



KENSINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday 19 February 2014, Meeting 01/14

1. **Welcome:** Meeting opened at 5:10 pm
The council welcomed Dale Collins as the new P&C representative.
2. **Apologies:** Belinda Moharich, Cara Finch, Kevin Trent
3. **Attendance:** Geoff Smith, Bruce Macauley, Dale Collins, Lesley Harris, Lisa Williamson, Marie Short, Martha Walters, Michael Rosich, Raema Stanford, Rick Hughes, Sandra Cook, Steven Davis

4. Correspondence

In: Letter from Ethan Davis thanking KPS for his nomination for Volunteer of the Year
Out: Nil

5. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Council considered the minutes of the meeting of 27 November 2013.

Moved: Sandra Cook

Seconded: Lesley Harris

6. Business Arising from Meeting held Wednesday 27 November 2013

6.1 Parking around the School

Geoff

Geoff had contacted Main Roads WA regarding off-street parking around the school but they had advised that this came under the City of South Perth's responsibility. The proposal is to extend the existing off-street parking on Fourth Ave east to the top of the oval plus new parking areas around the existing sump on the corner of Market St and Banksia Tce.

Action: Geoff to liaise with City of South Perth (Kathryn Deady) to inspect the area and assess what can be achieved.

6.2 P&C Tax Relief for Fund Raising

Belinda

It was noted that Belinda was going to investigate tax incentives/reliefs for P&C fund raising with one of her contacts and that this was in process. Item closed.

6.3 Behaviour Management Policy Review

Lisa

Brief discussion held on the status of the amended Behaviour Management Policy documents (one for teaching staff and a summarized version for parents and publishing on the school's website). These documents, when finalised, are to be issued to the Council for review.

Action: Lisa to prepare drafts for issue at the next meeting for review.

6.4 Election of Council Secretary

Geoff

Michael accepted the role of Council Secretary. The Council thanked Martha for her performance in the role over the past 2 years.

6.5 Dawn Service for ANZAC Day 2015

Sandra

Brief discussion held on the plans to commemorate the 100th anniversary for ANZAC day (Saturday 25 April 2015). It was discussed that the school would have to apply to have the hours for Friday 24 April 2015 changed so that the ceremony could take place

Action: Application to be made for the amendment to the school hours for Friday 24 April 2015.

Action: Funding to be sought from City of South Perth to conduct the service at the school and have the necessary equipment and arrangements in place.

7. New Business

7.1 School Satisfaction Survey

Bruce

Discussions on the results of the 2013 School Survey previously issued by Bruce (via email on Monday 17 February). Summary sheets detailing key positive and negative points/opinions were distributed and discussed. The survey response rate was approximately 38%. The last survey was conducted in 2011, however, due to the structure of the survey no comparisons with the current (2013) results can be made. The next survey is scheduled to be conducted in 2016 but this will be conducted by the Commonwealth government.

It was agreed that the survey results, when published, will need to 'sell' the school to the public plus identify action plans to reinforce the Top 5 Positive findings and address the Top 5 Negative findings. A discussion was held around raising the profile of the survey results and feedback to the school's community. It was agreed that a separate memo/newsletter on the survey be issued (1 page) with links to further information/documents on the website. Subsequent progress updates could then be provided either in the school newsletters and/or on the website.

Action: Publish summarised results of the 2013 School Satisfaction Survey (via newsletter and/or on the website) with subsequent progress updates to follow.

Action: New recurring agenda item for Council to provide input/assistance in the action plans and progress on the Top 5 Positive and Negative areas identified from the 2013 School Satisfaction Survey.

7.2 Australian Curriculum

Bruce

Bruce indicated the "letter" included in the newsletter published on Wednesday 19 February was partly in response to derogatory comments posted on Facebook that the school wasn't implementing the Australian Curriculum. Bruce clarified that the Australian Curriculum has 3 phases and that Phase 1 (History, Maths, Science and English) were issued in 2012. History was adopted at the school in 2013. Maths and Science will be implemented in 2014. It is intended that English be implemented in 2015. WA is the only state to take on all four elements of the Australian Curriculum as written (other states are modifying the published elements). Phase 2 and 3 of the Australian Curriculum were issued on Tuesday 18 February 2014. The WA Minister for Education has stated that there will be no implementation of Phase 2 or 3 until 2017.

7.3 Early Close for Parent/Teacher Meetings on Wednesday 09 April

Bruce

It was requested that a midday close on Wednesday 09 April (Week 10) be granted to enable parents to hold face-to-face meetings with their child's teacher to discuss progress and achievements in 2014 to date. A motion was put forward to grant the request.

Moved: Belinda Walters

Seconded: Rick Hughes

7.4 Feedback from P&C Meeting

Dale

The Annual General Meeting was held last with all office bearer positions filled. Discussions were held regarding the Maggie Dent workshops with actions arising to be discussed further at the next P&C meeting.

8. School Council Watching Brief

Bruce

8.1 Curtin Education Community

First meeting held on Thursday 20 February. All KPS teaching staff will attend an ICT conference on Tuesday 22 July at Curtin University as a Professional Development day.

8.2 Independent Public Schools 2013 Update

Bruce

Bruce advised that the IPS application has been submitted. An information session is being held at Bentley Function Centre on Monday 24 February which Bruce and Geoff or Lisa will attend. There are a number of sessions that school personnel (including some Council members) must attend including training and interviews.

Action: Geoff to re-issue information pack to all Council members.

9. General Business

9.1 “Welcome to the Council”

All

Geoff reminded all that short individual profiles (c/w photograph) are to be provided for publication on the school’s website and around the school to raise the visibility of the Council and encourage feedback from the school community. Geoff thanked those who had provided their details already.

Action: Short bio’s to be issued to Geoff ASAP

9.2 Change in Lunch Timing

Bruce

Discussion held on the change to the timing of recess and lunch to later in the day. Feedback received had been generally positive and teachers feel they are getting more out of the children. The timing change is under continuous review to ensure that no adverse outcomes arise.

10. Meeting Closed 6:30 pm

11. Next General Meeting

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
19 February	14 May	06 August	29 October Election of Office Bearers
19 March	11 June	03 September	26 November