

Summary of School Council Minutes from Meeting held on September 2nd, 2021

Present – Brent Hardy, Glenn Simondson, Jaclyn De Lange, Catherine Sutherland, Naomi Joiner, Michael Kehio, Ben Miller, Leonie Craig, Janette Colistra, Rebekah Di Berardino

Apologies – Diep Pham

Minutes of the previous meeting – Approved Brent Seconded Jaclyn

Business arising from previous minutes:

due to the extension of the current lock down, there hasn't been a chance to canvass community opinion regarding the option for Before or After school care. If/when school resumes in Term 4, we will look to communicate with the school community. Council held a discussion around the most viable way to do this; it has been agreed to look at current community needs, and then expand to the wider community if there is enough support. This program will have to be outsourced.

Correspondence

Latest School Operations Book

Has been sent to Council members previously. Changes are constantly updated, to remain in line with current restrictions. No further updates to previous manual due to the extension of the current lockdown.

Minutes from the VSBA meeting

Minutes were tabled for review and discussion. Ideally, we would like to see progression, with a view to completion by the end of this year. Given the current lockdown and the anticipated restrictions post lockdown, this seems unlikely. Interesting to note that all schools, regardless of the amount received must have VSBA manage their project – there is no ability to self-manage or coordinate

Principals Report

Enrolments for 2022 – hoping to have 164 in 2022

Evaluation of Remote Learning – More Zooms, more interaction between teachers and students, and students with other students to work on kids connection, social skills and well being.

NAPLAN – Students had good results

Concert – Not sure whether this will go ahead. Will depend on Covid restrictions.

Prep Transition Days – We hope to run in the last term, depending on Covid restrictions

The “Favourite Day at School” writing task has brought out a few happy memories, and it is both about Literacy Skills and trying to keep children engaged with school and as well as possible

Buildings and Grounds

Minor Works Grant has been put in

Applying for Shade Sail Grant. – Applications close on 10th September 2021

Bushfire Preparedness. – Trees have been trimmed, Gutters have been cleaned, small stones to be re-installed around BER to make a fire break. Sprinklers for the roof of the BER

Some maintenance will be done around the school – repairing leaky roofs, painting, tidying up.

Installation of security cameras will be done soon.

Still waiting on response from VSBA regarding our being signed up to the Solar Analytics program, and paying for it, without being consulted. The Solar panels are producing lots of kilowatts.

Treasurers Report

Cases balances were tabled. Balances are healthy

Current projects such as Security System and maintenance around the school are in scope. When we find out how we go with the Minor Works Grant and the Shade Sail Grant we will look at what else we can do. We may look at adding to the Inclusion Grant ourselves and stay away from the VSBA.

Financial Reports were tabled and signed

- Annual Sub Program report
- Sub Program Status Report
- Bank Account Movements
- Cash Receipts Report
- Cash Payments Report
- Journal Report
- Cash Flow Report
- Cancelled Receipts Report
- Cancelled Payments Report
- Family Credit Notes Report
- Camp Profit and Loss

Fundraising

Jaycee's Catering (future provider for Wednesday lunch orders) would like to offer Doreen PS families a Footy Day lunch pack – and will donate 10% of order profits back to DPS. All orders to be made online, including payment. Orders will be available for collection from the bottom carpark on last day of Term 3 from 12.30pm-1.30pm – in line with early finish for end of Term.

Approved – Jaclyn Seconded – Naomi

General Business

The school will have a Review in Term 2 2022. It will be a 3-day visit. It will involve classroom visits, interviews and both a Self-Evaluation and an audit of our policies and Programs.

Changes to Parent Payment Policy and implementation were discussed.

The importance of getting face to face teaching sessions occurring and getting back to the extra curricula activities that we have been missing was discussed.

Solar panels are working well. Discussion on how to monitor power within different areas of the school. We have had our free “heat pump” hot water service installed as we are trying to be greener. Unit is valued at \$5,000.00. We now have Solar, LCD Lights, energy saving hot water, flushing toilets with rainwater, and treating our own septic – our Carbon footprint is certainly lowered, and we are saving money.

Anaphylaxis Policy and Bullying and Cyber Bullying Policy endorsed

Around the Table

Request that Zoom details be included in student booklets each week.

Confirmation by Glenn that the Grade 6 Graduation evening will be held on Thursday 16th December

Meeting Finished.