

DOREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NO. 945

SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

13th May 2021

Meeting

1. Welcome

Present - Glenn Simondson, Ben Miller, Janette Colistra, Leonie Craig, Catherine Sutherland, Naomi Joiner, Rebekah Di Berardino, Michael Kehio, Jaclyn De Lange, Carly Bloomfield

2. Apologies - Brent Hardy, Diep Pham

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

4. Business arising from previous minutes

5. Correspondence

6. Principal's Report

7. Junior School Council report

8. Child Safe Standards Report

9. Building and Grounds Report

10. Treasurers Report

11. Fundraising Report

12. General Business

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence In

1. New Education regulations regards Parent Behaviour.

This is good thing, but has always been in place. It is just now more public, so there is more attention on situations where behaviour is unacceptable. There are many examples, and most people would be unaware of the prevalence, it occurs very regularly. Council held a discussion around the need to promote these new regulations within our community. Do we need to create and promote a Staff Safety policy? Glenn to bring the Parent Code of Conduct within the Student Engagement Policy to the next meeting and conversation will continue.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. Our enrolment is 154 at Present. We will lose 2 children to interstate or "Seachanges" over the next terms.....that we know about. We will lose 21 Grade sixes at the end of the year, and take on 25 Preps. That means a 2022 enrolment of 156. We will pick up other children, which we hope will have us between 160 and 165 students with grades of 20-25 children. This will still mean a deficit in budget, but will eventually be covered by staff movement. 2022 sees our Rurality cut 25%, so this will be \$20k we will also need to allow for.

2. Thank-you to staff during my absence, well done Ben for keeping things running well.
3. Parent Information Night
20-30 prospective parents to attend, look forward to more future enrolments
4. Interschool Sport, Cross Country
Lost all matches in 1st week
Won all matches in the 2nd week
T ball lost their 1st match, after displaying terrific sportsmanship
Sarah Simmons has been training students for Cross Country in PE sessions.
Children who qualify will receive a note next Monday. Kids are excited and it looks like we will have quite a lot represent DPS. This is a great reflection on school values of goal setting and personal best.
5. Alexandra Camp
Camp is organised and ready to go. Students are very excited and staff are ready and prepared.
6. NESST activities
7. Consent Education
Will be developed and implemented within our Respectful Relationships program. This will be delivered from Gr 6 to Prep. We will be focusing on age appropriate messages such as listening to others, respecting people's feelings etc.
8. Respectful Relationships
Going well, things are in development stages
9. SPA Data
All students across all year levels have maintained results, despite Remote Learning in 2020. This is pleasing, and shows the effectiveness of our approach to remote learning as well as the quality learning the students had been engaged in prior to lockdown.
10. Drop off Area
Teachers will continue to monitor the drop off area due to dangerous behaviour. Cars are overtaking others in the drop off area, placing children exiting cars at risk. Glenn to mention this in the newsletter, and at assembly.
11. New IT Platform "uEducateUs"
We need parents to download the app, and starting using the platform for it to become effective. There are many different functions, that will allow improved communication but it will only work when we have the school community using it. We are no longer using Skoolbag.

12. NAPLAN

All went well, despite some poorly worded questions that were difficult for even staff to understand. We expect our students will do well; we teach well and our results reflect this.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

Report to be Tabled

Georgia - JSC President presented JSC report

Student bathrooms require attention

New bins with number stickers, to have designated area in yard

Fundraising activity planned - frozen and fresh fruit

JSC to run every 2nd week. The alternate week, the Gr 6 students to meet and work on proposed projects

CHILD SAFETY ISSUES

1. CSS Policy changes - none at present
2. Regular discussion - School Council, and Staff at Staff Meeting.
3. Ensure all adults working with children are aware of their obligations regards Child Safety.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

1. Solar Panels have gone in, BUT I want a slope towards the North and a cage over the inverter. Awaiting a response.
Looking to become a test school for Hydroponic heating - more details to come.
2. We had some real success with the Grant Application for "Inclusive Schools". We have won a \$200K grant. Great news! Now I am awaiting the instructions regards who supervises the project, and our next moves.
3. Minor jobs around the school - Luke has been engaged when available to do minor works around the school.

TREASURERS REPORT

1. CASES Balances

Account	Opening	Receipts	Payments	Balance
10001-High Yield	63,488.24			63,488.24
10002-Official Act	24,20710	3,022.00	8,623.79	18,605.31
10030-Invest Acc (operating)				
			Total	82,073.55

1. \$13,666.50 is Camp Money paid. This is a little under half paid in full.
2. This means we have a little over \$65,000 in our accounts. This means we will cover our costs easily this year already.

3. After the \$200K grant is finalised, I suggest we look at what we do with any excess funds in regards our facilities Master Plan.

4. Carry over funds

Financial reports to be 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.

Profit and Loss - Fun Run

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Passed - Carly Bloomfield Seconded - Leonie Craig

FUNDRAISING REPORT

110 orders for Chicken and Chips day. Biggest order day so far.

Kids enjoyed the day - approx. \$350 profit

Parent volunteers have noted the politeness of children, and the manners used on School lunch order days that has been appreciated by those involved.

Mother's Day stall made approx. \$600 profit

Lots of excess stock from previous years was all sold, as well as new stock - a very successful Mother's Day stall, as we have not always made a profit in previous years.

Laurimar Butchers - other schools in the area have done fundraising BBQs with success and good profits. Butcher gives first 100 sausages for free then the small outlay for additional sausages, bread, sauces etc. Jaclyn to follow up with owner to confirm availability - Council have proposed Sat 19th June 2021.

Outdoor Cinema option - other schools have an outdoor screen and projector for hire. Council held a discussion about potential time of year, and viability of event. It was agreed that a Friday evening in the warmer months later in the year is worth considering. Glenn to contact schools to get costs for equipment hire, movie hire etc. Further discussion at future meetings needed.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. The passing of Trevor Lambert. Tree planting?

Suggestions from Council - a park bench, "Bluey's Bench", positioned near the new football goal posts on the oval. A plaque will be on the bench "In Honour Of.."

Council have agreed on this suggestion, Glenn to discuss with the Lambert family

2. Staff Flu Vaccination - booked for Thurs 20th May 2021

3. Grade Six graduation - we need another date. Thursday 16th December? Glenn to follow up with venue
4. Trip to Sovereign Hill - 19th October 2021
Confirmed at last SC meeting. Excursion is confirmed and it will be a long day. Staff intend to make the most of the trip - running time estimation 8am start and 6pm finish.
5. Musical recital at Panton Hill Pub - Tuesday 22nd June 2021
Music teachers and tutors feel that students are ready, and have been working towards performances during weekly lessons.
6. Rurality funding - Glenn suggests that we start to push back on the Federal Gov. What components make a rural school? Seeking clarity and consistency on determining on what makes a school "rural". Carly and Leonie to work on a letter template.

7. Round the Table

Naomi - raised Working Bees and when they will be? Council held a discussion - they are difficult to run on a Friday night during winter, meaning it would need to be a weekend. People are very busy on weekends with various sporting commitments so Council agreed to wait until later in Term 3. Potentially a Sunday afternoon.

Suggestion for JSC members to be Toilet Monitors to report issues to staff members. Signage inside toilets to remind children to be respectful inside the toilets - keeping the area clean, not deliberately making a mess with soap, paper towel etc.

Catherine - is SUTHERLAND, not INGRAM as noted in previous minutes. Secretary would like to note her apologies.

Catherine has been in contact with the Doreen General Store about lunch order options. New owners have put together a menu for review - they have an order app that is specific for Doreen PS. Parents can order through the app, and then orders will be delivered to the school.

Leonie - JC's Catering is another option; they do lunch orders in other schools in the area. Leonie to follow up with company to get a menu for review, and to confirm the logistics of how parents can order, where food will be prepared and how it will be delivered etc. Further discussion at next meeting.

Michael - Suggested the need to look at new signs in the rear carpark to assist with the clarity of the entry and exit. Further discussion at next meeting. Glenn to put a reminder in the next newsletter regarding car park etiquette, safety when turning around etc.