Minutes for School Council Meeting

Thursday, 29 October 2020 at 6.30pm

Attending: Karen Sinclair (School Principal), Robyn Webster (SC President), James Dolton (SC parent rep), Sally Baker (P&C President), Lynda Wieden (Teacher Representative), Genevieve Andersen (Teacher Representative), Jessica Smith (SC Secretary).

1. **Reports**

   ● **Principal's report**

Enrolments are firming up for 2021. GRPS is expecting between 385 and 390 students with current estimations at 45 Year 6 students departing and 63 kindergartens arriving. Karen met with Richard Skinner (Director Educational Leadership) in the holidays and discussed the numbers. The demountable is an entitlement related to current student enrolments and will ensure adequate classroom space for this number of students. Richard is going to start exploring the change of in-area boundaries for future years.

Karen announced that Darren Hills has been successfully merit selected for a school in North West Sydney and is therefore departing GRPS at the end of the year. A new teacher will be appointed by the Education Department to commence GRPS in 2021.
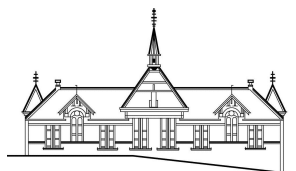
As part of GRPS' strategic planning the executive committee is reviewing the '*Tell Them From Me*' survey responses. There was a low level of participation with few parents (9%) and teachers (65%) taking part. There will be other opportunities for parent input and consultation.
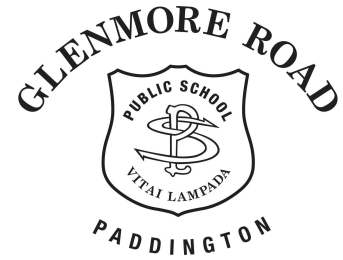
The new water refill station beside the basketball court and the chilled water trough with bubblers and refill component will be installed in the top playground this week.

Karen and the school have been looking into making greater use of the Cambridge St area for seating, reading, resting and drawing. Karen has been looking at seating possibilities that are functional, multi-purpose and will have longevity.

   ● **P&C Report**

The uniform shop has moved to Flexi Schools and numerous parents are purchasing through the online system. A big second-hand sale is planned for the next Friday at the St George's Church hall.

A new parent-led chicken-care team has come together. The group is excited and is going above and beyond! The Tuckerbox and Love Supreme businesses are both giving scraps to the chickens now, and Tuckerbox café are now selling our eggs. New protocols around egg collection have also been instituted.

A number of fundraising initiatives are being planned: a creative tea towel, High Tea and Footy events.

Instagram is up and running with over 100 people joining the list. The list is seeking to tell stories that build community and support local families.

2. **Business Arising**

    ● **Acceptance of minutes from 3 September 2020**

Robyn proposed that the Council accept the minutes of September 3rd. Sally seconded and all approved.

    ● **Assets – demountable update**

The demountable area is being prepared in the main playground. The pencils, monkey bar and slide have been removed. These items are in storage and will be re-installed or relocated once the demountable is in place. The demountable is due in the next 3 weeks.

3. **Other business**

    ● **Gurner Lane road safety update**

Good news was received about Council approving the pedestrianisation of Gurner Lane. It will become a 10kmph zone and improve the safety in the area.

    • **NIDA**

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, this year's NIDA event will be pre-recorded and available as a vimeo link to parents. On 26 November the children will go to NIDA for half a day, perform their dances and watch their peer's performances; K-2 in the AM, 3-6 in the PM. Two Feet Productions will produce and deliver the final performance video which will be shared with parents shortly after the performance date.

Next meeting scheduled for December 3rd at 6pm.