

Minutes for School Council Meeting

3 September 2020 at 6pm

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

1. Reports

- **Principal's report**
 - **Merit selection process**

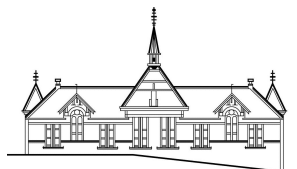
The merit selection process to engage a new teacher was thorough with a high standard of applications to consider, and we are pleased to announce a unanimous decision was made to engage a passionate and well-skilled candidate. She is currently working at Leichhardt Public School and, considering student continuity, will continue her placement there in 2020, commencing at GRPS in the new year, 2021.

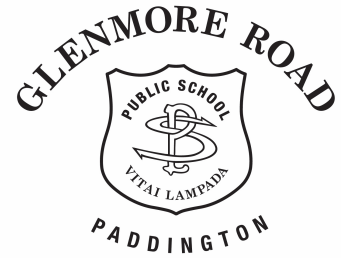
- **Strategic Planning – staff review of current practices and curriculum for situation analysis update**

The GRPS Strategic Improvement Plan SIP commenced this term. This includes conducting a situational analysis based on School Report and NAPLAN data. School Staff have reviewed the *School Excellence Framework* and the *What Works Best Documents* and determined where GRPS is succeeding, needs improving and top priority areas. The key priority areas of work will determine the focus areas for the next 3-4 years (such as Operational Systems and Communications, ICT integration and Sustainability amongst others). Once the key priority areas are scoped, a community participation process will enable wider consultation on the focus areas.

- **Tell Them From Me survey – plan for feedback on children's wellbeing.**

Karen has received the 'Tell Them From Me' student information and looks forward to reviewing this new data.





- **Technology support teacher information sessions update**

Currently the staff are working to gather teacher knowledge of current student computer skills, to define ICT learning outcomes for each stage. Reviews of the Department's Digital Technologies Curriculum, previous 'Scope and Sequence' reports and current practices are all being considered to determine the ICT support for both students and staff to rollout out in 2021.

- **P&C Report**

The Fundraising and Community Committee have been working hard. Father's Day hats were delivered.

The P&C has set up an Instagram account (@glenmorerd). The purpose is to celebrate community and foster local connections.

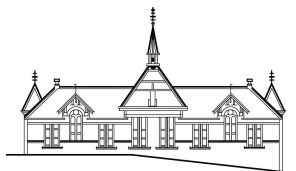
The P&C has been supporting the school with the production of 'A Day in the Life at GRPS' videos, which aims to connect the community to the school revealing classroom activities.

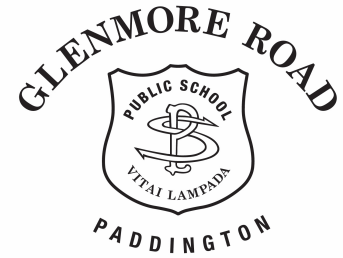
The uniform shop is soon to go live on the Flexi Schools platform. The new *Look Book* has all come together and ready for the new Kindergarten intake. The new website information and link will go on the GRPS website.

The P&C accounts have been transitioned to Xero accounting software and the team are working on longer-term system improvements and cost efficiencies.

Christian Patterson is retiring from chicken care. The P&C are reviewing the long-term plan for care for the chickens. Five families have shown interest in caring for chickens. Christian and Sally will brief these new families on weekends prior to the end of term and they will oversee chicken care in Term 4.

It was discussed that the longer-term question of what happens with chickens ought to be integrated into a whole school approach for sustainability projects. Sustainability is a project area that Karen has identified as part of the SIP and this will be discussed in future. The chickens reduce the school food waste significantly.





A P&C meeting will be held on the 17th of September in a hybrid format with a physical event and zoom access. The physical meeting will be held using the St George's Anglican Church hall on Glenmore Road at 7:30pm. This will be a COVID safe event and physical distancing rules will apply.

Final approval on the water refill stations has now occurred.

2. Business Arising

- **Acceptance of minutes from 30 July 2020**

Robyn Webster proposed the minutes be accepted. Sally Baker seconded.

- **Assets – demountable**

There is no new update on this matter.

3. Other business

- **Continued restricted access on school grounds by non-essential parents and visitors**

The Department of Education's COVID safety regulations require the continued restricting of access on school grounds of non-essential parents and visitors.

- **Gurner Lane road safety**

Woollahra Council has not yet approved any changes on the Lane.

The School has implemented the pick-up changes identified last meeting so that families are no longer waiting on Gurner Lane.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6pm on Thursday 5th November.

