

Minutes for School Council Meeting

11 March 2020 at approximately 7:30pm

Attending: James Dolton (Parent Member), Robyn Webster (President), Sally Baker (P&C President), Genevieve Anderson (Teacher Representative), Karen Sinclair (Principal), Lynda Wieden (Teacher Representative), Jess Smith (Secretary).

Robyn Webster opened the meeting and welcomed the group at 7:20pm.

1. Reports

- **Principal's report (including budget update & School Council protocols)**

GRPS has 373 students, which is the same number as last year. Students are in 15 classes. Everyone has settled well.

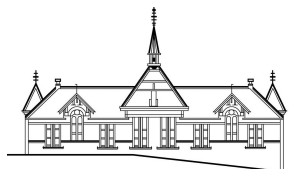
One of the priorities has been supporting students who receive additional financial support with review meetings and clarification of the best personnel to work with each student. We have approximately 10 students in this category and we have 3 Student Learning Support Officers. Alexis Martin, the AP for Learning and Support, has been focusing on this.

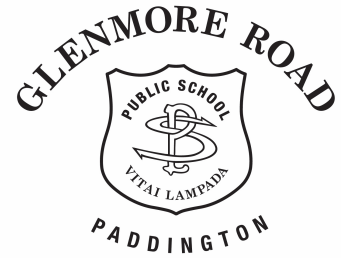
An additional AP, Dorothy Bosnar, has been appointed (through an internal EOI process) so that the school has a dedicated team leader for each stage.

KS mentioned a current key challenge for GRPS is space constraints, due to the enrolment numbers being at capacity. The Department's Assets group decided that the numbers attending the school qualified GRPS for a short term solution of adding another demountable. However, after reviewing the site, it was concluded there is no suitable location for an additional demountable. Currently Karen is seeking to hold the need off until 2021.

While not in the Department's current approach to the space issues, the council also discussed options for a more permanent additional classroom. However, it was noted the school is largely built on sand and there are numerous considerations including the broader impact of building in these conditions as well as related costs. The council discussed if there might be another option of building on top of the library. The Council considered that it would be useful to have a better understanding of future predictions of student numbers and impacts of an economic downturn.

It was also mentioned that due to the limitations of the school site in relation to expansion, the Department has the option of re-drawing the catchment boundaries in the longer term to manage the school enrolments if needed.





- **P&C Report**

No matters were raised.

2. Business Arising

- **Acceptance of minutes from 4 December 2019**

Robyn proposed that we accept the minutes from the 4th of December. James seconded the motion. Minutes were accepted.

Outstanding items from the previous minutes were:

- Reviewing the anti-bullying action plan, this will be added to the 2020 School Council Agenda
- Ensuring the new GRPS Handbook developed for Kindergarten Orientation is made more widely available. Karen to see that any new enrolment is sent the handbook electronically. The handbook should also have a quick update especially with new staff photos/information prior to being circulated in 2020.

3. Other business

The objectives and priorities for the School Council in 2020 were discussed. Initial ideas included:

- Reviewing the anti-bullying action plan
- Review of school/parent communications, such as newsletter, app, care monkey etc.
- Parent assistance at school events, volunteer policy
- Environment, waste management and findings from parent climate action group.

The Council agreed that at the next meeting all members were to bring potential items for the 2020 Council Agenda to be reviewed and prioritised against Principal/School needs.

The next meeting is scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month before the next P&C meeting on 1st April at 6pm. Genevieve sends her apology.

Meeting closed at 8:10pm.

