

Minutes of School Council Meeting

6.00pm, 5 September 2018 Staff Room

Attendance: Debbie Brandon (DB), Amber Cleary (AC), Jessica Smith (JS), Robyn Webster (RW), Lynda Weiden (LW), Samantha Hicks (SH)

Apologies: James Dolton (JD),

1. Reports

- Principal's Report

DB reported that many invoices remain outstanding. Office staff continue to call parents directly to remind them of the outstanding payments starting with the largest amounts. Teachers will also remind students before excursions or camps that costs need to be covered. The School could offer an in-school sports activity as an alternative to parents who cannot or choose not to pay for PSSA and/or Got Game. Council discussed adding a message about payment via Care Monkey for each event so parents can see the reminder on the event level when providing permission for students to attend. This reminder could also include a checkbox to indicate if they have paid or not and a link to the POP payment gateway.

Fees for community users (chess, DIM, Mandarin and French) are being reviewed and the School is considering a tiered payment for the use of school spaces.

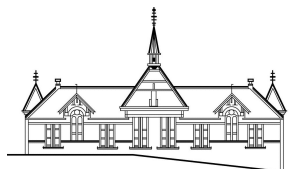
The updated procedures and guidelines for homework and mobile devices drafted by Council are currently being reviewed by staff.

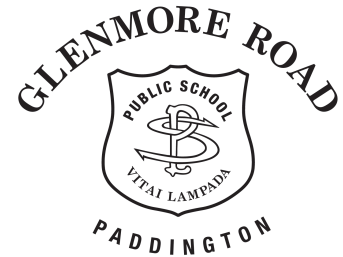
A six question survey about our merit system has been sent to the parent community.

Razor Corp is revamping the website. The app Sircle will no longer be used. The Newsletter is moving from a PDF format to an interactive, online format (via SchoolZine). The first issue in the new format will be sent on Wednesday 12 September.

- P&C Report

JS said nothing to report for School Council.





2. Business Arising

- Acceptance of minutes: AC proposed acceptance of the Minutes from 1 August, seconded by RW. The minutes were accepted.
- DB said that there is no need for the School to review the Department's updated uniform policy as we are already compliant. The document has been sent to the uniform committee in relation to the acquisition compliance. The P&C are planning to establish a pre-ordering process for new families attending the Kindy orientation day which could then be rolled out across the wider school community. This would help reduce excess stock.
- Council reviewed the permission to publish form which was this year sent via Care Monkey. Council agreed the wording is intimidatingly litigious and that the current description of possible use of information and images is too broad. The wording should be changed to better reflect actual usage. For example, photographs are currently only published in the Newsletter and where captioned, do not include surnames. Permission to publish for special events like Wakakiri or the choir's recent performance on Sunrise could be sought as they arise via Care Monkey as needed.

3. New Business

No new business.

Next meeting: 3 October, 6pm.

