

# DOREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NO. 945

## SCHOOL COUNCIL Minutes

### October 14th 2021

1. Welcome - present Glenn Simondson, Brent Hardy, Ben Miller, Leonie Craig, Naomi Joiner, Jaclyn De Lange, Carly Bloomfield, Rebekah Di Berardino, Michael Kehio
2. Apologies - Janette Colistra
3. Minutes of the previous meeting **approved** - **Glenn seconded** - **Brent**
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 Books - latest update has been distributed to staff.
2. Peri-Urban Notification - correspondence forwarded to SC members.
3. The timetable for return - outlined by State Gov

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. We had a great start to the term, with 5 new students enrolling at the school. Unfortunately, we also had another family head North, and there are more to follow I believe.
2. Remote Learning is going very well, and we have ZOOMs across all areas including our Intervention Program, our Tutoring Program and our Specialist Programs. Feedback was really good, although the reliability of ICT can be an issue.
3. We have had issues regards the return to onsite work of our specialists as they were at 2 schools. At the same time, we could use CRT's across many schools. It has eventually been changed to Principals have to "minimize and manage". Interestingly it was complaints from schools and on TV that lead to change. DET enquiries "on our behalf" were only for "clarification". It seems the way to get change is to complain, otherwise you wear what you get.
4. Nearly all staff are fully vaccinated at the moment, and the remaining few are very close to second doses. It was very pleasing to see everyone step up straight away, as they wanted the world, and their school as part of that, back to "normalish" as soon as possible. LOTS of interesting and different ways to engage

and effectively teach children are being tried, but we get to a point where we need to back face to face.

- The Timetable for return. There may be earlier dates, but numbers will determine this alone, and Victoria's health Department are renowned for their conservative schedules. We will be starting off with the whole Parents staying out of the yard and only dropping off procedures, so we are hoping for compliance with this.

Year levels	From Monday 4th October - Friday 15th October	From Monday 18th October	From Monday 25th October	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	From Friday 5 November
Prep	Remote Learning	Monday – Wednesday ONSITE	Monday – Wednesday ONSITE	Monday – Wednesday ONSITE	ALL BACK ONSITE
Year 1-2	Remote Learning	Thursday – Friday ONSITE	Thursday – Friday ONSITE	Thursday – Friday ONSITE	ALL BACK ONSITE
Year 3-4	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	Tuesday – Wednesday ONSITE	Tuesday – Wednesday ONSITE	ALL BACK ONSITE
Year 5-6	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	Thursday – Friday ONSITE	Thursday – Friday ONSITE	ALL BACK ONSITE

- Masks.** It has been mandated that all 3-6 children must wear masks inside, unless they have a medical exemption. This will be a challenge, and staff will be reasonable, I wouldn't be surprised to see the masks for children softened. The theory versus in practice are very different. Outside sessions will be prevalent.
- What sorts of things can we do before the end of the year?  
We will try for as many "normal" things as possible, but we only have 6 weeks to get children ready for their jump to next year. We will err on the side of classroom programs as much as possible. DET are expecting reports with achievement marks. We will do our normal Standardised Testing, but as late as possible. Parents will get Reports, but we may initially publish them electronically and print them later.
- Parent Teacher Interviews will be via ZOOM over the next few weeks. Teachers will organise days and times, then send out schedules for parents to fill out. It is mainly to let parents know what will be focussed on, how they can help, and what we know.
- The Concert as a live event is looking shaky. We are not allowed to sing at the moment. We are preparing options, and a pre-filmed premiere event online is fall back at the moment. The concert hall can only guarantee 150 seats - the children!
- Transition is still banned, for K-P and 6-7.

## JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

No Junior School Council report due to lockdown and remote learning

## 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

Both good and bad news.

1. The plans for the two outside learning areas look fantastic, and initial estimates look good for cost.
2. We Missed out on the Sun Smart Shade Sail Grant again. It was a good application so I am annoyed.
3. We have gone to the next Level with the \$50K Minor Works Grant. We are getting it costed by the VSBA, but we will be administering it.... if we get it.
4. I will be applying for The Outdoor Learning Area Shade sails. They will go over our new Amphitheatre and Outdoor Classroom areas.
5. I have spent nearly all of the Bushfire Preparedness Grant with Tree pruning and Removal, Gutter Cleaning and installation of Gutter Guard, reinstating the BER ground covering and installation of Sprinklers on the roof of the BER. It was paid for by a DET grant
6. I have a Proposal from a parent to revive our Vegie Garden and some other areas. Please see attachment. It looks good, and at very low cost ton us we get community involvement and student groups working on our school.  
**Proposal approved - Glenn Seconded - Rebekah**

## TREASURERS REPORT

### 1. CASES Balances

Account	Opening	Receipts	Payments	Balance
10001-High Yield	81,924.08	15,665.88		97,589.96
10002-Official Act	4,481.50	1,922.00	1,444.85	4,958.65
10030-Invest Acc (operating)				
Total				102,548.61

2. Out of these funds, \$10K is still to be paid out for Bush Fire Prep.
3. We hold \$2500 for Sugarloaf and NESST

4. So we have a healthy balance. This means we can still plan for covering all of our budgets in 2022 despite carrying a deficit by leaving a substantial amount of money in the bank as a carryover into 2022.
5. When we find out about our Grant applications, I suggest we decide a project for some Locally Raised funds.
6. We need to begin to talk to parents about the place of " Fees" in our budgeting process and what we do with it.

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.

**Approved - Glenn    Seconded - Leonie**

## FUNDRAISING REPORT

1. Approx \$100 was raised through Footy Day Lunch order purchases
2. Fundraising Committee would like to hold Colour Fun Run event again in 2021  
Proposed dates will be similar to 2021 event - Term 1, March 2022  
**Approved - Jaclyn    Seconded - Carly**
3. Outdoor disco - Naomi to make enquiries with DJ to tentatively book outdoor disco for Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021 (in place of cancelled school concert). Confirmation of event will be at next SC meeting (11/12/21) when latest State Gov and DET guidelines are available. Any parent helpers will need to be fully vaccinated. Event to be held on basketball court.
4. Jaclyn to make enquiries regarding Mango Fundraiser. Will confirm availability, order form timeline and delivery dates.

Council held a brief discussion around money raised by Fundraising. This will be put towards planned projects within the school grounds, to benefit students. Referring to the School Masterplan - will look to install large slide at rear of school grounds. Also looking to resurface Top/staff carpark and Lower/Prep carpark.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Peri-Urban Classification
  - Ramifications
  - No response to Glenn's correspondence, asking for further clarification.
  - A decision to write a response from School Council to be forwarded to Dept. of Education was made after discussion amongst members. Rurality

group to meet again, and prepare a response to be sent to Danielle Green, Rob Mitchell and James Merlino.

## 2. Budgets for 2022

- I have started to plan. It is very much dependent on our enrolments.
- We do not want to lose programs, but we won't have enough in our budget. I am looking at ways we can keep things going, and afford to do so, long term.
- I have several scenarios planned, and I am going to need to wait until I have some firm numbers. I think when schools return we will start to get more enquiries for 2022. We have several grades quite full, but several quite small. 24 across the board would be perfect...168 all up.
- At 161 with a few adjustments to staffing hours, our budget is 50K in the red. With a few more changes to staff hours that I have already "floated", we will be down to \$25K in the red, easily covered. In 2023, with predicted staff changes we will be closer again. An increase in enrolments will effect these again.

## 3. Return to Onsite Schooling

Updates in newsletter and UEducateUs app will be regular. NO parents on site.

## 4. Round the table - nothing

## 5. Next meeting - Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021