

Minutes of School Council Meeting

6.00pm, 14 March 2018 Staff Room

Attendance: Debbie Brandon (RPDB), Amber Cleary (AC), James Dolton (JD), Samantha Hicks (SH), Harriet Price (HP), Jessica Smith (JS)

Apologies: Lynda Weiden (LW).

1. Reports

- Principal's report

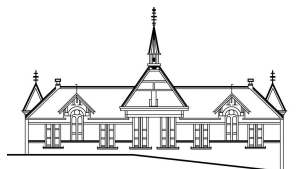
RPDB expressed her thanks to HP for her three years as President of the Council. RPDB acknowledged the outgoing staff members Dorothy Bosnar and Sonya Olsen for serving as Council members for the last three years. RPDB thanked AC and JS for their time on the Council during 2016 and 2017 and welcomed the new members.

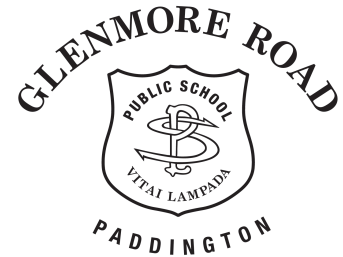
RPDB ran through projected expenditure for 2017.

RPDB reported that she has formed a working party with a select group of parents and staff who are workshopping the student welfare policy (which includes the Discipline and Rewards systems). RPDB reiterated that reviewing the policy is an involved process with considerations including feedback from staff and the wider school community and require approval from the Executive and the Council. The new policy will be implemented from the start of 2019.

RPDB presented the 2018 – 2020 School Plan which is ready to be uploaded to the School website. The Vision Statement remains unchanged. The three new strategic directions are Quality Teaching and Learning; Student Success as Learners; and Connected and Engaged Community. JD asked about Visible Learning and RPDB explained the philosophy and how the School has partnered with Paddington Public School and La Perouse Public School in undertaking three years' of Visible Learning training that will be implemented schoolwide. With regard to engaging parents, RPDB discussed programmes such as Writers' Corner, Class Dojo, See-Saw and Google Classroom.

- Annual School Report: The 2017 School Report is in draft form.





RPDB discussed the School Excellence Framework and also the Department's External Validation process. A number of schools are selected each year and GRPS has not been selected for 2018 but it is expected GRPS will be called upon within the next couple of years.

RPDB reported that she had received a request from the Department to open up the School during holidays to provide extra green spaces for the general public. The Council felt this was not a suitable idea for the School, particularly given the Cottage's holiday care programme.

- P&C Report

JS reported the P&C have surveyed parents about what annual events they most would like to retain and which ones the School can do without. JS reported that the P&C is gathering interest from parents who would like to be involved with the School in an academic / professional way.

JS reported that the P&C have formed a working group to workshop changes to the School's communications (i.e. website, Newsletter, app).

2. Business Arising

- Acceptance of minutes from 6 December 2017: AC proposed acceptance of the Minutes from 2 August 2017, seconded by JS. The minutes were accepted.

3. New Business

HP pointed out that the School's discipline policy and mobile phone policy are coming up for renewal. They may not need many changes, but do need to be reviewed.

A discussion was had about demystifying Council for the wider school community. RPDB will include a description of the Council's role in an upcoming Newsletter. JS suggested we include a photo of members, similar to the one she included in the P&C section of the School's last Newsletter.

RPDB and Council will review agreements with all community users on a case-by-case basis.

The cottage license renewal (by June 2019) is currently in progress for a smooth continuation of those services (before and after school care, and vacation care).

RPDB will provide new members with confidentiality agreements to sign.

Next meeting: 11 April 6pm.

