

Glenmore Road Public School School Council Meeting Agenda

Date: Wednesday 4 November 2021
Time: 4.04pm
Place: Virtual meeting using Zoom
In Attendance: Karen Sinclair (Principal)
Alexis Martin (GRPS Teacher Representative)
Kathy Fitzgerald (GRPS Teacher Representative)
Sally Baker (P&C President)
Dan Zammit (2021 Parent Member)
Tamsin Hunter (2021 Parent Member)
Apologies: Jono Friedrich (2021 Parent Member)

1. Reports

1.1 Principal's report (KS)

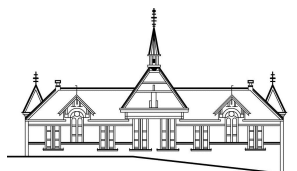
The Principal outlined the current class structure state for 2022. Present student numbers indicate that 14-15 classes will be supported under the Department of Education budget. However, the school will supplement this budget to allow 15 classes to keep class numbers lower and avoid excessive composite classes. With current numbers, there may still be some composite classes (in addition to the 5/6 senior classes).

The school currently has temporary teachers on many classes and these teachers may unfortunately find employment elsewhere as classes can not be guaranteed for them next year.

There are currently 38 enrolments for kindergarten 2022, lower than previous years.

The school website will migrate to a new platform next week. Lisa Taylor (parent) is assisting the Principal with the migration.

1.2 School budget update (KS)





The Principal communicated that the State budget Consolidated Funds 6100 account will be fully expended this year. The State government currently allows schools to carry forward 3% of their budget into the next year if the budget is not fully expended. This will reduce to 0% by 2025.

There was an action in the last minutes for The Principal and President to meet to discuss the budget in more detail. This action has been adjusted to a new action where the school 2022 budget will be developed collaboratively with the School Council.

Actions:

- KS, AM and DZ to meet this term to develop 2022 budget together

1.3 P&C Report (SB)

The recent lockdown meant that the planned P&C events had to be changed. Despite the challenging circumstances, the P&C were able to hold a number of virtual events for community engagement like the wine tasting night, Maggie Dent seminar, GRTV, Great Treasure Hunt of Paddo Streets, the Captivate Program in the school holidays and the Father's Day gift fundraiser. This term there will be a fundraiser with Santa photos on the Paddo Night Out.

2. Business arising

2.1 Acceptance of minutes from 18 August 2021.

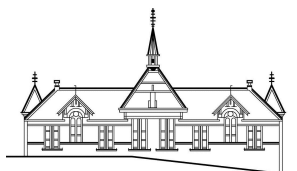
The minutes from the meeting on 18 August 2021 were unanimously accepted.

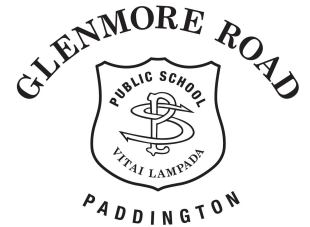
2.2 School Council Survey

Sally, Dan, Tamsin and Jono received lots of positive feedback from the community about the survey and people were grateful for the open questions and opportunity to write without a format. The survey identified that, on the whole, the community was struggling and had found the lockdown hard.

From the qualitative and quantitative feedback in the survey (reported in the minutes of meeting on 18 August 2021), the Council will focus on four key areas where the community expressed desire for change:

1. Extracurricular options





The Council understands the importance of the extracurricular experiences on offer at the school for enriching student experiences and as a help for families who need activities for their children before and after school.

The Council will undertake an audit of the existing activities on offer and lead a program to consult with the community about what is on offer, what they would like to see on offer as well as what the teachers, parents and community can bring to the extracurricular program at GRPS.

The Council will also develop a policy for extracurricular engagement at the school so that relationships between the school, third party providers and parents/carers is transparent and understood and a variety of extracurricular activities can be offered in a safe, sustainable and accessible way at the school.

2. Food/Canteen service

The Council acknowledged the wonderful service provided by Naomi and Lunchbots.

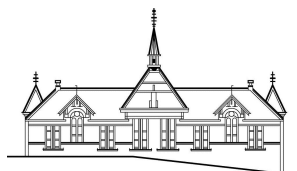
Feedback from the survey indicated that parents and carers would like to see an expansion of food offering (possibly to include recess and fruit break options) as well as opportunity to attend the school and contribute to canteen/BBQs or other ad hoc connections within the school during school time. The Principal advised that Naomi currently provides family meals delivered through Flexischools and this may be worth expanding as a service for families.

Once Covid related restrictions on the school lift, there will be more opportunities for parents and carers to participate in events on site during school hours (like BBQs, fruit break fruit giveaways etc).

3. School start times and stage-based learning

The other two key issues that arose from the survey were start/finish times and stage-based class structures.

The Director (Angela Lyris) has recommended that school consultation on start/finish times and stage based learning be delayed until term 2 next year. The Principal advised that the process will begin with the Principal, staff representatives and parent representatives making contact with local schools who have stage based learning in place. The school community will then be consulted before any decision is made.





The Principal will contact the Director early next year to get Departmental guidance on the process which she will share with the School community.

Actions:

- TH to consult with the office staff and undertake an audit of extracurricular activities available as well as rooms and spaces for housing activities and share with Council members by **week 7**
- DZ to review the Community User Agreement and develop a policy framework to share with Council members by **week 8**
- TH and DZ to undertake consultation with school community around which extracurricular activities should be on offer and the skills/passions they can bring to potential new activities by **week 11**
- DZ to contact Naomi from Lunchbots to discuss possible expansion of offerings by **week 8**
- DZ to remind KS early Term 1 2022 to commence discussion with the Director about stage based learning and school start/finish times

3. Other business

Wakakirri will unfortunately not happen this term and the students will not be able to do an in-school performance due to the year cohort mixing restrictions. The Council acknowledged the disappointment that the school community will feel about this and the Principal advised that Wakakirri can be considered for next year. The sets and costumes will need to be stored offsite.

Actions:

- TH to find storage option within school parent community for Wakakirri sets and costumes (*post meeting note: Dave Butler (parent) will kindly store the sets/costumes*)

The meeting closed at 5.09pm

Next meeting Wednesday 23 February (week 5, term 1 2022)

