



RAMSGATE PUBLIC SCHOOL

P&C Meeting Minutes

Date: 14 February 2023

Called to Order at 7:03pm

Present: Samantha Burston, Karen Yacoel, Amanda Howle, Angela Perosin, Candice Wyatt-Davies, Fiona Garnham, Lauren Dusmanovic, Renee Hart, Lindsay Fong-Yip, Katerina Vickers, Siobhian Docherty, Hamza Burhan, Ilce Veljanoski, Jean Piggins, Kerrie Venter, Christina Kassry & Becky McVicar

Apologies: Tiana Russell, Virginia Sinlao, Marianna Galouzis, Maria Hill, Mary Paul, Leonie Wood, Lorraine Simmis-Taylor & Pablo Fernandez

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Motion: Lauren Dusomanovic

Seconded: Candice Wyatt-Davies

Principal's Report - By Kara Bebawy

- Welcome to everyone for 2023. We have had a smooth start & all students have settled in well. We currently have 496 students with 20 classes. New enrolments are still coming in & we expect to have approximately 500 students within the next couple of weeks. The drop in numbers has affected the SAS staff (office administration staff) & our GA Alan (general assistant) hours. There has also been a shortage of OSCH access & we have asked the license to be increased from 120 to 150. Meet the teacher will be on Wednesday 22 March & the school would like to know what the P&C would like to have included in the information given out. Mrs Murchie has requested a \$1000 donation to cover the cost of Inquisitive Subscription. The committee voted & agreed on this approval.

President's Report - Samantha Burston

- Thank you to everyone who volunteered throughout 2022. We had great feedback from the Christmas party. Thank you to Amanda & Candice on getting the new canteen roster up & running for 2023. Kindy's 1st day was a big hit with the sign from the Sign Fairy. This cost us \$200 which was money very well spent. All the families loved it. The a/c in the canteen broke down last week but it has now been replaced today. The replacement cost was \$7,942.00.

Uniform Shop Report - Samantha Burston

- The uniform shop has made \$3,150 since November 2022. We desperately need more helpers as its hard doing it all on my own. We open every Friday afternoon at 2.30 to 3.15pm. I would like to see 2 or 3 extra helpers. It's a great feeling you get when you know you have helped a family save money on uniforms as we all

know how expensive they are to buy from Lowes. I would still like to change the uniform. Maybe take the dress away & have the same style shorts & tshirts for the girls. A lot of Kindy parents I have spoken to are keen for the change. The P&C have the uniform decision to make. No one seems to come on Saturdays to the uniform shop which is 1st Saturday of the month unless it's advertised on enews. On Saturdays, this would also be a great time to have P&C meet ups & answer questions & give information about our P&C. We really need at least 2 people for the uniform shop.

Treasurer's Report - Karen Yacoel

- P&C Bank Balance: \$51,615.21 Canteen Bank Balance: \$10,982.55
- Overall profit from the 2022 CFFF was \$5,935.61. This was up from previous Christmas under the stars. The CFFF was a huge success with lots of families attending. Feedback was all positive except for most people not being able to hear announcements that came through the school PA system.

Canteen Convenors Report - (Virginia absent)

- Nothing to report

Canteen Report - Candice Wyatt-Davies

- We have a full roster for 2023. As Sam mentioned we had the A/C replaced today. Margaret will be on leave from 24 February to 3 March. Donna will be covering all of Margaret's shifts. Class lists are now finalised. We have noticed a quiet start to the year but this week it's starting to pick up after a note went out on enews. There are now some "add on" to the menu. They are tomato, cucumber & vegan cheese.

Social Media Report - Angela Perosin

- Our first newsletter for the year will go out very soon. I was waiting till after this meeting to gather some dates for upcoming events. I have created a Canva account for the P&C to share. Now the NFP discount for the subscription will need to be organised.

Events Coordinator Report - Fiona Garnham

- I have been reading the Planning Guide on the google drive that Karen has created & we have some decisions to make in regards to dates to lock in for upcoming events. The first one is the Welcome BBQ. Do we want to have a BBQ or a Movie Night? Members voted for the BBQ. Discussion about whether to buy a new BBQ or rent one from Kennards Hire like we did at the 2022 CFFF. The vote was to buy a new good quality BBQ as we have the funds in the bank. Sam will get some prices & let the committee know. Hopefully we will have the new BBQ to use at the Welcome BBQ. Sam suggested we ask Marianna's dad who

works at Bunning Rockdale to see if we can get a discount. There will be beef halal sausages, veggie sausages, bread rolls, maybe corn on the cob. Karen will find out from the regular sausage supplier Breshnahans butcher if they can supply us with the Veggie sausages as well. A team was created & Fiona will lead this team for all the organisation for the Welcome BBQ. The date decided was Friday 3 March 3.30-5.30pm. Kara will confirm with the school if this is suitable. The date for the Easter Hat Parade has been penciled in for Wednesday 29 March due to the anticipated roof works happening which will mean there will be lots of scaffolding around the school. This is when the P&C easter raffle will be drawn. We also need to gather a team for this event asap. Discussion about whether to reduce the number of easter egg hampers this year as there is so much chocolate. Karen suggested maybe we ask each class (20) to group together & make up one or two or even 3 hampers to be used for the raffle. Kara said that could be a possibility but will need to speak to the school executives. Mother's day is also around the corner & we need to start ordering the mother's day gifts asap. Karen mentioned that the company Bear & Moon will supply the goods on a 21 day account. The other companies that we have used in the past need payment up front. This can be hard for the organiser to pay out of their personal account all in one go. Mother's Day is on Sunday 14 May. Wrapping will have to be in the week of the 1 May & stall date will be either Wednesday 10 or Thursday 11 May.

General Business

- New financial members for 2023 have paid their \$1 membership fee
- Recycle Bins - Bayside council needs to be contacted about how we get some recycle bins. Kare said in the past the SRC have tried many times to get some from the council but they have had no luck. Sam will call Bayside council & find out how we can get some. Amanda suggested maybe we get those Blue bins for the cans & bottles. This would be a great idea but you now have to pay \$60 per bin.
- New subcommittee Neurodivergence & Inclusive Class. Renee Hart & Becky McVicar spoke about how this would benefit children like Renee's son that has Down Syndrome & Becky's son who has some hearing problems in one ear. Renee & Becky were explaining that in their son's class which is 1 Blue the teacher uses a sound device called Roger which is worn by the teacher & then is amplified into her son's good ear when the teacher talks. There were some concerns which were if the teacher was to raise their voice or yell her son would get a fright from the louder noise he hears in his ear. This did give him some anxiety in class. Renee & Becky are hoping to form a subcommittee that parents could be inclusive of all families that have different needs including children with different needs, ADHD, Autism, from different backgrounds, same sex parents, single parents etc. Kara said that there are currently 3 hearing stations around the school & one is here in the library. Ms Austin uses it regularly to limit herself

calling out to children that are far away from her as the library is such a big space. The Learning Support team should be able to apply & obtain more of these for the school. Karen mentioned that these devices should be in every classroom to help the teachers. We don't know how many kids play up & distract the classroom because maybe they just can't hear the teacher. Becky & Renee will look into getting some quotes for the P&C. A vote was done & everyone present agreed that this is something the P&C can fund. We will trial one hearing station for now & discuss further if this is something that all the classrooms will get.

Meeting closed at 8.23pm

Minutes by: Karen Yacoel

Next meeting AGM followed by General Meeting on 21 March 2023 at 7pm