



## School Council Meeting Minutes - General Meeting 1 April 2015 at 5.30pm

**Attendance:** Stuart Crawford (**SC**), Dorothy Bosnar (**DB**), Sonya Olsen (**SO**), Peter Stepto (**PS**), John Wills (**JW**), Christian Patterson (**CP**) and Harriet Price (**HP**).

### 1. Reports

#### Principal's Report

SC tabled the following:

- GRPS Financial Statement as at 1 April 2015 (Annexure A); and
- Budget Spreadsheet as at 30 March 2015 (Annexure B).

#### *Financial Position:*

Annexures A and B were discussed including:

- an explanation of 'tied' funds', 'voluntary contributions', 'global funds' and 'short term relief';
- that if SC did not spend 'tied funds', the funds must be returned;
- that funds received via 'voluntary contributions' were the only funds where SC had a discretion to spend; and
- only approximately 8% of parents did not pay the voluntary contribution.

It was agreed that SC would produce the finance report in a similar format to Annexures A and B each meeting.

#### Parents & Citizens Report

CP reported that two new P&C members had nominated for vacancies on the P&C executive.

## **2. Business Arising**

### **a. Acceptance of Minutes from 11 March 2015**

PS proposed that the Minutes from the meeting 11 March 2015 be accepted. SC seconded this and it was unanimously resolved to adopt the minutes.

### **b. Language Committee Update**

JW reported that:

- the committee had met to discuss the language review; and
- a draft survey had been prepared.

JW also reported that:

- on reflection, the committee formed the view that a parent forum (similar to the playground master plan forum) would be a preferable place to start the review;
- this would ensure the parent community was properly informed and educated on the logistics of curriculum requirements, timetabling and staffing;
- SC agreed to provide a preamble/short introduction at the forum (to be held in week 8 or 9 of term 2) on these issues;
- parents would then break into smaller 'focus' groups to discuss.

JW also explained that:

- 'focus' groups would be provided with questions (to be drafted by the committee) to promote discussion and ideas;
- 'focus' groups would report back with their findings;
- a survey would then follow the forum; and
- SC would survey staff and children (in years 1-6) on their views.

The meeting agreed on the above approach.

### **c. Volunteer Policy & Guidelines for Implementation of Working With Children Check (WWCC)**

SC distributed WWCC reading materials for discussion at the next meeting.

The next Council meeting scheduled for 6 May 2015 at 6pm.

The meeting concluded at approximately 7.00pm.