



RAMSGATE PUBLIC SCHOOL
P & C Meeting Minutes
Date: 09 May 2023
Location: RPS Library
Meeting Commenced: 7:00pm

Present: Amanda Howle, Angela Perosin, Candice Wyatt-Davies, Fiona Garnham, Leonie Wood, Pablo Fernandes, Samantha Burston (VP), Sarah Broadley and Tiana Russell (VP).

Apologies: Kerry, Lorraine Simmis-Taylor and Mary Paull.

Confirmation of previous meeting's minutes from 21st March 2023:

Motion: Candice Wyatt-Davies

Seconded: Angela Perosin

Acknowledgement of Country: Tiana Russell

Treasurer's Report: We currently do not have a Treasurer, so there is no report.

- Amanda has a possible person interested. Interest to be confirmed and then put to ballot next meeting.
- Easter raffle profit ~\$1300. This was lower than expected, likely due to the fact that the raffle tickets were not made available early enough. Moving forward, 3 weeks is a good time for raffle to be live.

President's Report:

- Lauren has stepped down from the President's role via written notice. Therefore, we currently do not have a President, so no report.
- It was pointed out that we have 2 Vice Presidents and a strong team so we can manage without a President for the time being. There will be a ballot next meeting to hopefully appoint a President.

2nd Hand Uniform Report: Samantha Burston

- The uniform shop has been closed for a while due to the school renovations.
- Since re-opening there has been a rush on jumpers due to the colder weather.
- Sam has proposed a new supplier for hats (and possibly shirts), as the quality of the hats and shirts is low. In particular, the Velcro on the hats does not last long, and does not reflect the current price of the hats.
- \$241 sales on the square, \$365 cash taken. \$581 total.
- Recently, canteen volunteers have been given free access to uniforms as a way to thank them for their time.

Canteen Coordinator's Report: Amanda Howle

- Canteen has been running nicely.

- The new winter menu is up and running.
- Homemade vegie sauce has been added to chicken strips orders automatically, in order to increase the nutritional value of the orders, to make it more of a complete meal. Feedback is being sought from students and parents on this.
- New volunteers are needed. Sarah has offered to help from June onwards.
- New oven and freezer needed. The canteen would like another upright freezer (similar to the one in the canteen) to be placed out the back of the canteen (K-2 side). Oven space is currently OK, however with the colder weather and subsequent increase in demand for hot food it may become necessary to get another oven.

Social Media Coordinator's Report: Angela Perosin

- There will be a new newsletter coming out soon.

Event Coordinators' Report: Amanda Howle and Fiona Garnham

- Mothers' Day stall to be held tomorrow, 10th May. The wrapping day was a success, with plenty of volunteers. 4 full-day and 12 part-day volunteers to help tomorrow. There will be a second session for students that have missed out on Friday at lunchtime in the library.

Principal's Report: Pablo Fernandes

- Acknowledgement of country
- K-2 Easter Hat Parade, held in Week 10, Term 1 went well, despite having to be held in the hall due to wet weather. Unfortunately, parents were not able to visit during this time as there is not enough space in the hall.
- Parent Teacher interviews were held in week 11. QR codes for joining class What'sApp groups were accessible during these meetings to encourage people to join. Next year these should be provided at the Meet-the-teacher sessions.
- ANZAC day – Three separate events were held:
 - o "Schools remember" at Hyde Park – school captains were taken with Pablo Fernandes to this event to lay a wreath.
 - o The school's ANZAC Day assembly was held on the last day of term 1, although this was around 2 weeks before ANZAC day. It was held at this time in order for the children to learn about the significance of the day before it happened. RSL club members visited and spoke at this assembly.
 - o On ANZAC Day, school captains attended the ceremony at Ramsgate RSL club to present a wreath.
- Staff Development Day 24th April:
 - o Staff were given professional learning around Indigenous students' learning needs.
 - o They were also given an "on country" learning experience at La Perouse, led by Aboriginal elders. Information was given on Aboriginal history in Sydney and the impacts on the local area.
 - o Following this, Aboriginal students at RPS have started 3 weeks of cultural learning with a local Aboriginal teacher. They are allowed to have one friend each to join them in this experience.
- Staff have also been receiving professional learning around Trauma Informed Practice. Staff are halfway through this program and it is providing interesting information regarding the impact of trauma (family breakdown etc) on students' behaviour and how to support the students through this.

- The Year 5 Canberra 3-day excursion took place last week. Feedback from parents is that the eNews updates were very reassuring.
- The Year 6 Camp has been booked for December, and will be at Narrabeen.
- There has been very positive feedback from students regarding the use of the Learner Dispositions. This has provided them with more information on what a good learner is, as it provides more scaffolding than the term “active learner”. It is great that the learner dispositions are now painted on the library stairs, reinforcing this information.
- Groundwork:
 - o The roof work is nearing completion. Some classes have had to have been moved to other areas temporarily as this work is taking place.
 - o The canteen pergola is finished. It is higher than the previous one, allowing more light in to brighten up the area.
 - o The K-2 toilet block has been painted. In order to improve the smell of the toilet block, there is a new material that can be used in the tiling around the urinal and toilet areas that does not hold the smell. P&C to contribute to this?
 - o A plumber has been to assess the drainage problem under the soft fall in the playground. Once the drainage problem has been fixed new soft-fall can be laid to alleviate the trip hazard.
 - o Parent workshop – 1,2,3 magic will be held soon. This gives parents and carers practical tips around children’s behaviour etc. This is to be re-advertised through enews.

Business arising from previous minutes:

- Recycle bins – no update
- Certificate of currency needs to be updated.
- Reloadable debit card for canteen staff – currently the staff are happy to continue as they have been, with making minor supermarket purchases with their own money and being reimbursed. However, the P&C does not deem this to be suitable, so will continue to investigate the possibility of a reloadable debit card.

New business for discussion:

- Next event preparation – Trivia night for parents in term 3???
- Fathers’ Day:
 - o Fathers’ Day breakfast to be run by teachers
 - o Fathers’ Day stall facilitated by Fiona and Amanda
 - o Movie night – suggestion to hold a movie night towards the end of term 3, before the beginning of daylight savings. This will take the place of an end of year celebration, as we do not have enough volunteers to organise this. We will hopefully be able to borrow the outdoor movie screen from Ramsgate RSL Club. Date proposed for this is Friday 22nd September. We will hold popcorn and waffle stalls. Families to bring cushions etc to sit on.
 - o The paved path near the library is a trip hazard, due to tree roots pushing up the pavers. This area was a previous year’s fundraiser, in which families could purchase a paver with their child’s name on it. To solve this problem, it was suggested that we hold a working bee to pull up the pavers and relocate them to behind the canteen. We could also include a new fundraiser for current families to purchase an engraved paver.

- Spending P&C funds:
 - o Mrs Murchie was successful in obtaining the grant from the RSL club to put towards the purchase of a ping pong table. The table chosen is from POPP (Public Outdoor Ping Pong), and the style chosen is called "Hero". This comes in a basic colour, which can then be painted with a design. An indigenous design is preferred. There was a suggestion by Angie to use a local artist/group called Wandana for this painting. The grant was not sufficient to pay for the whole job, so the P and C have agreed to contribute the further \$5400 needed to complete this project.
 - o Flag poles – we currently have 2 flag poles, and would like 3 in order to include a Torres Strait Islander flag (in addition to the current Australian and Aboriginal flags). One of the existing flagpoles and tying mechanism needs replacing. We will need to purchase an additional 2 flagpoles.
 - o PSSA sports shirts – the soccer shirts look very nice, however feedback from netballers is that they would like a fancy shirt too. Currently netballers wear the normal yellow sport shirt. It was suggested that the standard RPS Sports shirt should be changed to a more updated design, in line with that of other schools. This could be in a more breathable fabric. P&C to look into this option.
 - o Netball visor – we need to purchase these again as they are currently unavailable at the school.

General Business:

- Next meeting there will be a ballot held to appoint to the current vacant committee positions:
 - President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
- Sam proposed that the school gates be open until 3:30 on Friday afternoons in order to facilitate more open communication between parents, the school and the school principal. She also suggested that there should be a P&C representative at assemblies in order to increase our visibility, resulting in greater parent involvement in the P&C. Another suggestion was to have a P&C representative at weekly staff meetings however it was pointed out that this would not be appropriate.

Meeting concluded at 8:25pm

Minutes by: Leonie Wood

Next meeting to be held 13th June 2023 (Tuesday Week 8 Term 2)