



**KENSINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Wednesday 20 February 2013, Meeting 01/13

The meeting opened at 5.10pm.

1. Welcome

The Council welcomed the schools new Principal, Bruce Macauley.

2. Apologies: Raema Stanford, Geoff Smith

3. Attendance: **Bruce Macauley**, Chris Cook, Sandra Cook, Marie Short, Lesley Harris, Cara Finch, Evelyn Greenway, Steven Davis, Martha Walters, Andrew Steers, Belinda Moharich, Kevin Trent, Tanya Elson.

Visitor: Rick Hughes (nominee for vacant council seat)

4. Correspondence

In: No correspondence in.

Out: No correspondence out.

Action: To be included on next agenda.

5. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Council considered the minutes of the meetings of 28 November 2012 and 13 December 2012.

An amendment to the minutes of 28 November 2012 was made to include a footnote at 6.2 to the meeting held on 13 December 2012 that further discussed this item.

An amendment to the minutes of 13 December 2012 was made based on revised wording from Belinda Moharich.

Motion: *That the Draft Minutes of the School Council meeting held on Wednesday 28 November 2012, subject to the amendment above, be accepted as a true record of the meeting.*

Moved: Sandra Cook

Seconded: Cara Finch

There were no objections.

Motion: *That the Draft Minutes of the School Council meeting held on Thursday 13 December 2012, subject to the amendment above, be accepted as a true record of the meeting.*

Moved: Belinda Moharich

Seconded: Evelyn Greenway

There were no objections.

6. Business Arising from Meeting held Wednesday 20 February 2013

6.1 Seatbelts on School Buses

Bruce

Bruce noted that the school will use buses with seatbelts as the preferred option. The decision is ultimately up to the discretion of the Principal and will need to take into account the additional cost associated with hiring a bus with seat belts. This item is now closed.

6.2 Communication – development of school PR document

Chris

Geoff Smith is looking to finalise a meeting time with Belinda Moharich and Chris Cook to further discuss this item before bringing it to the Council. This item is to be carried forward to the next meeting.

- 6.3 School Council Constitution Review **Chris**
The Council agreed that no changes were required to the School Council Constitution. This item is now closed.
- 6.4 Council Responsibilities **Chris**
In the absence of Geoff Smith, it was agreed that this item be carried forward to the next meeting.
- 6.5 Parking Around School **Chris**
Noted that Geoff Smith had met with Katherin Deedee and Paul Edwards from the City of South Perth Council on 11 December 2012. Discussion was held regarding the parking around the school and it was agreed that in the absence of Geoff Smith this item would be carried forward to the next meeting.
- 6.6 Appointment of New Council Members **Bruce**
It was noted that the teachers had agreed to appoint Raema Stanford to the Council as a teachers representative to replace the outgoing Anna Koy.

The Council noted the resignation of parent representative, Evelyn Greenway. Mrs Greenway will resign from the close of this meeting.

Bruce Macauley noted that with the resignation of Evelyn Greenway, only one parent representative position is available. Mr Macauley confirmed that four nominations had been received to fill the vacant position. It was noted that as this appointment is a replacement of an existing Council member, this appointment would be to fill the remainder of Mrs Greenway's term, being 2 years.

It was noted that a vote would need to be held to elect one of the four nominations. Each registered parent at the school is entitled to one vote. The mechanics for holding the vote would be finalised by Bruce Macauley and Chris Cook, however, they must ensure appropriate notice is given to each parent and that each nominee be entitled to write a short bio for circulation to the parents.

Andrew Steers noted that Kevin Trent had been a long serving member of the Council and that his exact term in office was not clear. The Council reviewed his position as Community Representative.

Motion: *That Kevin Trent be appointed for a further term, of no less than 2 years and no more than 3 years, as the Community Representative to the Council..*

Moved: Andrew Steers

Seconded: Chris Cook

There were no objections.

7. New Business

Bruce Macauley requested approval from the School Council to close the school early on Tuesday, 9th April 2012 at 12.15pm.

Motion: *That the Council approve the closure of the school at 12.15pm on Tuesday, 9th April 2012.*

Moved: Andrew Steers

Seconded: Steve Davis

There were no objections.

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

Bruce Macauley confirmed his support for this group and the work it is doing. Bruce has recognised the significant role that Curtin University is playing in this group and will continue to be actively involved.

Independent Public Schools 2013 Update

Bruce Macauley provided an update for the IPS process. He confirmed that he was supportive of the process, however, noted that the process for determining IPS status is currently being overhauled. Previous questions have been raised regarding the fairness of decisions made by the Board responsible and this has led to the overhaul. Bruce confirmed that no schools will be awarded IPS status during 2013.

At the end of the 2013 year schools will be able to put their hands up if they wish to consider IPS status commencing in the 2015 school year. The body responsible will utilise current and successful IPS schools as mentors for those schools looking at IPS status and will mentor them through the 2014 year on what is required. The responsible body will then look to make a decision on IPS status towards the end of 2014 to be effective for the 2015 school year.

**9. General Business
School Budget 2013**

Bruce Macauley presented the 2013 School Budget to the Council and provided a summary of the document and how it has been prepared. The Council noted that they would like to see an update on the schools progress against the budget during the year and it was agreed this would occur after second term.

Motion: *That the Council approve the 2013 Kensington Primary School Budget as presented.*

Moved: Kevin Trent

Seconded: Andrew Steers

There were no objections.

Grants

The P&C has requested that the Council discuss grants and the community expertise available in identifying and submitting grants for the school. The P&C wished to highlight and make the Council aware that resources are available throughout the school parent body in identifying, writing and submitting grant applications. No further action to be taken by the Council.

Meeting Times

The Council considered a recommendation that Council meetings are concluded by no later than 6.30pm. It was agreed that whilst the Chairperson will attempt this, no formal policy would be considered and that if discussion is needed beyond 6.30pm it would be up to the Council to decide to continue or defer the discussion to the next meeting. No further action to be taken by the Council.

10. Meeting Closed: 6.35 pm

11. Next general meeting:

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