

TRSC RICHMOND RIVER HIGH P & C ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE 2021

President: Kris Hill
Secretary: Cass Duckett
Treasurer: Luke Asher
Vice President: Joye Spinks
Vice President: Laila Page

P&C Minutes 10/MAY/2021

Meeting Opens: 5.30 pm with Welcome to Country by Kris.

Attendance: Joye Spink, Sonya Gibbons, Kris Hill, Cass Duckett, Belinda Marr, Dot Panaretos, Andrew Logan, Zoe Schlatter, Luke Asha, Richelle Harding, Laila Page, Wilma Crowther, Lisa Lucken, Kathrin de Silva, Amanda Arthur-Drew.

Apologies - Luke Woodward, represented by Belinda Marr.

Minutes of last meeting: Motion by to accept the minutes by Andrew and seconded by Luke.

Minutes of AGM: Motion by to accept the minutes by Andrew and seconded by Luke.

Business arising from minutes of last meeting:

1. Hemp t-shirts

An order has been placed for 200 Hemp t-shirts, in the range/ number of sizes as suggested by the manufacturer. Sample t-shirts are currently in production and should be available in the coming days. The whole process to get the initial order completed has a 3 to 4 month lead time.

Joye will sell the t-shirts via her shop for the same prices as the school shirts available at Lowes. Proceeds from their sale will be fed back into the P&C as a form of fundraising.

Laila produced a "coming soon" leaflet which was reviewed by the P&C. It was suggested that a picture of the shirt to be added to the leaflet when one becomes available. The shirts can then be advertised in the school newsletter and on the school's Facebook page. Additionally, leaflets will be distributed via the Year 6 into Year 7 information packs.

2. Yondr pouches.

Belinda presented an information session regarding the Yondr phone pouches. This is a system that has been implemented at Lismore High School and will also be launched at Kadina High School in the coming weeks. Kids put their phones in a pouch which is magnetically locked on entering the school then unlocked on leaving. Whilst there is currently a Mobile Phone Policy at RRHS, mobile phones are increasingly becoming a distraction within the school, both for students and for teachers whose time is increasingly taken up implementing disciplinary action for the improper use of mobile phones in the learning environment.

The P&C voted unanimously to pursue Yondr. Dot suggested that a survey be sent to parents/ carers via Survey Monkey to ascertain parental/ carer support for this initiative. The P&C voted unanimously in favour of the survey and also to financially support (figures TBC) the initial set up cost of the programme. In its first year, the programme is quoted to cost \$9,360.

There will be a site survey by Yondr on 27th May. The school intends to get a survey completed and sent to parents in Week 7.

3. Meeting with Nathan Kesteven

Dot met with Nathan to discuss:

1. The teaching of ethics and philosophy in lieu of religion
2. Use of unused "Active Kids" vouchers in the Lismore LGA to support sports programmes in schools.

Dot will consider the teaching of ethics/ philosophy in the next cycle. Dot pointed out that there would need to be three options available to students (Special religious education, ethics/ philosophy and an opt-out option). The school is not in a position to offer these options this year due to the staffing requirement but could look into it for 2022. Laila suggested that other beliefs could be presented to the pupils via guest presenters from varied local spiritual and religious groups. This will need further investigation and discussion at future meetings.

With regards to the use of Active Kids vouchers, Nathan is going to take this up with the Minister for Education to see if unspent money can be siphoned back into school sports programmes.

Correspondence:

Cass confirmed that there was nothing to report at the meeting. She has collected the mail and will report back next meeting.

General Business:

There were no other business items raised.

President's report:

Nil report this meeting

Treasurer's Report:

Nil report this meeting. Joye and Sonya met with Luke and Cass at Westpac last month to change the signatories on the bank accounts.

Principal's Report:

See attached report provided by Dot.

Meeting close: 7.07 pm

Next meeting Mon 19th July 5.30pm.