



RAMSGATE PUBLIC SCHOOL

P&C Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 10 May 2022 at 7pm

Location: School Library

Present: Karen Yacoel, Amanda Howle, Rebecca Yagan, Angela Ingram, Lin Bakar, Tiana Russell, Mary Paul, Chani Bokody, Virginia Sinloa (via FaceTime) and Pablo Fernandez.

Apologies: Macarena Aliste-Soca, Virginia Sinlao & Nena Lambousis

Confirmation of previous minutes – 22 March 2022

Motion: Amanda Howle

Seconded: Mary Paull

Correspondence - Secretary - Karen Yacoel

1. P&C Federation Webinars 2 Webinars **Supporting Volunteering** To celebrate National Volunteer Week (6 – 22 May 2022), P&C Federation is running two webinars for our P&C Association leaders discussing issues and ideas for engaging with volunteers in your school community. Please note that this webinar is for P&C Federation members only and is available to P&C Association Office Bearers.
 1. *Volunteering in NSW- current challenges and opportunities* Thursday 12 May 2022 7:00-8:00 pm AEST Registrations close 12 May at midday AEST.
 2. *Reinvigorating your P&C-better together* Wednesday 18 May 2022 7:00-8:00 pm AEST Registrations close 18 May at midday AEST.
2. Crazy Camel - turns children's artwork into keepsakes eg calendars, note books & tote bags

Principal's Report – Lorraine Simmiss-Taylor

- Staff shortages have been a big struggle & unfortunately everyone has been impacted. Support programs have been impacted as well. Everything is moving along now with the recent changes to covid isolation rules allowing household contacts to come to work or school. This will help the school in the future.
- The annual school report has been done & can now be accessed on the school website if anyone is interested in having a read. This report is done every 4-5 yrs & sets all different short & long term targets. We reached most targets except for numeracy.
- There has been a shift in attendance at our school. When a child has an

attendance that falls below 85% a letter is automatically sent home. Please don't worry as we know a lot of these children's absentees have been due to covid.

- New processes that have been in place have been working really well. For example the morning drop off at the gate. We have seen a dramatic drop in separation anxiety with this new process. Hopefully this has also helped parents/carers with their mornings while allowing them to leave quickly & go to where they need to go. We don't open the gates at 2pm anymore as we used to pre covid. The gates open at 2.55pm. This has been working well due to less disruption to kids in classrooms that can easily see the parents/carers outside waiting for them, also when some classes have been doing PE in the afternoons. During covid there were three break times. Now we have gone back to two. We found that three breaks were more difficult for the younger kids to settle.
- Thank you to the uniform shop for helping supply some kids in need.
- We haven't had school fees for the last two years due to families being impacted by covid. This year our school fees will start again. Fees are \$100 per child, there is a \$30 voluntary contribution which is of course voluntary.
- When we had our school photos there were over one hundred students away. We have arranged another photo day for only individuals on Friday 13 May. This year we have used a different company so we hope the quality is still good.

President's Report – Tiana Russell (chaired the meeting)

- Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report - Karen Yacoel (acting)

Bank balance for the P&C is \$59,532.50

Bank balance for the Canteen is \$5,746.26

So far this year we have raised a total profit of \$41,327.94

Profit Summary of this is:

Easter Raffle Profit	\$ 3,852.60
End of Term BBQ	\$ 1,127.92
Colour Run4Fun (online)	\$33,955.99
Colour Run4Fun (cash)	\$ 2,200 (approx)
Uniform Shop	\$ 191.43
Mother's Day Stall	\$ 163.97

Canteen Bookkeeper's Report - Virginia Sinlao (absent)

- Nothing to report

Business arising from previous minutes

- Canteen for tender was discussed by Rainy with the point being:

Both the canteen ladies are moving into their slightly senior years & Margaret maybe thinking about retirement soon. Previously the canteen has been able to give approximately \$20,000 towards the P&C yearly donation. This hasn't happened for the last two years due to how the canteen has been impacted by the covid restrictions. There hasn't been a canteen convenor/coordinator for the last one & half years since Rebecca Yagan was in that position. Rainy has spoken to other schools & most reported that the jury is out as to whether it is better or not for the canteen to be privately tendered. Need to think outside the square & discuss what people are thinking. Canteen convenor/coordinator doesn't need to have a business degree but should definitely have volunteered in the canteen so they will know how it is run. P&C committee to discuss further.

Mary asked who does the responsibility fall onto with the canteen. Will being incorporated cover us more? Rainy replied, "I really don't know that answer". Karen will find out more from the P&C Federation regarding the responsibilities. Complaints should be dealt with by the canteen coordinator.

Sam suggested there be two or three people to share the role of canteen coordinator. This needs to be discussed further with the committee.

Rainy also mentioned that the P&C would not be able to apply for the tender. A private tender could still possibly need volunteers. Mary to follow up if privately run school canteens have volunteers.

- Lauren Dusmanovic showed interest in being either Treasurer or Canteen Coordinator. Lauren will become a financial member before the next meeting so this can be finalised.
- Mother's day Tuesday 3 May
Due to the teacher's strike. The original stall date was Wednesday 4 May. There were 8 volunteers plus another that helped out for a short time. We also held a small stall at lunch time on Thursday & Friday for those kids that missed out or

wanted to buy more. Thank you to Rebecca, Melissa & Chani for helping out on those extra days.

- Run4Fun prizes to be distributed once we finalise all cash donations. Emails have been sent to all that still needs to bring in their cash. When this is finalised then the prizes will be sent to the school then we will need a group to sort & distribute to all the kids. Amanda suggested that we put a due date for the cash donations to be handed in. Amanda will draft an email for Karen to send out.

Once all donations have been finalised, we will need to send a note to the top 3 class teachers to ask for when the best day would be for the pizza party.

- Illegal parking - Pablo has chased up Bayside Council about getting some more signs to be put up around the school fences. Hope some signs will arrive soon. This should help remind them about the consequences with illegal parking & the dangers in places for our kids. It was noted that some people have been booked recently for illegal parking. This does show that the council rangers are doing their rounds. Sam said on chuter avenue near the corner of Florence street looks like a crossing but isn't a crossing & is very dangerous. Sam, Amanda & Mary will follow up the council to find out if there's something they can do.

New Business

- We can't do an election BBQ due to the markets. There already is a stall that does BBQ sausages etc and this would impact his business. The same goes for cakes.
- Sam mentioned that the container that the markets use is owned by the P&C & why do the markets use it & not the P&C. Rainy said that the P&C do not own the container & never did. Sam said she was told that it was purchased by the P&C some time ago. Rainy said that's not right but the P&C may have contributed to the cost of purchasing it.
- Sam has suggested changing the school uniform. Sam has spoken to lots of parents. Sam is concerned that the girls' dress is restricting. Suggests a survey to go out to see what changes the parents would want. Rainy mentioned that the P&C thought of this some years ago & that is why they brought in the skorts and shorts with the white polar tshirt. The girls have the option of wearing the dress or shorts & tshirt. Sam suggested the kids wear a green top & green shorts. This was commented on that it will not look good.

Sam would be very happy to open the uniform shop on a Friday afternoon at school. Sam will continue to open the uniform shop once a month on the first

saturday of the month at the saturday markets 10am to 12pm. Sam wants to try & make the uniform shop at saturday markets for P&C interactive. Pablo will check if the school has any stock of the sports long football socks. Maybe the uniform shop can sell them & also sell them from the canteen just like we sell the hats & bags. Hats to be looked at being enforced more by the school. Uniform awards should come back to encourage the kids to wear the proper uniform.

- Karen discussed what we should spend our profits on & suggested the following:

Mural for the canteen \$4.5K plus \$330 (inc gst) pressure cleaned by Sam 101, New Sports equipment, Netball court resurface, New LED School Sign board, Repair ground surface in front of cottage classrooms as this a WHS concern, clean or replace classroom carpets.

Pablo said that when the blue basketball court was assessed by the Assets department the rest of the playground wasn't included at that time due to a number of things. But it was mentioned to Pablo that the rest of the hard surface area including where the netball court is will get done. A question was raised as to why we need a new LED sign. Rainy replied with, the old one is barely working & the supplier is no longer in business. A new sign would light up the school.

- Sam suggested a working bee. Parents do gardening or composting for example. This will be added to the next meeting agenda.
- Angela discussed, Is there a current system in place where parents can add their details too in each grade for the purpose of connecting with other parents and setting up social occasions for the kids. Also to discuss/enquire about organising a P&C social night for parents to meet each other & entice new members. Karen mentioned some years ago the P&C had a class parent system in place. This person would be the one to send out reminder messages to the class parents. This did work quite well but it was replaced by Enews. Rainy said that she is concerned about the amount of P&C messages that get sent out on enews and that the P&C should look into another way of communication. Angela told us about the newsletter that Coogee Public School has. The P&C have their own section in the school newsletter & it gets sent out weekly. It will include links to things like the canteen menu, & important upcoming information. Maria suggested having a disco for families. Sam said she could possibly get the hire of the surf life saving club at Ramsgate for free for us to use or even maybe use the Sid Frost hall in Hawthorne Street. A social night will be added to the agenda for the next meeting for discussion.

General Business

- Mary asked if parents are allowed at assemblies. Rainy said no but with the K-2 classes the parents of the class that is hosting the assembly are invited to attend. This will give all families a chance to attend an assembly. For years 3-6 no

parents attend. With parent teacher interviews can we have two per year? Rainy said no due to staff costs & class disruption. Parents can always call or send an email to arrange to meet the teacher at a suitable time for both. How do parents find out if their child will be needing extra help in the classroom? This will always be communicated by the teacher to the parent/carer.

Meeting concluded at 8.55pm.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday 10th May in the school library.

Minutes taken by Karen Yacoel