

ALSTONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL P& C ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes – 25th August 2021

Meeting opened: 7.06pm

Attendance: Jacinta Rowe, Aimie Gibson, Shirley Robertson, Diana Unsworth, Sandra Rosner, Aaron Perkins, Georgie Ford, Renee Bailey, Jade Johnston, Jane Green, Mark Bayley, Stacie Luppi, Suzanna Turner, Emily Wah Day, Petrina Little, Yasmin Mouftakir, Jocelyn Perritt, Ben Barker, Simon Chate, Marie-Lee Walker, John Parker, Christie Thompson

Apologies: Jocelyn Perritt, Lana Little

Previous Minutes: 28th July, 2021

Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 28th July, 2021 be accepted.

Moved: Aimie Gibson

Seconded: Emily Wah Day

Carried.

Acknowledgement of Country

Welcome

Matters Arising:

- **Uniform**

For hoodies, the small and extra small sizes are on their way.

The School Locker has all the uniform except the hoodies, which are at school.

They are looking smart on and have been commented on as being warm and comfortable.

- **Funding applications**

The P&C Executive met and discussed the scoring criteria for funding applications. Mark shared and explained the 'Decision Making Matrix' that has been put together.

Input was asked of P&C members present and for thoughts on funding initiatives going forward as the P&C will have less income.

It was of the opinion of some that the P&C should not fund anything that has an ongoing cost and that it is suggested to teachers to think about this in their applications, i.e. who will service on-going costs.

All applications need to be approved by the School Executive in mind of them supporting any ongoing costs, prior to coming to the P&C.

It is thought the decision matrix presented is a great idea and really clear and P&C present are happy for the P&C Executive to fine tune it.

- **Fundraising**

The IGA Ritchie's Card should be publicised on FB and Sentral.

Jane Green will send a link to the P&C Exec. for a community grant that may help fund something for the disadvantaged kids. Closing date Sept 6th.

A 'Market Day' at school – this would be Covid pending.

An annual event also suggested, that becomes part of the community calendar, like Rous Bonfire.

Must remember we would have the support of the SRC and students to run a big event.

For Term 4 a great suggestion is selling AHS face masks. Agreement for black in colour with the logo on the same side as the shirts.

Council elections may still go ahead in early December, so could still plan for that. Provide good coffee, cake stall, cold drinks, etc.

Plan for a movie night in Term 2 next year, when the days are shorter again.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Emily Wah Day

- Transferred \$40K from cheque account with no interest to online saver account, as at least it has a little interest.

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted:

Moved: Stacci Luppi

Seconded: Shirley Robertson

Carried.

Principal's Report: Presented by Sandra Rosner

- Newsletters will start being produced again. P&C welcome to put in a contribution to next newsletter.

Motion: That the Principal's report be accepted

Moved: Jacinta Rowe

Seconded: Diana Unsworth

Carried.

Correspondence in & out:

In:

- icare Workers Insurance due payment
- P&C Federation webinar regards 'Returning to school in a COVID-safe way' Aug 12th
- NSW Teacher's Federation – Special Broadcast 'Our Students Our Teachers' Sept 7th

Out: None to report

General Business:

- **Lockdown schooling**

Plans for schooling if ongoing lockdown, e.g. online face to face content, or continuing current plan.

There is concern that junior years have been missing out on content with minimal face to face online lessons. The Deputy Principal, John Parker feels they are not missing out on too much and it is giving them time to focus on assessment tasks. Year 12 students and those doing HSC subjects have been prioritised until the HSC is over.

There is concern as well around a lack of structure for the kids when they are not at school. Structure and routine are important for mental health.

Yasmin indicated that there is an opportunity each day at 11.30 for them to check in to a well-being session.

Suggested to maybe have a compulsory log on to one class per day.

Sandra will look into improvements going forward if lockdowns continue.

Yasmin asked how the school can help the parents in coping with lockdown schooling. Teacher update emails sent to parents are really useful for parents to have some idea what the kids should be doing.

Parents present at the P&C meeting were each provided the opportunity to update on how they were coping with the lockdown schooling situation.

- **Communication Issues**

A parent expressed concern that communications put out by the school are not being checked. There have been errors and timeliness is poor. More consistent formatting of messages is needed.

Sandra is aware of this and is working to improve building and altering platforms for communicating with parents. Formal avenues will be the way formal messages are conveyed in the future.

Those present at the P&C were thanked for feedback.

- **Student Achievement**

At half yearly time there was a lack of student achievement recognition, query as to the reasons.

John explained that it was an oversight and with so many other things going on they didn't get to organising it.

There will be end of year awards and certificates given out. This will be Term 4, Week 9.

Recognition for school attendance will happen as well.

On Sentral for behaviour, the parents can only view a number of positive and negative instances with no explanation. Parents would like to know what these instances relate to. Sandra will talk with Aaron about this one.

- **Anti-vaccination talk**

Sandra recommended that she should be advised directly of anyone promoting anti-vaccination within the school.

Meeting Closed: 9:15pm

Next Meeting: 7:00pm, Wednesday 27th October, 2021