



KENSINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday 18 March 2015, Meeting 02/2015

1. **Welcome:** 5:09pm
Welcome to Kathy Shortland-Jones

The Board pays respect to and acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which this meeting takes place, and also pays respect to Elders both past and present.

2. **Apologies:** Bruce Macauley, Terence Pestana, Steven Davis
3. **Attendance:** Belinda Moharich, Dale Collins, Lisa Williamson, Michael Rosich, Kevin Trent, Lesley Harris, Raema Stanford, Kathy Shortland-Jones, Kristie Young-Krebs, Martha Walters, Melanie Noid, Rick Hughes

4. Correspondence

In: Two letters received on Friday 06 March 2015 from the Regional Executive Director, Julie Woodhouse granting KPS permission for the two requested early closures on Wednesday 01 April 2015 and Friday 24 April 2015

Out: Nil advised

5. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Council considered the minutes of the meeting of 18 February 2015.

Moved: Kevin Trent

Seconded: Martha Walters

6. Business Arising from Meeting held Wednesday 18 February 2015

6.1 School of Choice

The draft survey had been prepared (provided by Terence prior to the meeting), however, some wording has had to change to fit within the framework of the Department of Education's online survey package. Belinda and Dale will review the final version with the survey to 'go live' in first couple of weeks of Term 2.

Action: Bruce to draft parent's survey regarding 'school of choice' during the course of next week for review by Belinda and Dale for issue during 2nd week of March.

Action: Kristie offered to distribute the survey to parents of those students who left at the end of 2014 to gauge why they left.

6.2 Federal Government 2015 School Survey

Bruce

No action at this time. This item to be moved to Section 8 (watching brief).

Action: Board to consider survey questions in Term 3 for survey to be performed in Term 4.

6.3 Protective Behaviours

Website details were included in last newsletter but if not, will be in the next.

Action: Bruce to include protective behaviours website details in a school newsletter.

6.4 CoSP Local Area (Kensington) Traffic Management Study Working Group Kevin

Still don't have the traffic report commissioned by the (then) Council – Belinda to keep chasing. Rick advised that CoSP are awaiting a copy of the KPS report. 2 meetings have taken place to date. The Study Working Group (SWG) includes 3 residents (who are parents of KPS students) and 2 representatives from Jacob's (Traffic Engineers) and the meetings are informal. The first meeting was 'brain storming' with nothing 'off the table'. The intersection of View street & Banksia terrace has dominated discussion along with other black-spots around Kensington being looked at.

CoSP is monitoring traffic volumes and movements. Consideration is being given to convert View & Banksia to a 'mixed zone' intersection with no markings – this has been very successful in the UK as it has proven to make the intersection safer. It was suggested that putting in traffic calming measures (e.g. speed bumps, chicanes, etc) tends to relocate the problem (to the next intersection) rather than solve the problem. SWG have also suggested reducing speed limits to 40km/hr in Kensington (down from 50).

SWG is planning to issue a suburb wide survey in the coming weeks. Looking to encourage more cycling to reduce traffic volumes.

Query raised by SWG regarding number of parking bays required around KPS. It was suggested that this will be included in the KPS traffic report. Rick indicated that the residents in the SWG had suggested 300 400 car bays might be required. General view is this is an over-estimate.

The SWG don't appear to be aware of some of the development plans regarding Tech Park near Curtin (including relocation of the Agricultural Department).

This item will also be moved to to Section 8 (watching brief) for future meetings.

Action: Rick to continue to report back to the Board the activities of the CoSP SWG.

6.5 ANZAC Service Bruce

Lisa advised that program for the day will be similar to "normal" ANZAC day arrangements, however, logistical arrangements for 'sausage in a bun' breakfast will be difficult. This was raised at the last P&C meeting and several people had volunteered for BBQ duties.

Living History (WA history organisation) are booked to attend the school on the prior Wednesday (funded by P&C) to give 'context' to ANZAC day.

6.6 Board Membership Belinda

Need to clarify when each board member's term expires (constitution limits to min 2 years, maximum 3 year term but can re-nominate). Once this has been clarified, calls for nomination and re-elections may be required.

Action: Martha and Michael to ascertain current term expiries of current board members.

Act requires board membership from 3 groups : staff, parents and community. Current constitution needs amendment to clarify kindy representative, nomination and voting rights of P&C representative and categorisation of representation (e.g. by year groups).

Action: Belinda will review the existing constitution and prepare a re-draft including categorisation of representatives.

7. New Business

7.1 Feedback from P&C Meeting Kathy

No update this meeting, however, it was noted that the lease for the Vista street kindy was resigned for 5 years with a 6 month 'out' for both parties.

7.2 Department of Education 'My School is a Star' Program Lisa

Program has 'petered out'. A parent had approached Lisa re program between Department of Education and Channel 7. General consensus was nice to win \$10,000 but not

appropriate to apply for due to publicity which could have adverse consequences. Parent who raised the query was happy with this view.

7.3 Board Training

Lisa

Reference was made to an email sent to Bruce by Karen Owens (Principal of South Perth primary) forwarding an email from Geoff Metcalf (Department of Education, School Innovation and Reform Unit) regarding training opportunities for the board as a new IPS. Further information available at the website

<http://det.wa.edu.au/schoolcouncils/detcms/navigation/unincorporated-councils-and-boards/>.

Action: Michael to forward email to board members to gauge interest.

7.4 2015 KPS Budget

Lisa

Lisa handed out draft budget for board's consideration and highlighted key items (e.g. Student Centred Funding Cash {not yet received}, Salary Pool Shortfall). Generally a conservative approach has been taken at this stage of the IPS transition process. Finance committee will be making amendments to reduce percentage of unallocated funds from 32% to 7% (in line with Department of Education requirements).

Motion for Board to ratify 2015 budget as presented.

Moved: Kevin Trent

Seconded: Belinda Moharich

7.5 Policy re Sticks

Kirstie

Lisa advised a common sense approach applies but any aggressive play will be stopped. There is no formal policy regarding sticks.

8. School Board Watching Brief

8.1 Curtin Education Community

Bruce

No update this meeting.

Action: Bruce to recommend 2016 Professional Learning days for 2016 for Board review and approval by meeting No 07/2015 (Wed 28/10).

8.2 Independent Public Schools 2013 Update

Bruce

No update this meeting.

Action: Amended draft business plan was issued to Board members for review and comments with feedback on the draft to be returned to Dale and/or Belinda.

8.3 2013 School Satisfaction Survey 'Top 5' Update

Bruce

No update this meeting – to be reviewed when new survey results are in.

9. General Business

No general business this meeting.

10. Meeting Closed: 7.10pm

11. Next General Meeting

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
18 February 2015	06 May	05 August	28 October Election of Office Bearers
18 March	03 June	02 September	25 November