

RAMSGATE PUBLIC SCHOOL

P&C Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday 29 November, 2022 at 7pm

Location: RPS Library

Present: Samantha Burston, Tiana Russell, Karen Yacoel, Fiona Garnham, Leonie Wood, Lorraine Simmis-Taylor, Angela Perosin, Candice Wyatt-Davies, Lauren Dusmanovic & Marianna Galouzis

Apologies: Virginia Sinlao, Pablo Fernandez

Acknowledgement of Country - Samantha Burston

Confirmation of previous minutes – 25th October, 2022, RPS Library and via Zoom

Motion: Tiana Russell

Seconded: Angela Ingram

Correspondence – Karen Yacoel

Too much to discuss, but mostly catalogues etc to do with Christmas Fundraising.

Brief address from Principal – Lorraine Simmis-Taylor

- \$1000 request from Ms Bebawy for decodable texts for Year 2 – approved by P&C.
- K-2 toilet block refurbishment probably not to be completed until Easter Holidays 2023. Dampness needs to be resolved and left for a period of time before tiles can be replaced and painted. Once done, P&C to potentially add to the refurbishment for further improvement.
- Defibrillator has been ordered and should arrive before the end of the year.

President's Report: Samantha Burston

- Happy with how the Christmas fun day is coming together, but there is still a lot of work to do.
- Uniforms – currently \$682 cash in box, square amount not yet tallied as it is expected that there will be a significant increase over the next few days due to Kindergarten orientation.

- T-shirts ordered and received for P&C members to wear at events to identify us. These are to be distributed at the end of the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Yacoel

- Official handover to Lauren still not completed as there is a difficulty in arranging a time with Virginia.
- New signatories to be added to account through Westpac bank. Members to be added: Samantha Burston (President), Tiana Russell (Vice President), and Lauren Dusmanovic (Treasurer)
- P&C Bank balance: \$43,429.63
- Canteen bank balance: \$16,779.35
- School community/P&C fundraising for George Lambousis raised a total of \$645, which paid for his compulsory NSW uniform for the National Athletics Competition. (\$389 from private donations, \$256 from canteen profits for 1 week).
- Sam suggested that we send Virginia a gift to thank her for working so hard for us over the last few years. despite the fact that she has no children currently at RPS and is living in Canberra. Giving gifts out of P&C funds is controversial, so this needs to be discussed further.

Canteen Convenors' Report: Amanda Howle and Candice

- Canteen going well in terms of organisation of shifts. Currently 33 people are on the canteen volunteer list, so plenty of people can cover shifts if someone is not available on their day.
- Donna suggests another oven, which could go in the place of the dishwasher, which is not currently used as things do not fit in it. BUT Rainy pointed out that chopping boards are required to be placed in the dishwasher in order to be sanitised. This is to be confirmed with Fahri.
- Need to look into getting a food safety supervisor certificate displayed. P&C federation can help with this.
- Canteen and other P&C volunteer dinner to be held tomorrow, 30/11/22 at the RSL club. Currently 12 people have RSVP'd that they will attend.

Events Coordinator: Maria not present

- Karen has been unable to contact Maria regarding events to be organised, resulting in a major increase in Karen's workload, and as a consequence, events have had to be cancelled (Dance and Sip).
- Candice attempted to speak to Maria on Thursday.
- Events coordinator role transferred from Maria to Fiona moving forward. It is now up to Fiona to generate a team and delegate jobs for each event.
- Christmas Fun Fair:
 - o Popcorn machine working well, some popcorn supply left

- Snow cone machine – cups and straws bought, still need cordial.
- 2 people will need to be on each of these machines at all times (need at least 8 volunteers to cover this over the two shifts)
- Extra meeting to be held to discuss Fun Fair.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

- Kindergarten orientation week is going well, uniform, hat and bag sales are very successful, and should continue over the next few days.
- Defibrillator ordered, as previously discussed
- Artwork on stairs – Decision made to go with Carmel Creations, as they are much cheaper than others, and also local to Kirrawee. This is for Library block stairs. Also to potentially use Carmel Creations for internal stairs in K-2 building, rather than Etsy stickers as these may not be durable enough.
- Chess club – This has begun, and is held on Tuesdays at lunchtime in the library with Ms Austin.
- Parent representative system. Discussed that this was successful the first year, but its success dwindled over the next 3-4 years. Was replaced with eNews. Discussion ongoing, but thoughts are that it may be the most useful for K-2 classes only. Potentially will use the Class Dojo platform. Currently there are already WhatsApp groups for K, 1 and 2.
- George Lambousis – Karen has an email from George's family, which she read out at the meeting. George's family are very thankful for the P&C getting behind him and supporting him. They were a bit disappointed by the lack of financial support from the school, and are hopeful that in future, any student that reaches National level in any sporting or other event representing the school would get the support and recognition from the school that they deserve.

New Business:

- Question whether more panel training is needed. Rainy stated that no panels are expected to be held in the near future, so at this stage no more training sessions are necessary. Perhaps in Term 1 or 2 next year there will be another session held.
- Next meeting will be held Tuesday 14th February. Members will need to become financial (pay \$1) at this meeting in order to be a financial member & be considered for official committee roles and to vote at the AGM.
- AGM to be held Tuesday 21st March.
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Principal's Report – Lorraine Simmis-Taylor

- New Assistant Principal appointed – Claire Prince. This role became available due to Kara Bebawy moving on to a different role.
- New executive director for our school network appointed in place of the previous director, Loretta Clause. New director, Tanya visited recently. We have achieved all of our targets, and some have been exceeded, particularly in literacy and numeracy. This is based only on NAPLAN. Growth data is the most important factor to look at, rather than the number of students in top

bands, as it demonstrates teaching success, rather than level of a particular cohort.

- There is a new curriculum for K-2 English and Maths that our school has already adopted. This Curriculum is to become compulsory as of 2023, and is based on decodable texts and phonics. Great results have been achieved so far.
- Numbers for 2023 are falling across the whole school network, with the exception of Kyeemagh, as they are in a growth period due to their recent extension to cover the whole K-6. RPS only has 60 kindergarten children currently enrolled for 2023. This is most likely due to the increased cost of living in this area. There will be 510-520 students in total for next year.
- This is a very busy time of year, with several events happening over the next few weeks. Also a very exciting time, especially for the Year 6 students. Year 6 stall day was extremely successful.

Lucky door prize winner: Lauren! She received a \$30 EFTPOS voucher.

Close of meeting: 8:30pm.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday 14th February, 2023. This will be the last official meeting of the 2022 year.