



RAMSGATE PUBLIC SCHOOL

P&C Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 19th October, 2021 at 7pm

Location: Via Zoom

Present: Karen Yacoel, Vasily Shchegolev, Rebecca Yagan, Virginia Sinlao, Leonie Wood, Mary Paull, Tiana ?? and Pablo Fernandez

Apologies: Macarena Aliste-Soca, Samantha Burston, Nicholle Taylor and Lorraine Simmis-Taylor

Confirmation of previous minutes – 14th September, 2021 via Zoom

Motion: Vasily Shchegolev

Seconded: Pablo Fernandez

Correspondence: Nothing

Principal's Report – Pablo Fernandez

- The grounds work in the Yr 3-6 playground has been completed. There was a handover of this between the manager of the works, Dept. of Education and school staff today, 19th October. Ms Strong will walk students through the use of the equipment on their return to school.
- The roadmap to return to school has been adjusted since the last meeting. Kindergarten and Yr 1 students returned on 18th October. All other students will return 25th October. So far everything is going well. Staff and students following covid-safe directions. There was a change with regards to the use of face-masks. Now compulsory for staff indoors but not outdoors. Recommended but not compulsory for students. There has been good feedback regarding communication between staff and carers about the restarting of face-to-face learning.
- (Question from Rebecca: Will outcomes of Check-in Assessments be communicated with parents and carers? Pablo answered that these assessments are generally diagnostic and not necessarily relevant to parents, but he will look into this.)

President's Report – Karen Yacoel

- The extended period of remote learning has been hard on staff, students, and families, but we are now through it, with the hope that things will soon be back to normal.
- The canteen is to open Monday 1st November, with an amended, reduced, menu, due to the short amount of term-time remaining. There will be no over-counter sales, only lunch orders. There is a requirement that all staff be fully vaccinated against Covid-19. Currently Margaret is fully vaccinated, and will be working Tuesday-Friday. Athena has not yet been vaccinated, due to

health concerns. A vaccination exemption is not accepted for canteen staff. Athena has been given until 8th November to notify of her intention to be vaccinated. If she intends to be vaccinated by Term 1 2022 her position will be held until then. For the remainder of the year, Donna Rawson will work as a paid employee Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Amended menu and canteen information will be sent out via ENews in the next week.

Treasurer's Report – Karen Yacoel (Treasurer absent)

- Bank balances:

P&C: \$27185.83 Canteen: \$18934.51

Canteen Book-Keeper – Virginia Sinlao

- Council has done a random inspection on the canteen (in June/July), and everything was found to be OK. Fee paid by canteen, \$160.

Business arising from previous minutes:

- \$10,000 to be transferred ASAP to the school from the P&C as a contribution for the grounds work in the Yr 3-6 playground.
- Uniform shop stock has been moved to the area behind the canteen. It was noted that this area needs to be swept, to be cleared of leaves.
- Kindergarten orientation is not able to take place this year. The transition period will occur in the new year, unless there are changes to restrictions sooner.
- A new canteen convenor is still required. This position will be advertised in the next school newsletter. None of the current canteen volunteers have come forward for this position.
- The P&C audit has been done. Nicholle to give further information on this.
- Naplan – will be either mailed out or given to students to take home next week.

Upcoming Events:

- Colour Fun Run to go ahead on Friday 25th March, 2022. (Coincides with Harmony Day)
- Christmas mega raffle – to be drawn Friday 3rd December. Executive committee members will discuss the budget (\$2000 proposed), prizes and ticket prices.
- Christmas Fun Fair: Discussion about holding it on a Saturday night in order to get around current Covid restrictions. Pablo informed that restrictions are no different between Friday and Saturday night as both are after school hours. Current restrictions prevent this event from going ahead. Decision made to cancel this event and revisit a simplified version (Welcome BBQ) early

in 2022, potentially including rock-climbing and a picnic/BBQ, music. Suggested for early March 2022.

General Business:

- Uniform stall to be held at Saturday markets? Suggestion by Karen. Proposed dates 6th and 20th November, and potentially again in January 2022. Sam and Leonie have agreed to help out. Sam to open, Leonie to join later. Pablo to ask leaseholders of markets and notify location of stall (close to back of canteen). P&C banners out the front to highlight stall.
- P & C Panel Selection training – Karen and Vasily suggested undertaking this training. Rainy has said she will look into organizing this.
- The canteen will offer “Welcome back to school” Berri ice-blocks to students on Friday 5th November, due to an excess in the canteen freezer.

Meeting concluded at 8:14pm.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday 23rd November, 2021 (via Zoom).