

## MINUTES OF P&C MEETING

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Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2018  
7:25pm to 9:10pm  
Executive Meeting Room, RGHS

### Meeting Details

9 parents' names recorded in the attendance book. Also in attendance: Previous Deputy School Principal, Dr Sue Vasilevska and the Principal, Belinda Kelly attended.

It was chaired by Belinda Brodrick, P&C President. Minutes were taken by Martin Brown.

### Apologies

1. Christine Davis

### Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2018 P&C meeting were reviewed and no corrections were noted.

**Motion:** To accept the minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2018 P&C meeting be accepted as published.

**Moved:** Rachel Dunne                      **CARRIED**

### Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

1. Paul Jones will arrange a meeting with the Principal to settle on planning for Connect/Open Day 2019. Fundraising committee to meet afterwards.
2. Sue Vasilevska discussed the hall fan. Fan can be used on low with students under exam conditions. The Principal said Assets have paused the hall lighting quote process but will be addressed soon. Call for other sources for quotes for lighting. Megan Hudson put a suggested contractor's name to the Principal.
3. Lenore Hankinson: P&C to consider sending letter drafted by P&C Federation to Ministers. Tabled Fair Funding brochures and bilateral schools funding agreement. Called on the P&C to support political change in addition to traditional fundraising.
4. Readers for exams has been addressed.
5. Quad trees: Space around trees has been increased to allow growth. Principal advised that school environment team decided on selection of trees which was prior to recommendations from P&C. Trees are not deciduous and fast growing. Current trees are 100l size.
6. P&C letterhead nearly agreed.
7. Belinda Brodrick has enquired regarding the Trevor Heazlewood Scholarship.

### Correspondence

None recorded.

## Principal's Report

1. Thanks to Sue Vasilevska for her work as relieving principal, and congratulations for being accepted into the Department Gifted & Talented policy body.
2. Finance wish list presented including:
  - a. CCTV cameras
  - b. Quad landscaping
  - c. School Bytes software
  - d. Hall lighting
  - e. Car park entry gates
  - f. Arborist
  - g. New dance floor
  - h. Oval upgrade
3. Executive finance committee, student representatives, and P&C representative to meet prior to P&C meetings to decide on priorities for P&C funding.
4. Thanks to P&C for supporting the year 12 graduation.
5. Thanks for contribution for the hall fan and Shakespeare week funding.
6. P&C are invited to Shakespeare on the Lawn/Quad.
7. New school website is nearly complete.
8. Quad update:
  - a. Currently 11 weeks behind schedule
  - b. Full size netball court will not fit in the quad - opportunities for redress to be investigated
9. Year 11 reports:
  - a. Previous reports had been taking too long and were delivered too late to be of use
  - b. Year 11 reports now delivered in year 11
  - c. Comment options which teachers choose from for inclusion in the reports was circulated
  - d. Accepted suggestion that reports be able to include brief personal comment(s)
  - e. Comment made that attendance reports should be more accurate, process for notifying explained absences to be improved. Attendance summary in the report can be amended if parents request.

## Subcommittee Reports

### School Uniform Sub-Committee

1. Example uniforms shown
2. SRC to represent students on choices

### Treasurer's Report

Rachel Dunne prepared and presented the Treasurer's report to November 2018.

\$50,000 for quad upgrade:

1. Suggestion of plaque to declare P&C contribution considered
2. Expected near \$50,000 will be required for additional planting

**Motion:** That the P&C contribution of \$50,000 be transferred to the school with undertaking that school will provide details of expenditure.

**Moved:** Paul Jones **CARRIED**

**Motion:** The Treasurer's report be accepted as presented, being an accurate reflection of the expenditure, income and bank account balance.

**Moved:** Martin Brown **CARRIED**

## General Business

1. School drop-off/pickup area
  - a. Council has been contacted re lack of drop off area, no side streets.
  - b. Main problem is pick up times
2. Trevor Heazlewood Scholarship criteria:
  - a. To be considered in 2019 for award in 2019
3. Dux determination: The Principal responded.
  - a. Acknowledged letter from the P&C.
  - b. 3 meetings have been held with students since receiving letter to explain the current process and criteria
  - c. There have been no other approaches from students regarding the topic
  - d. All subjects are considered of equal value in the determination
  - e. If there is a close tie, there is a committee of three which considers other aspects in determining the dux - eg. assessments, major works, personal interest projects
  - f. It is not aimed at determining best uni entrance marks
  - g. Aimed to be announced while year 12 are still in attendance
  - h. Whole executive leadership team decided on the current approach, with contribution from faculty meetings
  - i. Previous experience was discussed with controversial dux determination based on ATARs
  - j. Can be re-allocated if the original dux does not require the award for uni entrance purposes if she so agrees
  - k. Each of the three duxes for 2018 had exceptional results
  - l. First in courses also awarded
  - m. Lambton High process to be forwarded to the Principal for consideration
  - n. Opinion expressed that there should be one dux only. There have been multiple duxes previously.
  - o. 2018 was a very atypical year
  - p. Suggestion that the policy be outlined clearly on the school website and to parents
  - q. Criteria is the same as the award for year 11 dux
4. Presentation to be organised for solar energy options for the school - Lenore Hankinson
5. Quad shade options discussed: The three school marquees would need to be attached by some means.
6. Year 9 Commerce are organising catering for Shakespeare on the Lawn
7. Fair Funding:

**Motion:** Letter to be sent to the government supporting the fair funding campaign. P&C endorses the letter on the P&C advocacy.

**Proposed:** Paul Jones                      **CARRIED**

**Motion:** P&C to send letter to Michelle Jones, Assets, requesting opening of the quad for Shakespeare evening.

**Proposed:** Paul Jones                      **CARRIED**

Kevin Channells tabled transcript of federal MP address at the school regarding gender pay gap, FoodBank, ABC, STEM.

Congratulations to Paul Jones on award of the Ryde Macquarie Teachers Association Life Membership for the work he has done for the union as the RGHS Federation Rep over the past 12 years. The Teachers' Federation president to be invited to attend the school to present the award.

## **Actions**

1. Martin: Historical P&C meeting minutes to be uploaded to the school website
2. Martin: Forward Lambton High dux process to the Principal
3. Belinda: Invite NSW Teachers Federation Union Organiser to the school to present life membership award to Paul Jones.
4. Paul: Arrange meeting with Principal to discuss Open Day/Connect organisation
5. Lenore: Arrange presentation at a P&C meeting on solar energy options for the school

## **Next Meeting**

- 12<sup>th</sup> December (term 4, week 9)