

ALSTONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL P& C ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes – 26th May 2021

Meeting opened: 6.35pm

Attendance: Jacinta Rowe, Simon Chate, Shirley Robertson, Diana Unsworth, Sandra Rosner, Aaron Perkins, Suzanne Acret, Georgie Bacon, Renee Bailey, Jade Johnston, Larry Polak, Jane Green, Coen Acret, Mark Bayley, Kate Rankin, Stacie Luppi, Arnold Luppi

Apologies: Tim Seymour, Emily Wah-Day, Aimie Gibson, Suzanna Turner, John Parker,

Previous Minutes: 29th April, 2021

Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 29th April, 2020 be accepted.

Moved: Simon Chate

Seconded: Aaron Perkins

Carried.

Acknowledgement of Country

Matters Arising:

- **Uniform**

Information on uniform changes in power-point format will be put together for the school website, Sentral and Facebook.

Update provided by Jacinta, with samples of uniform items passed around.

Some points about uniform - the yellow logo will be phased out; the hoodie is in production and in the future only the hoodie and spray jacket will be available in warm top wear; skorts will be available; girl's shirts will be more tailored; grey wool blend pants as part of formal wear.

- **Year 12 Formal**

Update provided by Jacinta. The sub-committee are waiting on quote from Summerland House. Will be around \$8 - \$10K.

If any parents with students in Yr 12 want to be involved, please contact Jacinta on 042240409.

- **Funding from P&C form**

The Head Teachers have been made aware of this funding provided by the P&C and now have the form to submit requests.

Two Head Teachers have already come up with some great ideas.

- **Fundraising**

Currently doing Wardell Pies, organised by Aimie Gibson. Orders have been extended to Friday. There has not been a huge uptake with this fundraiser but it is the first in a long while. Gluten free addition suggested for next time.

The school musical is on beginning of September over a few nights and matinee. Jade Johnston has offered to do stall for when this is on.

Jacinta Rowe has offered to organise a trivia night before the end of the year. Diana has offered to help.

Simon Chate will see about organising a Rous Unplugged fundraiser evening where we provide supper and receive the proceeds from the night.

Please contact the P&C if interested in coordinating another fundraiser this year. Jacinta to send IGA Ritchies Card information to Diana for distribution on school communication sites.

Treasurer's Report: Provided by Emily Wah Day

The funding template has been circulated to the school departments and the SRC.

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted:

Moved: Simon Chate

Seconded: Aaron Perkins

Carried.

Principal's Report: Presented by Sandra Rosner

There will be more connections formed with Southern Cross University. The idea is that students will do visits there, academic and professional staff from the Uni will visit the school as well as alumni from SCU.

Motion: That the Principal's report be accepted

Moved: Jade Johnston
Carried.

Seconded: Stacie Luppi

Correspondence in & out:

In: Gallop Inquiry Report and Fact Sheet from the NSW Teacher's Federation (see attached).

Larry Polak explained this at the meeting. There is not planning in place for adequate classrooms and teachers in the future for the amount of children needing to be educated. The Union is working on a reset of conditions. A promotional campaign is building and we will be seeing more about this in the media.

Alstonville Plateau Bowling and Sports Invoice (to pay)

Out: None to report

General Business:

- **Breakfast Club**

A query about how this works.

This is on 2 days / week, Mon and Wed from 8:15 to 8:50am. This is supported by the P&C who contribute \$1000/year. Approx. 60 kids come along at a time and it is staffed by the SRC and Mrs Christmas.

The idea is to educate / encourage kids about eating breakfast and forming good habits and provide nutrition for those that might not be able to get much otherwise. Some feel that it is probably just feeding kids that can't be bothered getting anything at home. The SRC might do a survey to ask why they do come to the Breakfast Club.

- **Homework Club**

This is on from 3:30 – 5:00pm and provides access to technology for those that might not have it at home. Different faculties man this. Fruit platter and biscuits are provided. Not sure who funds this. P&C happy to provide some funding. Aaron will provide the P&C with a form requesting funding.

- **Drug Availability**

This is an on-going concern.

The latest activity that is happening at school, is drinking vaping liquid (e-liquid) as a shot. This liquid is highly toxic.

Those present at the meeting were shown what this looks like and encouraged to communicate to our teens the dangers of vaping and drinking the liquid.

- **P&C Succession Planning**

Volunteers will be needed for a number of Executive roles next year. Please think about taking on one of these roles. The P&C nowadays is much easier to run as we don't have the Canteen and Uniform businesses to deal with.

- **Yr 11 and 12 Wed at home**

Concern was voiced over the students in these years being at home on Wednesdays. Many parents saw this a positive though and thought it really depended on the work ethic of each individual. The teachers present also felt it was beneficial, especially for timetabling as Extension subjects could be run instead of after-hours and it is great for those doing TAFE and VET courses.

- **Yr 8 Excursion**

Query as to why the Thunderbird Park excursion was not happening. This was because not enough deposits were received for kids wanting to go. It was felt that as the usual Wet and Wild excursion is no longer approved, the kids didn't want to do anything.

Meeting Closed: 8:15pm

Next Meeting: 7:00pm, Thursday 24th June, 2021 by Zoom