform at Glebe Markets without any visible RGHS signage.

Clarina Wang sourcing quotes.

Estimate around 12 banners at \$50 each.

Upto \$600 approved

- \$6120 Education Perfect - French language online program

204 licences @\$30 each

Mostly for Year 8

Last Year P&C contributed \$5000

P&C encouraged the school to negotiate longer term deals to save money

Approved

- \$1320 Sibelius music composition software 30 licences.

P&C treasurer Greg asked why the school wouldn't use the free program MuseScore.

Student Representative Sabina also thought that students would be more likely to use MuseScore on their own computers. Sibelius likely only on the school computers.

Not clear if this is an annual or perpetual licence.

Alison to query Graeme Lowe.

Senior Lawn (Kikuyu grass)

Possible P&C funding request

Plan to turf it in three sections..

\$11853 1st section laid, now roped off while it takes hold.

\$5492 section 2

\$8457 section 3

\$25802 - Approved

Circular artificial grass mats are a little small - only seat 2 or 3 students

Mats get hot in the sun
Rectangular mats seem better and can be joined to form larger area
Mary Poppins frame - purchased and displayed

7. Business Arising:

1. Thanks again for audit from Jenny.

2. AGM on 27 November

All position declared vacant. Please consider nominating for the official positions as a number of executive members are not renominating.

3. Motion: The RGHS P&C supports the school strike4 climate on September 20th 2019 and that an email declaring our support is sent to parents with the web address for the strike to explain the background for parents who would care to allow their daughter to attend the strike, A letter should be sent to the school to request permission for their daughter to leave on the day.

Proposer Paul Jones

Seconded Georgina Philpott

Not carried

Discussion ensued regarding policy of department and need for children to be at school. It was agreed that the P&C would minute the following statement

The RGHS P&C is conscious of the [school strike4 climate](https://www.schoolstrike4climate.com/) on September 20th 2019 and a number of parents may wish their students to attend. Guidelines will be provided by the department. The P&C supports the science of climate change being taught at the school. The web address for the strike to explain the background for parents is included in the minutes.

Parents who support the strike should send a letter to the school to request permission for their daughter to leave on the day

<https://www.schoolstrike4climate.com/>

4. Graduation evening – circulation of the date and invite needs to be sent is not in the

Actions From Minutes

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b. Trevor Hazelwood response due back from school

Items for agenda next meeting

Shade in the quad

Motion:

Request the school investigate the reinstatement of entrance columns as per the photograph of the 1979 entrance. (to be tendered)

Minutes of P&C meeting to be accessible on school web site

Future Meetings

2019 meetings to be aligned to weeks 3 and 7

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