



Glenmore Road Public School School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday 24 March 2022
Time: 4.19pm
Place: Virtual meeting using Zoom
In Attendance: Alexis Martin (Acting Principal)
Kathy Fitzgerald (GRPS Teacher Representative)
Lauren O'Neile (P&C President)
Dan Zammit (2022 Parent Member)
Marina Olsen (2022 Parent Member)
Tamsin Hunter (2022 Parent Member)
Apologies: None

1. Reports

1.1 Principal's report (AM)

The Principal went on leave 3 weeks ago and Ms Martin is acting Principal until term 3.

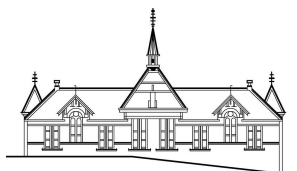
Extra-Curricular Timetabling

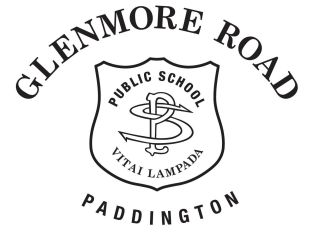
The School is currently updating the extracurricular timetable. This will be shared with School Council.

Portable Air Conditioning and school works

Glenmore Road Public School was on Phase 3 list of the Air conditioning under the "cooler classrooms' initiative. Phase 1 has been completed.

Portable air conditioning as per P&C initiative is suggested for early Term 3. Currently installing permanent air filters in some classrooms. Covid safe requirements means well ventilated space requirements. Factors to consider include, power grid capability, heritage listing, Covid safe measure compliance, running costs. 5 classrooms suggested to trial portable air conditioning would be the 2022 rooms of 4A, 4N, 1M, 1B and 2W. Suggest to pencil date Early Term 3 to trial effect on power grid and assess running costs. Must be within constraints of Covid safe measures.





Works to Cambridge Street are due to commence in April with ground work preparation and seating installations.

Actions:

- AM and LO to determine portable air-conditioning trial date for Term 3

1.2 School budget update (AM)

No update.

Actions:

- KS, AM and DZ were to meet in term 4 (term 3, DZ) to develop 2022 budget together. This has been held over until Karen's return in Term 3

1.3 P&C Report (LO)

An entirely new P&C has meant that P&C activities for the term have started more slowly.

Class lists and class parent nominations were collected through the P&C email to parents and the newsletter. Signups have been slow and some classes still do not have class parent volunteers. Lists and class parent confirmation will go out this week.

The P&C meeting will be held on 30 March and will cover upcoming events like the Easter and Mother's Day fundraisers.

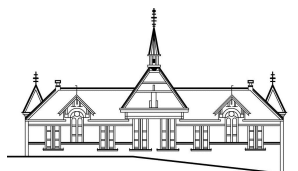
2. Business arising

2.1 Acceptance of minutes from 4 November 2021.

The minutes from the meeting on 4 November 2021 were accepted.

2.2 Extracurricular activities and booking spaces

The Council, with the School, has recently commenced a successful trial of ballet classes on Friday mornings for K-1 students. There are currently 10 students enrolled which makes the class





viable for the provider, The Teresa Johnson Ballet School. Two further extracurricular proposals were tabled:

1. Art Lab classes after school

In the School Council Extracurricular survey, art classes were featured as an extracurricular activity that parents would like to see at the school. Many parents already send their children to classes in Woollahra with Art Lab and this company is very keen to hold classes onsite.

Alexis advised that there is now a room for art/drama that could be available on Fridays.

2. Italian classes before or after school

Another repeated request in the survey was for more language classes before or after school. Italian and Spanish were both mentioned in survey responses. The Co.Is.It language school is well established, highly regarded and part of the Department of Education's Italian language advisory group. They are available to offer classes to GRPS students.

The Council discussed the possibility of including Mandarin or Japanese as another alternative.

Alexis advised that French is held on Wednesday mornings, but that Italian might be possible on other mornings (Monday or Friday).

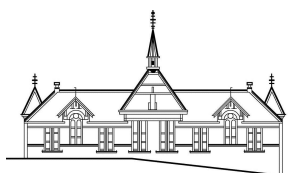
All third party extracurricular providers must be vaccinated and have a Working with Children Check.

Actions:

- AM to check classroom availability for art classes and another language class
- TH to develop a "classroom checklist" for third party users to adhere to when using classrooms (to ensure that classrooms are kept tidy and returned to the state they were in)
- AM to advise available cupboard space for Art Lab to store materials

2.3 Before/After School Duty of Care

The Council sought to clarify the process around before/after school procedures and duty of care. Alexis confirmed that in the afternoon, when a child is handed over to a parent/carer/extracurricular provider then school duty of care ends. If parents are late, children





will be taken to the office and parents called. If parents can't be contacted and the office is closing (3.45-4pm), children will be taken to The Cottage. In the morning, staff are onsite from 9am and The Cottage signs over duty of care at 9am.

2.4 School start times – consultation process

The Director (Angela Lyris) recommended last year that school consultation on start/finish times and stage based learning be delayed until term 2 2022. The Principal was to contact the Director early in the year to get Departmental guidance on the process which she would share with the School community. In her absence, the School Council discussed next steps and the breadth of consultation required:

- Impact on The Cottage
- Impact on roads (Roads & Maritime)
- Start/Finish times of neighbouring schools
- Lunch/recess changes
- Local preschools and drop off / pick up times

Actions:

- AM to raise with Angela Lyris and regional/district peers.
- MO to investigate other local schools start/finish times and create an exploration document.

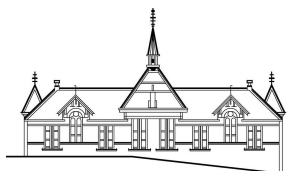
2.5 Rainbow Room and Air-conditioning

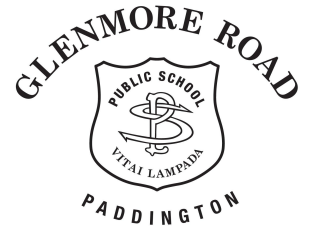
The Rainbow Room (conversion of the canteen into a learning and quiet space) will be happening in late 2022. Cambridge St works on the playground will happen in April. LO raised that the grant that was given by Alex Greenwich for this initiative has an expiry date.

Actions:

- LO to confirm expiry date and conditions around grant. DZ to action the grant documentation.

The P&C Building Fund raised money for permanent air-conditioning 5 years ago and it remains unspent. The hurdles to install the units are significant – heritage issues and DoE Assets department requirements. Given no progress has been made in 4 years, in 2021 P&C passed a





motion to use General Funds to buy temporary units until a solution can be determined. Alexis will look to trial up to 5 temporary air-conditioners in Term 2/3. Alexis will liaise directly with P&C about funding.

2.6 School Council Calendar

DZ and AM are working on a school council permanent calendar.

The meeting closed at 5.09pm

Next meeting Thursday 12 May 4pm (week 4, term 2 2022)

