



**KENSINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Wednesday 20 March 2013, Meeting 02/13

1. **Welcome:** Geoff welcomed new members Michael Rosich, Tanya Elson and Raema Stanford.
2. **Apologies:** Chris Cook
3. **Attendance:** Sandra Cook, Tanya Elson, Kevin Trent, Steven Davis, Bruce Macauley, Geoff Smith, Michael Rosich, Marie Short, Cara Finch, Andrew Steers, Lesley Harris, Belinda Moharich, Raema Stanford and Martha Walters.
4. **Correspondence**
 - In:**
 - Letter from State School Teachers' Union re: An Inquiry into the roles of Principals and Deputy Principals – information.
 - Letter from the City of South Perth re: Flag Pole Funding Project.
 - Out:** Nil
 - Action:** Bruce to fill in funding form for flag pole and submit on Council's behalf.
5. **Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The Council considered the minutes of the meetings of 20 February 2013.

Moved: Steven Davis
Seconded: Kevin Trent
6. **Business Arising from Meeting held Wednesday 20 February 2013**
 - 6.1 **Communication – development of school PR document** **Geoff**

Geoff Smith gave overview of the project so new council members have an understanding of the documents intent to communicate with and inform the school community about the school and benefits the school has to offer students and families. Belinda continued The discussion and undertook to collate information for the document and distribute to subcommittee.

Geoff has committed to coordinating the update of the school website for presentation and ease of use as part of updating the communication the school has available. This will be done in conjunction with the Principal and Administration staff.

Action: Belinda to collate PR document and distribute.
Action: Geoff to coordinate updating school website.
 - 6.2 **Council Responsibilities** **Geoff**

Geoff discussed the need for the council to be more visible within the school community and to communicate more effectively.

Action: Geoff to distribute template "Who is your Council?" and organize updates for the newsletter on discussion points from the Council meetings that would be of interest to school families.

Geoff continued with letting the council know that he wants the forum to be an open one and encouraged all members to think about objectives that each member wanted to achieve on council to help support the school move forward. It was also discussed that all issues council members request will be placed on the agenda.

Action: All council members to consider objectives.

Action: Martha to include all issues on the agenda.

Belinda discussed council values as a starting point that the Council can discuss and whether the Council can look at ways of helping support less fortunate members of the school community.

Andrew suggested that the P&C and School Council should work closer together. It was decided that Tanya, as the P&C Representative have a permanent place on the Council Agenda to inform council about P&C initiatives and see if there were ways the two bodies can work together on common goals.

Action: Martha to include Tanya's spot in next Agenda.

6.3 **Parking Around School**

Geoff

Geoff discussed meeting with the City of South Perth who supported the schools position on lack of parking and looking at solutions to traffic congestion and safety around the school. This would require input from the Main Roads Department. Belinda suggested we look to the school community to see if any parents had a traffic planning or engineering background who could help streamline the process.

Action: Bruce to ask the school community in the next newsletter for any parent with such a background.

6.4 **Appointment of New Council Members**

Bruce

Bruce noted that he had discussed the voting process with the four candidates for the one position and three of the four decided to stand down. Michael Rosich was appointed for a two year term without opposition.

Moved: Marie Short

Seconded: Andrew Steers

7. **New Business**

7.1 **Lack of Male Teachers on Staff**

Steven

Bruce agreed with Steven's position and pointed out that the Department is well aware of the lack of male teachers in primary schools and is actively trying to recruit more. He also stated that he will always employ the best person for the job regardless of gender.

7.2 **Year 7 ending 2014 how will this affect 6/7 graduation**

Steven

Bruce agreed that this was a tricky topic and acknowledged that the school did not as yet have a position on how they are going to deal with this issue. Bruce asked Council members to discuss with the school community to see what people wanted and asked Tanya to raise the issue at P&C.

Action: Council to discuss with community and gauge response.

Action: Tanya to raise issue at P&C.

Action: Martha to include in next agenda.

7.3 Teachers and how they are assigned.

Steven

The question was raised on how teachers are assigned throughout the school and utilized for their skill base in specific subjects. Bruce discussed the fact that the Administration Team assigned teachers based on student needs.

7.4 Road environment around school – student safety

Kevin

Kevin felt this issue was dealt with in item 6.3.

**8. School Council Watching Brief
Curtin Education Community
Ongoing**

Independent Public Schools 2013 Update

Planning to become an Independent School will commence in 2014 with focus on applying in 2015 when government invites applications again.

**9. General Business
None**

10. Meeting Closed: 6.55pm

11. Next general meeting:

| Term 1 | Term 2 | Term 3 | Term 4 |
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| Week 3 | 22 May | 7 August | 30 October Election of Office Bearers |
| Week 7 – 20 March | 19 June | 4 September | 27 November |