

ALSTONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL P& C ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes – 24th March 2021

Meeting opened: 6.55pm

Attendance: Jacinta Rowe, Simon Chate, Shirley Robertson, Diana Unsworth, Emily Wah-Day, Aimie Gibson, Sandra Rosner, Suzanna Turner, John Parker, Aaron Perkins, Mark Bayley, Tim Seymour, Suzanne Acret, Coen Acret, Emma Danchin, Saaci Tucker, Georgie Ford

Apologies: Rebecca Kent, Leah Taylor, Laura Hayward

Previous Minutes: 24 February, 2021

Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 28 November, 2020 be accepted.

Moved: Sandra Rosner Seconded: Emily Wah-Day Carried.

Acknowledgement of Country

Introductions by all in attendance

Matters Arising:

- **Uniform**

Update from Jacinta, an overview on reasons for now using School Locker, and where we are now at with that agreement.

Using School Locker, most items will remain the same but better quality and consistency in colours and logos. It will also provide consistency in supply. There will be a transition over 2 years to any new items of clothing with more items the same for girls and boys. The P&C will get 2.5% on the cost of any item of clothing bought from School Locker with the logo.

The SRC have and will continue to have a strong input into uniform decisions.

As per normal the school will still supply uniforms for those not able to purchase them. At present a stocktake is being done and School Locker will buy stock back off us.

The agreement has been signed between AHS P&C and School Locker and Shirley Fogerty's employment (from the uniform shop) has been handed over to School Locker. Shirley will still operate from the AHS uniform shop as well as from their stores.

- **Year 12 Formal**

- The deposit has been paid for Summerland House. Great for photography and a stand up / finger food style formal. There will be a marquee provided.
- This will be a twilight event from 4.30 – 10.30 on Thursday, November 11. Speeches will be minimal and teachers will depart at a designated time, making the event then a

'private function', where alcohol can be purchased. Suggestion to wear colour tags for those over and those under 18 years.

- With no Covid restrictions they can cater for 300 people at a standing event.
- Security will be at the front and inside and entry will be refused to those affected by alcohol or other substances.
- The P&C will help if needed with decorations, getting Yr 12 parents involved, etc.
- Jacinta will draft up a rough overview of what this year's formal will look like to distribute to parents.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Emily Wah Day

- Discussion re the P&C's donation/s each year to the School. This usually happens towards the end of the year. Last year's donation has gone towards computers and equipment for the Wednesday afternoon fun activities. Has been recommended that this happens earlier in the year with wish lists putting forward ideas from each faculty and the SRC. All submissions are reviewed by the Principal. Head teachers to be advised to put this on staff meeting agendas for ideas before the end of this financial year.

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted:

Moved: Jacinta Rowe

Seconded: Aimie Gibson

Carried.

Principal's Report: Presented by Sandra Rosner

- The executive staff are working on problems with communications with families and students. The new school website is currently under construction.

Motion: That the Principal's report be accepted

Moved: Diana Unsworth

Seconded: Simon Chate

Carried.

Correspondence in & out:

In: None to report

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General Business:

● **Snow trip and other excursions.**

- There is much concern by families and Yr 10 students that the annual snow trip has been cancelled for 2021. There is also concern that a number of other usual school excursions have been cancelled.
- Parents and students are very disappointed as the current Dept. of Education information does not exclude any excursions within the country. It is also felt that these sort of excursions are such a wonderful opportunity for a multitude of reasons that these kids may not normally get. They are memorable life experiences.
- There is also much concern around the lack of communication about the excursions being cancelled in the first place and then to the reasoning behind it.

- The Principal, Sandra Rosner gave reasons as to why she has cancelled some excursions. She has reviewed them all along with the Executive and Head teachers, and has primarily based her decision on not being willing to take the risk and responsibility involved for students being away with Covid outbreaks still occurring. The other reason is that the Principal feels that some current excursions are not relevant to the school's curriculum objectives.
- Sandra apologised for not informing all involved and the general lack of communication. A letter will be distributed immediately to communicate these outcomes.
- Sport's trips are allowed as they are not the responsibility of the school. Day-trips are being organised. There will be no overnight excursions except the combined Biology /Geography excursion to Hook Is. This is because this is essential to the HSC assessment.
- It is a priority that families and students know now what the alternatives are for this Year 10 where morale is currently very low. John Parker, a Deputy Principal, indicated that there will be a day excursion planned that is inclusive for the whole year. He is currently investigating alternatives and will communicate what is happening in the near future.

- **Study Area**

- It is suggested that a study area be made available just for the senior students. Sandra advised that this is a work in progress with an area being made outside and in the library.

- **Uniform concerns**

- It is felt that the students are appearing more and more out of uniform and that there needs to be a better culture around the wearing of uniforms.
- Some of this may be due to confusion at the moment on what actually the uniform is and what is and not allowed.
- This needs to be addressed and kids called on it but at the end of the day a good education is the most important thing.

- **Canteen food**

- There is concern at the amount of unhealthy (high in sugar) foods there are for sale at the Canteen. We are able to get Healthy Canteens to do an audit.
- This is Alison's first year in the Canteen and she is very approachable regards ideas. It is to be noted and observed by the SRC that the rise in Canteen prices are mainly of the 'unhealthy' foods.
- Suggested P&C purchase environmentally friendly packaging for Alison to use. This was rejected. At present she is using up a lot of packaging that was already onsite.

Meeting Closed: 9.10pm

Next Meeting: 7pm, Wed 28th April, 2021 (by Zoom, details to follow)