

RAMSGATE PUBLIC SCHOOL

P&C Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 15th February, 2022 at 7pm

Location: Via Zoom

Present: Karen Yacoel, Samantha Burston, Vasily Shchegolev, Leonie Wood, Mary Paul, Ana Williams, Tiana Russell, Lorraine Simmis-Taylor and Pablo Fernandez.

Apologies:

Confirmation of previous minutes – 23rd November, 2021 via Zoom

Motion: Tiana Russell

Seconded: Karen Yacoel

Principal's Report – Lorraine Simmis-Taylor

- The parent information webinar held before the beginning of the school year was helpful in facilitating a smooth start to the year.
- Student numbers are down from previous years, with 75 Kindergarten enrolments, which is the lowest number in 8 years. This was expected, due to changes in zone boundaries, but is exacerbated by the effects of Covid – some parents have delayed starting their children at school in the hopes for a “normal” year next year.
- The school will be focussing on the Year 2 students, as these children are now entering their third year at school, but have not yet experienced a “normal” school year.
- There is hope that things at the school may open up a bit more after 4-5 weeks.
- Meet the teacher will be held next week via zoom, over 2 days.

President's Report – Karen Yacoel

- Nothing to report

Business arising from previous minutes

- A canteen convenor is still required. A note will be sent out asking for expressions of interest for this.
- The Christmas raffle held at the end of last year was successful. There was good feedback from parents about the way it was run and the prizes available. This event raised a profit of \$1304.18 (expenses \$2949, ticket sales \$4254).
- The AGM will be held on 22nd March. At this meeting all positions will be open and new committee members will be voted in. An audit will be done by Nena Lambousis. Financial members must be paid up over the next week in order to participate in voting.
- Future meetings – Karen proposed once per term (in week 5) would be enough for now, as not much is going on at the moment. Pablo suggested rather than week 5, the meeting should be held in week 3 of term, with the option of another one in week 8 if it is deemed to be necessary at the time. This suggestion seemed favourable to most members. A decision about this will be made at the AGM.
- The uniform market stall was successfully held again on January 29th. It is suggested that these stalls should be held for shorter hours (2-3 hours, rather than the full 8:00-2:00 that the market is open for). Sam suggested options for parent meetups at the market. Rainy will talk to the market operators about this. Pablo informed us that every Friday AI has been sorting lost property and distributing labelled items to the appropriate classrooms. Any lost property delivered to the uniform shop is available to be sold, as it is from students that have left the school.

Upcoming events

- The Welcome BBQ/Picnic is proposed to be on Friday 4th March from 5:30-8:00. It is not yet certain whether this will be able to go ahead. If it does it will involve a sausage sizzle, sushi and drinks for sale, potentially also slushies/fairy floss/waffles if enough staff/parent/SRC helpers are available. People are also encouraged to bring their own picnic if they would prefer not to buy food. There will also be a disco and a rock-climbing wall as a free activity.

- Colour Fun Run proposed to be held on Friday 25th March after years 3-6 sport. This is much more likely to go ahead as it can be run in stage groups, rather than the whole school together, allowing the school to retain their existing cohort separation. Spectators may not be allowed but parent volunteer helpers would be welcome.
- Mothers' Day (8th May) to be discussed later when we know how much the school will be opening up later in the term.

General Business

- Vasily has resigned as Vice President as of this meeting, due to his children now attending a different school.

Meeting concluded at 7:55pm.

Next meeting (AGM) will be held Tuesday 22nd March, 2022 either via Zoom or in the school hall.