



**Rivers Secondary College Richmond River High Campus
P&C Committee 2016**

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Monday May 9 2016

Meeting opened 5.30 pm

Attendance: Fiona Lotherington, Lena Greene, Lee Duncan, Marie-Chantelle Pelletier, Gwyneth Jones, Kathy Claydon, Laura Heyward, Acting Principal Peter Howes.

No apologies

Agenda: School Vice Captains, Jess Martin and Chloe Willis, and teacher Leonie Zann presented results of SRC's canteen survey. Covered use of canteen by students and staff, response to new canteen, list of changes students and teachers would like, including new menu items and more budget priced healthy items and promotion of special food days.

Short discussion followed. The canteen has started announcements of food specials at year meetings.

Meeting then moved to the Library for briefing from Librarian Louise Seccombe about revamp of the library with \$30,000 of Gonski funding. New mobile shelving system and redesigned layout with spaces for student team work, study bays. Similar to library facilities at elite private schools in Sydney.

School is asking if P&C can fund the modular furniture that is the other part of the revamp. An estimated \$30,000. Bev asked if we could have a prioritised list of costings for the furniture for P&C to consider. Louise to provide.

Minutes of last meeting accepted. Moved Fiona, seconded Marie-Chantelle.

Business Arising from minutes of previous meeting

Auditor has been paid

School doesn't need to upgrade food handling licence as it already café/restaurant standard. \$250 not paid for Laura's food tech training because she is still in probationary period and the course is being updated, so better to hold off until 2017. Also not a requirement for canteen staff.

Cash register has been ordered but hasn't arrived yet.

Correspondence: P&C magazine, various advertising flyers, information on teaching awards and Child Abuse Prevention Service student film comp passed on to Principal, flyer on how to run an outdoor film night. Members expressed interest in this. Lee to request the information booklet.

Email correspondence: From Peter Howes and John Baker calling for P&C rep on The Rivers Council (Bev Riley has taken that on).

From Leonie Zann re SRC presentation

P&C Federation notice of statewide forums: Northern Rivers event 20 May Lismore High campus. 10 - 2pm.

Healthy Kids mag wants to do story on new canteen, Fiona has advised to wait until canteen completed.

Treasurer's report: Our term deposit will be rolled over from CBA to Westpac this week. Still in the process of changing all accounts from CBA to Westpac.

Subcommittee report: No sign of major canteen equipment yet, (combi oven, dishwasher, rangehood) could be 4 to 6 weeks away. Small equipment borrowed from school-does it need to be replaced? Peter to ask Gary Ayres how many days the canteen will need to be closed for fit out.

Laura to email staff and post specials on facebook weekly.

Principal's report

Acknowledged influential leadership of Dave Harvey as principal. Peter Howes moves from Relieving principal to Acting principal. Position may be advertised this term. Fiona will be contacted regarding P&C rep on selection panel.

Report on the success of project based innovative learning at the school, and also great results from On Track program for disengaged students.

Complications with plans for Fans for MPU, now required to go through asset management for OHS. This could make them more expensive, with cages around fans. We can't go ahead at the moment and Peter proposes we wait and see if we get the 50/50 grant funding.

Discussion on concerns that Asset Management unit doesn't use local suppliers/tradesmen. Peter suggested we raise issue of local tendering with P&C Federation.

Free senior tutoring program for years 10/11/12 working well. Schools wants to use Gonski funding to continue this next term. Students have access to 3 free sessions.

Peter provided list of issues for P&C to consider (attached). Discussion on priorities to be made an agenda item for next meeting.

P&C rep report from the Rivers College Council: Bev attended her first council meeting. P&C reps from three campuses there. Discussion on how to be unified college rather than competing campuses, eg all open nights on one night. Also problems of logistics of senior cross campus classes. Principals are looking into this. Meetings are held once a term.

Next meeting : 20th June. **Meeting closed:** 7.45 pm