

Campbell High School P&C Meeting minutes – 18 June 2019

Attendance: Chair: Karina Edwards, Principal: Steve Collins and 8 others - see Attachment A

1. Welcome and previous minutes

1.1 Welcome and opening remarks from the Chair

Karina welcomed attendees.

1.2 Apologies

Sarah Avarkian, Trina McFarlane and Rachael Tasker

1.3 Approval of the minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 22 May 2019 were approved.

1.4 Business arising

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

2. Reports

2.1 President's report - Karina Edwards

Canteen

The public liability insurance is in place for the canteen. The canteen had an unannounced health inspection on 17 June and passed.

There was an incident where a student played a practical joke with a 'stink bomb' which was resolved through a restorative justice process.

Soup is on the winter menu. Students can get a discount if they bring a disposable cup. The meeting noted there were practical difficulties with disposable cups because students couldn't wash them.

The meeting discussed the pros and cons of the flexischool payment arrangement which is not yet in place.

Advertising P&C meetings

The meeting discussed getting the office to put P&C meetings in the school calendar on the website.

Action arising from the meeting of 22 May

- Year 10 mural

Katrina has talked to the art teacher. The students are working on the mural project at lunch time and enrichment. The P&C will provide a cheque to the teacher.

- Kieran prepared a proposal for parent workshops which will be presented to the P&C (see below).

2.2 Principal's report - Steve Collins

Chrome books

Device free days – any proposal needs to be student led and Steve met with the student leadership group to discuss. The leadership group are supportive. The school is considering scheduling alternatives such as board games or sport.

Enrichment

Steve reported on the proposal to change the structure of enrichment from term 3. This is being driven by a review of the balance between core teaching hours and enrichment and evidence of decreased student engagement with enrichment, including truancy. The school has assessed that enrichment is not achieving one of its goals which was to increase engagement. In addition, the school wants to increase core teaching hours.

The proposal is to include another line so that enrichment becomes curriculum focussed for example excursions, practicals or dedicated time for assignments. It will be undertaken in students' compass groups with the benefits of being smaller groups and the teachers knowing the students allowing for more oversight.

The parents at the meeting reported their childrens' support for enrichment and that enrichment allows students to exercise choice and this will be reduced with the proposed changes.

Action arising: Steve will put information in the Weekly Wrap for parents about changes to enrichment.

Timetable review

As discussed at the previous meeting, the school is also undertaking a timetable review for implementation in 2020 and will consult the school community. The review is considering amount of time per class and reducing this from the current 60 minutes.

Parents raised the benefits of breaks between classes to allow for physical activity or meditation to enhance learning.

Parents who would like to provide input to the timetable review should send Steve an email.

The meeting thanked Steve for his briefing on enrichment and timetabling.

Menslink

Steve met with Menslink about their services.

Staffing

A building services officer and youth health nurse commenced. The building services officer will be arranging the building of the bike enclosure. The health nurse will be available on Mondays and Tuesdays with a psychologist available from Wednesday to Friday.

Fencing

Steve was not able to find documents explaining why the school did not have a fence. The meeting discussed options for keeping vehicles off school grounds including the strategic placement of logs and/or tree plantings.

School communications

The school is rationalising content on the website and will produce a new version of the Weekly Wrap.

Daily notices will be placed on the website and advised to students in compass classes.

Action arising: Steve agreed at the request of the meeting to publish extra curricular activities on the website such as soccer.

2.3 Canteen report

The canteen coordinator was not available and there was no canteen report.

3. Budgeting

The Treasurer was not at the meeting and there was no budget report.

The meeting voted to support the P&C funding Year 10 student transport to the career expo on 8 August.

Moved: Rachael Ward

Seconded: Clare Wynter

4. Other business

Parent workshops

Karina thanked Kieran for putting forward options for parent workshops. The proposed sessions are:

- Dealing with childrens' anxiety
- Harmonious family relationships
- Constructive conversations.

The approach will be 'solutions-focussed' therapy. The sessions will be advertised in spring and parents will be asked to register. They will be held once per week for 1 to 2 hours per workshop. Kieran advised that the ideal number of participants per session would be 10. If the groups are over-subscribed, the groups can be larger, with break out groups for discussion.

At the moment the proposal is for workshops for parents but if there were requests for workshops for students it could be considered.

Parents will be asked for a small financial contribution that will be donated to the school.

Chromebooks

The meeting again discussed concerns about student use of Chromebooks including excessive and inappropriate use. Damien Ellwood will be attending the next P&C council meeting which has this topic on the agenda. Steve suggested that P&C raise concerns about the approach to Chromebooks with the Education Directorate which sets the policy for schools.

The meeting closed at 8:07 pm.

Action arising

Action arising from meeting of 16 June	
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Steve agreed at the request of the meeting to publish extra-curricular activities on the website such as soccer.	

Attachment A

Attendees

Karina Edwards – President

Steve Collins – Principal

Marg Cummins – teacher

Sarah Dinning – Secretary

Sylvia Mezei

Celia Roberts

Kieran Vaughan

Clare Wynter

Damien Ellwood

Henrietta Sorensen

Rachael Lloyd