

Campbell High School P&C Meeting minutes – 9 September 2019

Attendance: Chair: Karina Edwards, Principal: Steve Collins and 12 others - see Attachment A

1. Welcome and previous minutes

1.1 Welcome and opening remarks from the Chair

Karina thanked the parents for their attendance.

1.2 Apologies

Geoffrey

1.3 Approval of the minutes

The minutes of the 12 August 2019 were approved. Moved: Clare Wynter. Seconded: Steve Collins

1.4 Business arising

- Clare Wynter to contact the ACT Council of Parents and Citizens to raise the canyoning and caving ban - done

Clare reported that the Council raised the ban at their bi-monthly meeting with the Director-General of Education and the Minister. They were advised that legal issues were still being addressed.

Clare offered to draft a letter on behalf of the P&C to send to the Directorate raising concerns about the transition to other activities and the timeline attached to the ban. She will circulate a draft letter to the school Executive.

- Commonwealth school grants program – applications closing 30 September

Campbell High School is applying for a grant to transform the technology quadrangle into an outdoor teaching and learning space. The grant will cover the cost of shading the area, furniture and plants to encourage tactile learning.

The P&C expressed its support for the proposal.

Steve Collins will circulate the proposal to the P&C.

Joanne Weir offered her expertise in preparing grant applications.

2. Reports

2.1 President's report - Karina Edwards

P&C funds for the arts faculty

The P&C supported a request for \$200 for catering for the 'Arts fest'.

Canteen

As a result of the spot inspection and in recognition of the quality of the canteen, Hazel has been asked to submit the canteen's menu to a Nutrition Australia forum.

Parent workshop

The first parent workshop facilitated by Kieran will be held after the P&C meeting.

2.2 Principal's report - Steve Collins

Limelight

Campbell High school's performance was on Friday 30 August.

Enrichment

The school held a 'whole of school' line dance on the oval in which 700 students participated. The feedback from students was very positive.

Arts Fest

Will be held on Thursday 12 September at 6:00 pm.

ICT security

The ICT support teacher attended an ICT security presentation. There will be a presentation in the Dickson library open to the community which will be publicised in the Weekly Wrap.

Canteen closing

The early closing trial has gone well. The school will also be trialling additional warning bells and will advise students of this at the assembly tomorrow. The warning bells at the end of breaks will alert students of the need to start moving towards class.

The school is looking for a less harsh sounding system for bells and Steve will provide feedback next meeting.

Student reporting

Steve advised that student progress reports may not be available before the parent teacher night because of issues with the new reporting module through 'Central'.

2.3 Canteen report

Joanne Weir reported a drop in sales in July with a pick-up in August. In the 8 months to August, the canteen has been running at a small loss. The canteen has dropped the hours worked by casuals in response. Prices will possibly increase slightly including because food costs are increasing.

Parents asked if there was an opportunity for students to volunteer in the Canteen. Hazel reported that there was however customers come in peaks and there may not be sufficient work to keep

student volunteers occupied. Students can assist with food preparation and with the St John's breakfast club.

3. Budgeting

There was no budget report.

4. Other business

Technology

There is a public seminar at the ANU on 12 September reporting on students use of smartphones at school.

Making P&C funds available to teachers

Karina reported that the P&C had \$13,000 available to invest in projects and she is seeking ideas.

The meeting discussed:

- the merits of spreading the funds between faculties or alternatively funding a larger project
- interest in supporting outdoor social and recreational spaces for example an outdoor chess set or tables with board games.

Steve would like the P&C involved in any funded project.

Karina advised that she would circulate options and put this on the agenda for the next P&C meeting. Students would be asked to provide feedback on options.

The meeting closed at 7:05 pm.

Action arising – carried over from the August meeting

1. A report on the trial of closing the canteen early will be provided to the October P&C meeting.
2. Steve Collins to bring a proposal for changes to reporting on student performance to the October P&C meeting

Action arising – 9 September 2019 meeting

3. Clare Wynter to draft a letter on behalf of the P&C to send to the Directorate raising concerns about the transition to other activities and the timeline attached to the caving and canyoning ban.
4. Steve Collins will circulate the Commonwealth school grants program proposal to the P&C
5. Steve Collins will provide feedback to the P&C on the warning bell system
6. Karina Edwards would circulate options for P&C funding of school projects at the October meeting.

Attachment A

Attendees

Karina Edwards – President
Sarah Avakian – Vice President
Steve Collins – Principal
Trina McFarlane – Treasurer
Sarah Dinning – Secretary
Joanne Weir – Canteen coordinator
Hazel Herron – canteen manager
Marg Cummins
Clare Wynter
Henriette Sorensen
Stephen Burg
Kylie Martin
Jo Fisher
Plus one other