



Rivers Secondary College Richmond River High Campus P&C Committee 2015

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Agenda Item	Commence 6pm 10th August 2015
Opening and welcome by the Chair	Fiona Lotherington, Tania Harvey, Melanie Gates-Manar, Kathy Smith, Denise Whitney, Karen Faulks, Sharyn Price, Kathy Claydon, Dave Harvey, John Baker
Apologies	Peter Howes, Lena Greene
	Minutes tabled as read to be true and correct. Moved Kathy. Seconded Tania.
Business arising from the minutes of the previous general meeting	
Correspondence received since the previous general meeting - Inward (as listed) Outward (as listed)	Bank Statements: See Treasurer's Report

<p>Business arising from the correspondence</p>	<p>Bank Statements under Treasurer's Report...</p> <p>Parent & Citizen magazine is in</p>
<p>Treasurer's report and financial statement, and any business arising from these.</p>	<p>Bank statements available.</p> <p>May and June Profit & Loss Statements available.</p> <p>Canteen account fluctuates due to school holidays and pays.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance sheet and P&L statement is true and correct. <p>Moved: Karen</p> <p>Seconded: Sharyn</p>
<p>Subcommittees' reports and financial statements and any business arising from these.</p>	

Principals Report

Dave: Introduced Tim Danaher who will be in the region for 6 months promoting the Gonski funding to school groups. The last 2 years of funding is available. Tim can come back to the school to present prior to the next P&C meeting and will be holding public forums.

Gonski campaign – getting additional money – wanting to spend strategically. Extra Gonski funding will be put into equity, indigenous and rural/remote. More funding to kids who need extra support. Has been used to fund the AIM program.

Three draft programs that need to be implemented in term 4 – more personalised teaching method for kids who need extra support, be that high or low achievers – taste of TAFE – evaluate term 4 and then reassess for 2016.

Year 12 music night: Amazing experience! Connection between teachers and students made for a wonderful night.

Canteen: Kathy – canteen going to be refurbished over Christmas break – replacing benches to stainless steel – will be gutted out – flooring taken out – new cupboards - school will fund some of the new appliances. P&C may contribute to new fridge.

Annual evaluation and planning for school: Feedback forums for parents, students and staff starting in September – small groups – think tank to find out what we can improve on – parents should let Dave know if they are interested in participating.

Called P&C Sydney – first term next year to get together with other P&Cs via Rivers so that we can tap into the collective wisdom/skills.

John: How can I better support all the P&Cs? How can we better engage parents to come to P&C? Rivers would like to participate. Looking at ways we can make the P&C more accessible. Eg online information or access to meetings, agenda available before meetings, P&C Facebook page?

Can we have P&C after school at 3:30pm – would this work better for parents? Ans: All Rivers P&C meet on Monday nights

CAR legacy: Gave us \$800,000 – will have another \$200,000 soon. Trying to find the best way to generate the most bank interest so scholarship only comes out of not interest and capital remains untouched. Current low interest rates mean less than 5 scholarships may be offered

Kathy: Top 5 students will get scholarships – why not choose top kids in different faculties?

Dave: must weigh up the wishes that were expressed in the will. Conditions are in the deed – to manage it with integrity students ideally have high ATAR results and be a good citizen (no suspension in years 11 and 12) – difficult to transparently make a decision due to there being so many courses for the students to choose.

John: Redesigning the logo – designs coming – consultation process – samples will go to P&Cs for comment

Fiona: Project based learning sounds impressive, which is being implemented at Lismore High in Year 7. Could be useful for the kids who are more disengaged

Dave: Lismore High is running it – an adaption of what primary schools are doing – way of covering the curriculum – will look at how they run it – will have someone come from Lismore High to tell us how they run it.

President's Report	<p>Fiona: Changing bank accounts to be done at the end of the school year. Will approach Westpac to see what they can offer. Kaye has expressed that she will not want to do the books if it's not MYOB or online banking</p> <p>Karen: Should be combining accounts so that it can accumulate more interest. Resigning as Treasurer.</p> <p><i>Big thank you to Karen from the P&C!</i></p> <p>Denise: Has used Banklink program for accounting which is an MYOB program. There is also Zero, a cloud based program but we need a new computer (lap top), new program, internet access. Marg is able to arrange wireless for the P&C computer. Westpac is preferable to change all accounts over too.</p> <p>Dave: Need to come up with a user friendly system and consider Kaye's role as bookkeeper. There's a need to get it all streamlined and online and get a laptop for P&C use</p> <p>Tania: Resigning from Vice President due to daughter leaving school</p> <p><i>Warm thank you to Tania for her endurance and dedication to the P&C - all the very best!</i></p>
General Business	<p>Tim Danaher: Gonski local coordinator – tangible changes for the students. Will be in touch.</p> <p>Pot holes out back of school still waiting to be filled</p> <p>Dave: We have rung council many times; bus drivers are complaining too so we'll ring again</p>
Applications for membership and recording of new members	
Date of next meeting	6pm Monday 14 th September 2015
Close	7:30pm

Motions from the meeting:
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