

DENILQUIN HIGH SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

MINUTES 23/6/2020

1. **Present-** S Mulligan, K Orman, M Van Zeyl, G McKindlay, P Huntington, R McKenzie, L Barclay, G Warren, D Van Lieshout, J Crockart, L Mulham, L Wishart, L Robinson
2. **Apologies** – C Mildren, M Rodda, M & S Hughes, C Learmonth, R McIlwain
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Moved Sue, 2nd Pauline

4. **Business Arising from Previous Meeting**

- shade sail for Yr 7 amphitheatre and Yr 11 area delayed, hopefully to be installed tomorrow.
- costings for affirmations in stairwells - \$650/ stairwell (3G quote). Still awaiting quote from Visattak. SRC has chosen themes for stairwells.
- homework centre afternoon teas, supplying 6 portions at present. Popular with students. \$4/ head, to be funded from Bob White bequest funds.

5. **Correspondence**

IN – emails regarding shade sails

OUT- letter to Mitch Horton (Asset Management) on 27/5/20 regarding heating/cooling issues.

- Smiths crisps rebate form completed
- email to Peter Humphries re irrigation systems/ wish list proforma
- update to ATO re Jobseeker

6. **Reports:**

-Treasurer's -attached. Moved reinvest balance for further 12 months , with withdrawal to cover HW Centre costs. Moved Sue, 2nd Graeme

-Canteen - financials included within Treasurer's report. Support class is going well with washing of canteen linen.

-Driver Ed – received \$500 cheque from Rotary. About to start planning for this year. Shed has just been completed at Sporting Car Club to store cars etc.

Principal (Kym) – Coming to the end of her 12 month term. DHS one of the best schools (staff, students, families) she has worked at. New initiatives now predominantly owned by staff. Lots of positive initiatives, eg project based learning, yr 8 sustainability project (lagoons, ag farms, technology centres), cross curricular learning...which have been embedded in the school programme and embraced by the students. Brenda Norman has done a lot of work on Ecosystems and Sustainability, and put in a submission for the very prestigious Premier's award. This has now progressed to the next level, and has involved 19 of our staff.

-Planning towards a Yr 7 project for 2021 to further develop a cross curriculum culture. Students to become 21st century learners , focussing on content plus emotional intelligence. Basing it on aboriginal culture, eg local aboriginal language taught to Yr 7. Teacher will team teach and teach language/culture/history around music/ science/ English etc lessons. Staff are very keen and students are enjoying learning this way.

- Brenda has set up ability of kids to feedback to the teachers on their lessons (part of sustainability project). Feedback will be used for all year levels. At the School development day in Term 3, Brenda will do presentation of feedback loop, and how important it is for everyone to understand the importance of this. This is about giving kids a voice, and giving the staff the tools to give the kids the voice. 99-100% of staff are onboard with this.

-Covid 19 and learning: essential to value the learning that the kids did at home.

Alerting students that we are now back to business, and by the beginning of Term 3 we are back on task. Leah doing a great job following through on many tasks.

Individualised frig magnet are being supplied to yr 7 to 10, showing all assessments and their due dates.

Jacob Hird is Yr 7 advisor for next year. Will begin to go out to primary schools next week. Yr 6 students will begin attending the high school next term.

-Education week- teacher learning

-Heating/ cooling update. Spotless will replace heating and cooling in Library (as not covered under Cooler Classrooms), and those in the TAS block which aren't working (hopefully within 6 months). Tenders have gone out for Cooler Classrooms. Mitch Horton has done audit of school and has noted \$3.4 million of required improvements, and will push for DHS to have some significant works completed.

7. General Business-

- sincere thanks from Sue, on behalf of the P&C, to Kym for providing such strong leadership and inspiration over the last 12 months, especially during corona virus.

Appreciate how she has embraced our school. Donna also thanked her on behalf of staff, she has left her mark on the school in many positive ways.

- further seating for Yr 11 area/ corridor. Jesse Danckert has measured up (steel fabrication), bench seats to be installed in school colours.

-ag plot irrigation upgrade request. Sue sent email to Peter re wish list proforma. Will present to next meeting.

-stimulus money/ wish list requests- Pauline submitted a quote for dishwasher for canteen (\$4000), and will try to organise a 2nd quote. Would be of great assistance to canteen staff and volunteers now most cooking is done in house. Kym to ask staff to submit wish list, next meeting if they are requesting something. We would also value their attendance at a meeting. Also need to keep in mind that if the ute muster does not go ahead, Driver Ed will lose their major fundraiser.

-Donna advised that DHS has been accepted into a Foodbank breakfast for schools programme. Offer breakfast 3 mornings a week. Rotary will do Wed (bacon and egg), Mon/Fri will be done by SRC and student volunteers. Foodbank will freight food down here eg fruit, cereal, LL milk. Will operate out of MPC kitchen.

- Tirkandi- aboriginal boys school (yr 7-10) at Colleambally which students can attend for 1 term. Cultural immersion programme. As 1 term is too long for some students, Tirkandi are interested in partnering with our school and working in our hub.

- Wellbeing hub: Kym credited Donna with the work she has done establishing the hub, and Leah with administering it. Being well utilised with Vinnies services, Wellbeing nurse, Murray Mallee Training, and welfare teacher all working out of the hub. As of WK3 next term, will have perm social worker fulltime. Dental officer next week, 41 students attending.

-Glen advised that he is feeling fit and healthy, and will return Day 1 Term 3. He is keen to continue with the new programmes that have been instigated.

-Sue – distributed a copy of model constitution for P&C's. All committee members to read prior to next meeting, for further discussion.

-Donna advised that_Yarkuwa is seeking male role models for a gym mentoring group. 3 month gym membership free for mentors and mentees. If you are keen to

be a mentor, or know of someone who is, please contact Donna, or Karel Wilson at Yarkuwa. Role models don't have to be indigenous.

8. -Fundraising:

- golf day 6/9/20. Planning discussion – Ron, Sue, Julie, Graeme, Donna and Lynda currently available to volunteer. Further discussion next meeting.

8. Meeting closed 7.40pm

9. Next meeting – 28th July