

DENILQUIN HIGH SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

MINUTES 26/5/20

1. **Present-** K Barker, K Orman, L Mulham, P Huntington, M VanZeyl, D Van Lieshout, J Crockart,, M Rodda, S Mulligan, C Mildren, L Barclay, G McKindlay
2. **Apologies** –Stacey Salusalu
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Moved Sue, 2nd Christina
4. **Business Arising from Previous Meeting**
 - shade sail for Yr 7 amphitheatre currently being made by Brad Luscombe, Pro Shade Sails in Echuca. (Wayne Edwards advised us he is unable to do it). Brad is also doing 3 additional shade sails for the Yr 11 and support areas. Total quote \$16016 inc GST (grant \$14000). Will be completed in 2 weeks. Kym is organising for the supporting poles to be painted.
 - microwave has been replaced in the canteen,, thanks to Matthew for his donation.
 - book sale cancelled due to COVID-19.
5. **Correspondence**

IN – numerous emails from P&C Federation re COVID updates.

 - Quotes from Brad Luscombe (Pro Shade sail) for shade sail
 - further correspondence from School Infrastructure NSW (in response to Christina’s letter re a date for improvements/ heating and cooling to be performed), advising us again it will occur “after June 2020”. However it does say as part of the Cooler Classrooms programme, that all heating and cooling systems in permanent learning spaces **and libraries**, will be repaired or replaced as necessary.

OUT- letter to Sarah Mitchell (Minister of Education) on 12/3/20 requesting a date by which our infrastructure upgrades will be completed.
6. **Reports:**
 - Treasurer’s** –.\$10000 cash boost from Federal Gvt for Covid 19 (we are also receiving Job Keeper for canteen staff).
 - Canteen** - no meeting. Sold cakes that had been cooked for the Easter cake sale, to teachers prior to shut down. Thanks to committee for wages paid after shutdown and prior to Job Keeper commencing. Staff interested in purchasing a washer/dryer and dishwasher. Normally staff take linen home to wash. Discussion – washer/ dryer is available in support class. Donna will speak to Marg to determine whether they would be interested in doing it.
 - Driver Ed** – no meeting. Won national award from Australian Road Safety Foundation organisation for our Driver Ed programme, fantastic effort! . May not get fundraising opportunity this year if ute muster cancelled.
 - Principal-**
 - Teaching and Learning** -very busy 3 months. Tricky initially with sudden notification of shutdown, and communicating changes to students. Two work packages were sent home to students during this time. Staff did an amazing amount of work, and lots of upskilling on online learning. Because digital learning centres had already been focussed on, staff were able to build on this, and our school was

well ahead of many other schools. Specific thanks to (1) Brenda Norman who provided lots of additional training sessions on online learning for staff, (2) Donna Van Lieshout who took charge of wellbeing of staff and students, including ensuring every family was rung twice during the shutdown; and organised Zoom year meetings, (3) Leah Robinson who kept everything going through facebook, email and regular family communication. (4) **all** teaching and support staff who have done a huge amount of work to ensure that students were coping and able to satisfactorily continue learning. Parents very grateful with work supplied. Lots of effort behind the scenes by all staff. Most feedback has been terrific.

Assessments –Info was changing each day from NESAs. Kym, with assistance from Donna, and each head teacher, has determined the stage 6 weightings of assessment. Trials will be 30% for each subject. 10% will be commitment to learning (students attitude to online learning). Idea was that every child should be able to get that 10% for doing their best. Assessment books will be re-issued. To enable families to understand what is happening, reports are being compiled for each student in Yrs 7-11. These will focus on their commitment to learning, areas of learning, and how your child is being assessed. Will go out in next 3 weeks. Yr 12 reports will go out as normal. Focus on what they have achieved to get through this period in their learning. Donna running a Yr 12 info night tomorrow night via Zoom. (eg UAC, HSC procedures etc. Yr 12's have been well supported and school has gone above and beyond with their effort. Before end of term Kym will write every student a letter to make sure that whatever normal is, we are back to it. A frig calendar will be supplied to each student to show when assessments are due, and everything that is happening for their particular year level.

Social distancing -Students back fulltime this week. Staggered return went well (allowed wellbeing meetings with year advisors). Staff focussing on social distancing. No excursions or whole school assemblies at this stage.

-Finance -DHS manages a \$9million budget. This has been spreadsheeted and includes staff wages, property , electricity, refurbishment. Wellbeing area is finished and looks fantastic. Kym keen to do something to spruce up front of canteen. Rest is looking good. Science refurbishment is not part of school's money- has been measured up, and quoted. Not sure when it will happen.

-Cooler Schools programme. Kym has been advised that the library won't be included. She is following this up with Dept of Ed, and WHS. P&C (Lynda) to write letter of support to Mitch Horton in assets, to call for immediate replacement of heating and cooling throughout the school, including the library. (following on from our numerous correspondence in the last year regarding this). Most of heating throughout school doesn't work. Kym has had Spotless here. Is trying to hire heaters to go into each room, which then will be replaced with reverse cycle Cooler Schools programme. Next year possibly install solar.(Assets).

-Graeme advised that in the last 12 months installation of solar hasn't been financially worth while. Suggested it needs to be analysed carefully.

- **Glen Warren** coming back Wk8. Kym will mentor for 2 weeks then Glen will return fulltime next term.

-Huge thanks expressed to Kym, from Donna, for her tireless work and leadership through such a challenging time over the last 3 months. Also grateful thanks expressed by the P&C to Kym and all staff for their efforts.

General Business-

- discussion re further seating for Yr 11 area/ corridor.

-Donna regarding wearing of red school hoodies, in addition to their school uniform on days other than Wednesday, and then getting uniform detention. Moved that students be allowed to wear the red school hoodie on any day. Motion: for 11, against 1. **Carried.**

-Kym has received a quote from Peter Humphries for school ag plot irrigation upgrades. 2 quotes (\$25000, \$28000 mainly for pipes and risers). Suggestions – Sue to speak to Sam North regarding possible partnership with Department of Ag for research. Graeme suggested requesting local donations, and recognition of donors on signage.

-11 stairwells in our school. Only 1 has positive affirmations in stair well. Donna looking at costings (with SRC) to put further affirmations in other stairwells.

-Kylie requested providing some afternoon tea for students at homework centre, eg sandwiches and fruit. Pauline to discuss with canteen staff. P&C will await costing, but support concept. Budget on approximately 25 students/ week.

-Fundraising:

- book sale ? to be rescheduled. Bags have been donated by IGA.

-golf day 31/5/20 - to be rescheduled. Date to be advised.

7. Meeting closed 7.45pm

8. Next meeting – AGM 23//20 –please encourage new parents to attend.