



School Board Meeting Minutes Aubin Grove Primary School

DATE:	24 th February 2016		
TIME:	4.30pm – 6.25pm	MINUTE SECRETARY:	Therese Turner
APOLOGIES:		ATTENDANCE:	Frank Pansini, Nina Collinson, Justine McGillivray, Mesha Steel, Jason Hunt, Emily Turner, Nola Smith, Daniel Franco, Stacey Colyer, Susan Reid, Joan Weston, Tanya Brian

ITEM REF	ITEM	LED BY	DISCUSSION / PROGRESS REPORT	ACTION & TIMELINE
1.	Previous Minutes	Justine	Nola moved that the minutes of the 2 nd December 2015 be accepted. Seconded by Mesha with all present in favour.	
2.	Budget	Frank	The 2016 budget is yet to be allocated by the Education Department. Funding will reflect our student numbers that were reported to the Education Department via our recent Census report submitted on the 12 February 2016. The budget is expected to be finalised prior to the next Board meeting.	
3.	Principal's Report	Frank	<p>See attached Principal's Report dated 24th February 2016.</p> <p>Due to our large student numbers Pre-primary students will not attend junior assemblies in 2016. The Administration team are looking at the possibility of allowing half of the Pre-primary classes (3 classes) at a time attend on alternate dates.</p> <p>The council are looking into permitting use of half of the school oval for parent parking during the 6 to 7 weeks that the upgrade to the Lyon Road car park will take.</p> <p>Signage is being sought to clearly identify the student drop off and pick up points located at the bottom of the Camden Blvd car park.</p> <p>The Education Department industrial agreement stipulates that each school is to provide at least two after hours events. Our Parent Teacher interviews are one of these events held at Aubin Grove Primary School. The other is the Open Night. We also hold the Christmas Concert each year as an additional after hours event.</p>	Board to write to the Council in support of this.

			Emily queried the reasoning for Parent Teacher interviews being held so early in the year. Nola commented students are being profiled on the current year curriculum. These assessments are essentially a pre test so that teachers can analyse the needs of individual students as well as their whole class. The assessments are important for informing teacher planning. Also the early meeting allows teachers to discuss any social and emotional issues that the student may present with during the transition time.	
4.	Start and Finish Times	Frank	Frank would like the Board to consider eliminating our early close time on a Tuesday. The schools' requirement of 1550 minutes of teaching time would remain unchanged. A modified start and finish time is being sought for input and or feedback from the Board. One option would be taking five minutes off each recess and lunch break. One of the benefits for the change would be to allow Teachers to meet on any day of the week as needed, rather than just on Tuesdays.	Board to feedback their thoughts at the next meeting.
5.	Voluntary Contributions 2014/15 Comparison	Frank	We received an excellent response to our 2015 voluntary contributions with a total of 91.65%. Our 2016 results to date sit at 52.86%.	
6.	Review School Homework Policy	Frank	<p>Frank asked the Board to review the Homework Policy for discussion at the next Board meeting. Tanya asked if the Homework Policy could be included in the welcome pack for enrolling students.</p> <p>Justine raised the issue of whether or not to label student stationery items at the commencement of the school year. Each year level and class has, in the past had different requirements. Clarification is needed and it was suggested to have this clearly defined in the 2017 booklists.</p> <p>Crunch and sip information has also been unclear. It was also suggested to have this information added to the welcome pack for new families. Teachers should advise how this is to operate in their classroom early in the year with their communications to parents.</p>	<p>Therese to arrange for the Homework Policy to be included in student welcome packs.</p> <p>Mesha to liaise with the booklist provider.</p>
7.	Proposed Agenda Item – ‘Parent/Community Feedback’	Justine	Justine proposed to add a standing item of ‘Parent/Community Feedback’ to the agenda. All present in favour.	Therese to add agenda item.
8.	Guest Speaker – Colin West from the Fathering Project	Colin	<p>Colin West presented the Fathering Project to the Board as well as approximately 25 parents of Aubin Grove Primary School.</p> <p>Dr Bruce Robinson, a Professor of Medicine at The University of Western Australia, leads the Fathering Project team. The team is supported by an experienced Board, a Reference Group of professionals with outstanding expertise in the field of fathering and by an Education Advisory Group.</p> <p>The Fathering Project is a chance for fathers or father figures (ie Grandads,</p>	

			<p>Uncles, adult male friends) within the school community to connect and support each other along with enhancing their relationships with their children. Events are arranged for Dads and their children as well as 'Dads only' events.</p> <p>The Fathering project will provide mentors, guest speakers and resources to support the Fathering Project group being set up within the school. They can also provide templates of events that have been organised by other Fathering Project groups. There are currently 70 Fathering Project groups operating in various schools.</p> <p>The program initially asks for 4 to 5 volunteers to take on leadership roles to start the program off. The first event is to arrange an informal gathering of as many Dads/father figures as possible. This initial event has Dads meeting each other and splitting out into smaller groups where they can discuss their perspectives about fathering in an informal way. This meeting will also allow the group to form a club nickname and suggestions for upcoming events.</p>	
9.	Daniel Franco	Daniel	<p>Daniel announced his resignation from the Board.</p> <p>Frank and Justine both thanked Daniel for his contributions over his three years on the Board in particular with the implementation of the 1:1 MacBook program.</p>	

NEXT MEETING:	24 th February 2016 – 4.30pm
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Minutes approved:

Justine McGillivray
Board Chair

Date