

## **Glenmore Road Public School School Council Meeting Minutes**

Date: Thursday 18 August 2022  
Time: 4.10pm  
Place: Principal's office and virtual meeting using Zoom  
In Attendance: Karen Sinclair (Principal)  
Kathy Fitzgerald (GRPS Teacher Representative)  
Lauren O'Neile (P&C President)  
Dan Zammit (2022 Parent Member)  
Tamsin Hunter (2022 Parent Member)  
Apologies: Marina Olsen (2022 Parent Member)

### **1. Reports**

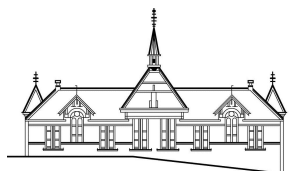
#### **1.1 Principal's report (KS)**

There has been discussion in the community around equity of access to the school. This includes ramps for people with disabilities, older community members' ease of access and ramps for prams. The site is particularly difficult for access being sloping and with many stairs. The DoE assets team were at the school today and the easiest access route will be through Gruner Lane where there is one wide set of 6 steps where a ramp may be possible. Classrooms for 4A and 4N would still need to be accessed by stairs. The Asset Management Manager looked at access and will discuss with his department about how ramp access can be prioritised. However, due to funding and the priority for student access to site, it is unlikely that the ramp will be provided. While the situation is being reviewed, KS will open the Gurner Lane gates to the middle playground early in the morning for people to access the school. People with access issues can also call the school office to be advised of the best access for them.

There is a busy end of term coming up and communication will be important for everyone to stay in the loop about what is happening. Communication is a focus for term 4 with a new app coming which will make push notifications possible. The calendar is up to date and all key dates are down the side of the calendar online.

#### **Actions:**

- KS to share the email from the Asset Manager about what is planned for ramps
- KS to open gates each morning





- AM to share summary of analysis of 3 apps that were considered by the school (School Bag, Schoolzine)

## **1.2 School budget update (KS)**

There is a potential overspend of school budget which will be covered by the \$146k in community money. School community money comes from hire facilities, donations, fundraising and rolled over money from the move to the new system 3 years ago. Next year the budget will be less flexible but there will need to be money spent on strategic goal 2 under the school plan.

## **1.3 P&C Report (LO)**

One resolution was made at the P&C meeting to hold a trivia night. The Father's day stall is going ahead on 1 September and will involve students potting succulents as gifts.

## **2. Acceptance of minutes from 19 May 2022.**

The minutes from the meeting on 19 May 2022 were accepted.

## **3. Business Arising**

### **3.1 School start times**

The process for changing school start times will involve the school community developing a proposal to share with the Department of Education. The proposal must show that there was consultation with all stakeholders. The stakeholders requiring consultation were confirmed as follows:

TfNSW

Local schools, preschools

Maccabi Tennis

Teachers, parents and students

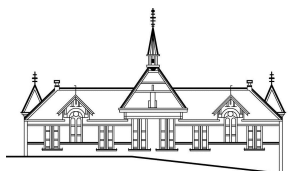
Community users

The Cottage

Paddington Chamber of Commerce

Woollahra Council - Harriet Price

Alex Greenwich State MP





Local Sporting Clubs – Easts, Easts gymnastics, netball, Trumper Park sporting groups, KICK swim school

Lunch Bots and lunch order providers

Directions in Music

### **3.2 Reading groups and parent/carer involvement**

Parents are very keen to get reading groups going again. The school is aiming for term 4 resumption of reading groups and other parent involvement.

### **3.3 Air-conditioning**

Portable air conditioners are required due to heritage issues in some classrooms/buildings. There will be a trial of portable air-conditioning in K and Y1 classrooms in term 4 (5 portable air cons for 5 hottest classrooms). Permanent air conditioning will be installed for years 3 and 2 classrooms.

#### **Actions:**

- AM and KS will get quote for 5 x portable air con and C block permanent air con (Ben Rafferty Air was recommended)
- KS will get an update on where we are in the cooler classrooms list

### **3.4 Extracurricular activities**

Italian classes will be offered term 1 2023. CoAsIt has had difficulty getting teachers but expect to have more teachers in 2023. The school will advise which classrooms will be available on which days to offer to Italian classes.

#### **Actions:**

- AM and KS to check which classrooms will be available and advise

### **3.5 School toilets**

The school is looking at auto flushing urinals and new soap dispensers to further improve the toilet facilities.

The meeting closed at 5.33pm.

