

DOREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NO. 945

SCHOOL COUNCIL Minutes

Thursday 18th November 2021

1. Welcome - present Glenn Simondson, Naomi Joiner, Michael Kehio, Ben Miller, Janette Colistra, Carly Bloomfield, Jaclyn De Lange, Catherine Sutherland, Rebekah Di Berardino
2. Apologies - Brent Hardy, Leonie Craig
3. Minutes of the previous meeting **approved** - Jaclyn **seconded** - Carly
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. School Operations Manual 1st November - received. More restrictions have eased, and more options are becoming available from an operational perspective. Face masks are still required in Primary schools due to the inability for children under 12 years to be vaccinated.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. Enrolments are like the stock market at the moment. We get a real influx of children and enrolments for 2022, then we have families move out of the area - suburb change, sea change, state change, marital status change and we drop down again. I am expecting around the 160 mark when the year starts. This will mean our budgets will remain as they are, and we will have some fairly minor adjustments to staffing.
2. We had a positive COVID case at our school on Monday 1st November for 4 hours. I was notified at 4.30pm on 4th November, as soon as the parent became aware. We don't have to wait for DHS notification anymore, so I then began the identifying and notification of PCC's. I advised them they must isolate for 7 or 14 days, and they should test ASAP and at day 6 or 13. All did this on Friday 5th and they notified me on Saturday as to what their result was. All negative. I kept the community informed via uEducateUs, as well as staff via text. I was told at 10.30pm Thursday the school would be open on Friday, as there had been several

cleans since the original contact. It resulted in 1 staff member and 3 children isolating until Tuesday 9th, and the rest until Monday 15th.

I tried to keep people informed whilst still keeping privacy intact. We were lucky in that the 6 children who isolated were at school on 3rd & 4th November, and they came in negative, as is the case in child to child contact in nearly all cases.

I followed the processes, but was a little surprised about PCC's and their families. Only the PCC isolates.

It is good we had no spread in that it means what happens at school was obviously effective in this case, so we hope that continues.

We are not alone in the positive cases at school in the area, and are promoting safe COVID practices at school.

3. I unfortunately had to suspend a student for 5 days. I am presently following the guidelines that are both in our Engagement Policy and directed by DET.
4. I am awaiting notification as to how we went with our Minor Works and Shade Sail for outdoor classroom grants. The Inclusion grant is moving along. We recently had a soil test done. I understand we now wait for the VSBA to approve the plans then they go to tender. I also wrote a letter to Danielle Green and had a conversation about our lack of Capital Building Works at one of the oldest schools in Victoria.
5. Nearly all grades have had their Parent Teacher Interviews. Reports back were positive, but not all parents took up the opportunity. Some had already had regular contact and feedback, some?
6. Opinion Survey results are back in. (attached are a few summaries)
7. Rapid Antigen Testing for cases in schools.
 - As I understand it in a Nutshell:

PCC's: All children/ staff do 7 days with a test immediately.

Vaccinated staff and children then do a day 6 test and return if negative.

Unvaccinated children can opt for a Rapid antigen test on day 8. If negative, they come to school. They do this until day 13 when they do the regular test before returning if negative. I understand they do the rapid one as well so they can return to school that day.

It is voluntary, but designed so as children only miss a week.

8. Swimming starts next week, children will be involved in an 8 lesson program at the Whittlesea Swimming Pool.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

New Junior School Council committee has been elected. Lots of activities planned for the remaining weeks of school, allowing this group to experience the same leadership opportunities. Zooper Dooper day today made \$195.

CHILD SAFETY ISSUES

1. CSS Policy changes
2. Regular discussion - School Council, Staff
3. Ensure all adults working with children are aware of their obligations regards Child Safety.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

1. The Sprinkler System on the BER is ready to be installed. (BARR Project)
2. Gardening Group - motivated with lots of ideas
3. Inclusion grant is moving at a slow speed.
4. Shade Sail grant from Sun Smart was unsuccessful, but I am hoping the Outdoor classroom grant goes ahead.
5. We are still in the running for \$50K Minor Works Grant.
6. I also sent a request into Danielle Green for a government grant to build some more Permanent Buildings in keeping with our school's history in the community.
7. I have used Luke's down time and spare time to get painting, Fly Screens, Window Maintenance done.
8. Use of school facilities - specific groups/teams have made hire arrangements with the office. These groups are covered by their own insurance. New groups/teams interested in hiring our basketball court are to contact Lisa in the office for further details, it is intended for hire agreements to be added to the school website next year.
9. Cameras have been installed

TREASURERS REPORT

1. CASES Balances

Account	Opening	Receipts	Payments	Balance
10001-High Yield	92,608.81		5,000	87,608.81
10002-Official Act	873.99	11,673.00	10,160.48	2,386.51
Total				\$89,995.32

1. Accounts are healthy, but some is for BARR, NESST and Sugarloaf Sports and Swimming. This means we will probably have \$50K to carry over to next year. This will help with our deficit, AND allow us to spend some money on our facilities.
2. We await the outcome of Grant Applications to see where we may be able to add some of our funds to enhance a project.
3. 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

FUNDRAISING REPORT

1. Colour Fun Run is booked for Friday 18th March 2022. Fundraising company is offering coloured powder option, but has also introduced coloured slime. Suggestion was made that we request a sample of the slime from the fundraising company to look at consistency, and also a request of slime product ingredients.
2. Bunnings BBQ fundraisers are returning. We are looking at dates in Term 2.
3. Mango fundraiser was not an option.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. School Concert on the BB Court.
 - Monday 13th December. BBQ tea 6.00pm - 7.00pm, concert starts at 7.00pm. Rain - postpone a night?
 - BBQ Tea cooked by SC and Volunteers.
 - Children will perform a song, Grade 6 an extra with the normal Baby photos.
 - A presentation to Grade Six from buddies.
 - School bands and Choir
 - To determine yet - Vaccination issues, what to do about restrictions if they are applicable?

Council held a discussion around the need to clarify what restrictions are applicable to this event closer to the date. An option to hire security from an outsourced provider was suggested. Security would be responsible for ensuring all attendees check in using the QR code provided and were double vaccinated. This option to be used if required - a decision to be made closer to the event. At time of meeting, all attendees over the age of 16 are required to be double vaccinated.

2. School Disco - to go ahead on Friday 23rd Nov. This is a school event, organised by Naomi. She has contacted the DJ who is available on this date. Disco to run from 6.30pm - 8.30pm outside on the basketball court. Tickets to be purchased from Try booking website - \$5 ticket includes 1 bottle of water. Tattoos, popcorn and coloured hairspray available for purchase on the night - \$1 each. Flyer to go in tomorrow's newsletter. It was acknowledged that it is late notice for families, but confident it will be well attended.
3. Fees and 2022 - school community has always been supportive and have understood the importance of fees. Council is confident that this support will continue in 2022 and beyond. Stationary letter is being prepared and will go out to families very soon, so that stationary orders can be prepared for the next school year.
4. Round the Table - nothing
5. Last meeting
 - Early start at a venue where dinner can be had afterwards.
 - **Wed 8th December, Panton Hill Hotel**