



KENSINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday 06 August 2014, Meeting 05/2014

- 1. Welcome:** Meeting opened at 5.02pm
- 2. Apologies:** Michael Rosich, Kristie Young-Krebs
- 3. Attendance:** Geoff Smith, Bruce Macauley, Belinda Moharich, Dale Collins, Kevin Trent, Lesley Harris, Lisa Williamson, Martha Walters, Melanie Noid, Raema Stanford, Rick Hughes, Steven Davis, Terence Pestana (for Sandra Cook)

4. Correspondence

In: Letter from Federal Minister for Education regarding Students First policy package (received 28 July 2014)
Letter from Western Australian Department of Education regarding 2014 WA Education Awards (received 28 July 2014)
Letter inviting Chairperson and Principal to City of South Perth Education Breakfast.

Out: Nil

5. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Council considered the minutes of the meeting of 11 June 2014.

Minutes to be amended to indicate that Council was yet to decide on the traffic audit.

Moved: Steven Davis

Seconded: Lisa Williamson

6. Business Arising from Meeting held Wednesday 11 June 2014

6.1 Parking around the School

Geoff

This issue was raised at the Education Breakfast and City Engineer was frank in discussing limited options for a problem that only exists for a short time in the afternoon and morning drop off and pick up times.

Bruce to seek staff support in promoting a Walking Wednesday weekly event. Encourage children to walk each Wednesday and hope that this spread to other days of the week.

Geoff circulated the email he received from the Technical Division of the CoSP regarding parking issues around the school on Mon 16/06.

Action: Council to decide on the merits of conducting a traffic audit (estimated cost \$1,500). If confirmed, ask Belinda Moharich to contact her colleague to set up a traffic audit using the information we have received from the CoSP.

Action: Bruce to raise a Walking Wednesday with all staff to garner support.

6.2 Behaviour Management Policy Review **Lisa**

Geoff and Lisa have met and decided that we create two distinct documents that target a) students and b) parents. The parent document will be given in hard copy to all parents in the first instance and then to new families upon enrolment. Student document is for all students to keep as part of their school documentation. It is not a signed contract but rather a simple explanation of expectations and consequences.

Geoff, Tracy and Lisa continue to develop this new proposal.

The school's main policy document will be placed on the web page.

Action: Geoff, Tracy and Lisa to meet to redraft the document.

6.3 Advertise for new Council Role **Geoff**

Geoff circulated the council member list and appointment dates on Mon 16/06.

As end dates of term are staggered no further action is required.

7. New Business

7.1 Feedback from P&C Meeting **Dale**

Updating of carried forward business.

Grounds : nature play areas being progressed. 2 parents who are architects have volunteered their time to draw up plans and a simple budget.

Parking report from School Council caused some dismay.

New treasurer doing a great job : extremely detailed monthly reports being produced. P&C voluntary contributions for 2014 sitting at 80% representing 321 families (a very good result).

Fundraising : lap-a-thon \$9000 raised.

Dale asked if the parents on Council are feeling some fundraising fatigue? Consensus is that there has been a lot of activity, but the work is certainly appreciated on behalf of the school. It was raised maybe easing the number of events as the year comes to a close.

Terence delivered an ICT up-date at the meeting.

Planet Ark Tree Day saw 50 parents and community members (including the Mayor) participate in the event. Thanks to Bunnings East Vic Park once again for about 150 shrubs.

7.2 2013 Building Condition Report and Asbestos Risk Assessment Register **Bruce**

Copy of building report sent to the City of South Perth.

7.3 Year 1 Parent Survey (follow up to Parents Workshops) **Lisa**

Lisa handed out data on the Year 1 surveys and led the discussion on results.

Survey was put together by Mel and Lisa.

School has good information in regards to future parent workshops.

7.4 ICT Infrastructure Report **Terrence**

Terrence described the hardware that has been purchased and infrastructure with wireless that was complete over the school holidays.

All wireless now set up across entire school.

IPad's (90) will arrive soon. Winthrop Computing will set up with Apps etc. once they arrive.

PC Locks moveable trolleys (2) have been purchased.

Any Apps that are costed will need to be justified by staff as to their need.

Discussion on school implementing a Bring Your Own Device policy for future years.

Action: Input required as to a viable BYOD policy from members of Council after discussion with community.

7.5 Dogs on School Grounds

Kristie

Most schools have a 'no dogs on grounds' policy. Does KPS have such a policy? Would it be worthwhile putting up some signage re. keeping dogs off school property, especially around the gates to the oval. There are numerous dogs on the oval over weekends, and a number of people stepped in dog poo at school.

Action: Newsletter article.

Action: Also include that golf is prohibited at the school.

7.6 Directory of Parent Roles

Kristie

People have asked if a KPS Directory can be developed, consisting of details of businesses as run by KPS parents to distribute to school parents. This has been discussed in previous years and was found to be a task that once distributed was out of date almost immediately due to changes that occur on a regular basis. An option of listing businesses on the school web site was raised where businesses that had involvement in donating time, money or services could be recognised as an alternative to a business directory. This way these businesses could get recognition based on assistance to the school which may encourage others to do similar. No action as this has been done previously and the document was out of date in such a short time that its worth was not considered viable.

7.7 Kent St High School IPS Status and Specialist Courses

Kristie

I'm not sure if the KPS Council is aware that Kent St is vying for IPS status. They are also in the process of trying to secure approval to run a specialist course and become a 'Centre for Resources Excellence' which will then feed on to university courses such as Geology or Mining Engineering at Curtin. I will gather more information and shall report back at the next meeting.

Action: Bruce contact Kent St SHS but no announcement has been made. They are awaiting the Dept.'s response.

7.8 Student Centred Funding Model

Bruce

Bruce presented the recently announced funding model and a video presentation produced by the Government was shown. No further action arising.

8. School Council Watching Brief

Bruce

8.1 Curtin Education Community

No update

8.2 Independent Public Schools 2013 Update

Bruce

Schools have not been informed about their success or otherwise in the process despite the 21st July date being well gone.

It was suggested that this information be placed in the school newsletter.

Geoff circulated documents received from the Education Department on IPS and Board make ups and frequently asked questions on Mon 16/06.

Action: Newsletter article informing community of IPS delay.

8.3 2013 School Satisfaction Survey 'Top 5' Update

Bruce

Include information in an up-coming newsletter about our chaplain's Buzz program.

Action: Steve requested to write an article for the newsletter.

9. General Business

9.1 Bell Times

Dale

The feedback from the survey taken last term would be interesting for Council to consider.

Action: Bruce to provide feedback for next meeting.

9.2 Unsuccessful Councillor Nomination

Mel

Would it be good form for the Council to invite unsuccessful candidates from our last election to our meetings as observers.

As all Council meetings are open to school community this was thought to be unnecessary.

9.3 School Mural

Belinda

The new school mural painted on the old lunch shed by the Baha'i holiday care group contains a slogan that is a direct quote from the Baha'i teachings and contains gender specific language that is counter to the way government organisations in Australia are moving.

Section 68 Sub-section 1A of the School Education Act states that the school cannot promote any particular religious practice, denomination or sect. The wording on the mural runs counter to this section of the act. Gender specific wording should also be avoided.

Motion put:

The Council now understands and acknowledges the phrase is in contravention of the Act. That Bruce and Geoff discuss with the Baha'i, and come up with an alternative phrase that can be used once ratified by the Council.

Moved: Bruce Macauley

Seconded: Belinda Moharich

Action: Geoff and Bruce to discuss with the Baha'i to have an agreed phrase repainted and a way to make sure the spirit of its intention for the school is not eroded.

10. Meeting Closed 8.35pm

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	10 September	26 November