



RAMSGATE PUBLIC SCHOOL

P&C Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 22nd March, 2022 at 8pm

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: Lorraine Simmiss-Taylor, Samantha Burston, Leonie Woods, Macarena Aliste-Soca & Nena Lambousis

Confirmation of previous minutes – 15 February 2022 (via zoom)

Motion: Tiana Russell

Seconded: Karen Yacoel

Principal's Report – Pablo Fernandez

- While many of the COVID restrictions have been relaxed, the school is still required to operate under a number of COVID-safe principles. It is hoped that these will be progressively relaxed over time.
- The school does not collate data on the number of student days lost to illness or isolation requirements, this data is collected by the department of health. • Staff and students were consulted on whether to stick to the current 4 session / 3 break schedule, or return to the previous 3 session / 2 break schedule that operated previously. There was support for both schedules, but it has been decided that the school will return to the 3 session / 2 break schedule as this will fit in best with the requirements of PSSA sport.
- The 'new' morning drop off arrangements, with no parents on-site, will be maintained as these changes have helped students settle in to morning learning more quickly.
- The school had a non-operational day on Tuesday 8 March, which is highly unusual. It was necessary to close the school as there was flooding outside the K-2 toilet block and concerns that there was a possibility of sewage leaking from the toilets. Subsequent plumbing checks found no evidence of sewage leakage.
- Pablo Fernandez noted that the parent community had been very supportive and understanding of the need to close the school.

President's Report – Karen Yacoel

- Nothing to report

Acting Treasurer's Report - Karen Yacoel

- P&C account - \$23,69.67
- Canteen account - \$7,62.94

Canteen Bookkeeper's Report - Virginia Sinlao

- The canteen accounts have been certified and audited by the ATO. A copy has been saved in Google Drive, and will also be emailed to Pablo Fernandez and Lorraine Simmiss-Taylor.
- February sales are showing a profit of \$3,700
- It is hoped that March will be similarly profitable after a full month's trading.
- Early indications are that the new menu has proven popular with sales up over previous years.

Business arising from previous minutes

- A canteen convenor is still required. It is noted that this position has now been vacant for a year.
- It was agreed that a P&C meeting will be held in February in Term 1 to allow new members to join prior to the March AGM and first meeting of the new committee. For the remainder of the year meetings will be held one per term in Week 3, with an option for a second meeting in Week 8 if it is required.

Exec Committee meetings will continue to be held as necessary, outside of this formal structure.

- Lorraine Simmiss-Taylor suggested that the P&C consider putting the canteen out to tender - this action will be carried over to the next meeting. ● A new Office Bearer position of Facebook / Social Media Coordinator has been created to enhance P&C communications with parents.
- It was agreed to raise financial membership costs from \$0.50 to \$1.00, in line

with the P&C constitution, from the date of today's meeting.

Upcoming events

- The Colour Fun Run will be held on Friday March 25th, from 12.30 to 2.30, weather permitting. It was originally intended to hold this event in Tonbridge Park, however the council raised objections to the use of coloured powder and the event has had to be moved to the school grounds. Parents and carers are allowed to spectate from Hawthorn and Florence Streets, but, due to the need to adhere to COVID safe principles, will not be able to come onto school grounds for this event. A large thank you is owed to the large number of parents / carers who have volunteered to assist with this event. It was anticipated that the event would raise \$10,000 for the school, but donations registered online have exceeded \$17,000 by the time of this meeting. It is expected that the amount raised will be greater than this.
- Welcome BBQ/Picnic is to be held on the same day, weather permitting, from 4.30 to 6.30pm. A sausage sizzle, corn on the cob and a food truck have been arranged for refreshments, and there will be a free rock climbing wall. Thank you to the number of volunteers who have already signed up to assist with this event. Pablo Fernandez has booked a cleaner to assist with the clean up after the event.
- The Easter Raffle will be held on Thursday 7 April to coincide with the Easter Hat Parade for K-2 students. Raffle tickets are now available to purchase online. Students are asked to bring in contributions for the raffle on Wednesday 30 March, this will also be a mufti day. The demountable behind the canteen has been booked for Friday 1 April to make up the prizes for the raffle. Last year there were 100 prizes. We are still short of boxes / baskets for the prizes - donations of these are also gratefully accepted.
- Last year one parent / carer per child was able to attend the Easter Hat Parade. Pablo Fernandez anticipates that at least this many will be able to attend this year, and hopefully more.
- A Mother's Day stall will be held in the OSCH building on 4 May with a wrapping day to be held on Friday 29 April. Rebecca Yagan has volunteered to form a committee to make the arrangements for this stall. Any volunteers for either event are very welcome, please contact the P&C for more details.

General Business

- Amanda Barnett raised an issue regarding a very small minority of parents who are parking in an unsafe manner at school pick up times, particularly on Florence Street, near the pedestrian crossing. Pablo Fernandez indicated that

this has been an ongoing concern for the school, but they do not have the authority to stop or control traffic. Bayside Council periodically patrol school zones at drop off and pick up times and have issued fines to drivers who ignore the requirements. The signs on the fence indicating areas where stopping is not permitted have been removed, Pablo Fernandez will look into getting replacement signs put up. For the safety of all our children, please follow the parking directions outside the school, as the overwhelming majority of drivers do.

- The possibility of doing a Crazy Camel fundraiser was raised, but not decided upon. It was recommended that if the new committee chose to go ahead with this fundraiser that it is started earlier in the year than it has been previously, to ensure items are ready for collection before the end of term.
- Chani Bokody is now a financial member & has stepped into the new Office Bearer's role of Social Media Coordinator. Chani will also create an Instagram page & manage both this & the facebook page.

Meeting concluded at 9.00pm.

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

Minutes taken by Rebecca Yagan