



KENSINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday 10 September 2014, Meeting 06/2014

1. **Welcome:** Meeting opened at 05:07pm
Sandra Cook resigned from council on 07 August. Sandra was thanked (in absentia) for her contribution during her term.
2. **Apologies:** Bruce Macauley, Steven Davis
3. **Attendance:** Geoff Smith, Belinda Moharich, Dale Collins, Kevin Trent, Kristie Young-Krebs, Lesley Harris, Lisa Williamson, Martha Walters, Melanie Noid, Michael Rosich, Raema Stanford, Rick Hughes, Terence Pestana
4. **Correspondence**
 - In:** Letter from Department of Education confirming KPS' selection to become an Independent Public School in 2015 (copies distributed by email after the meeting)
 - Out:** Nil
5. **Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The Council considered the minutes of the meeting of 06 August 2014.

Moved: Lisa Williamson

Seconded: Belinda Moharich
6. **Business Arising from Meeting held Wednesday 06 August 2014**
 - 6.1 **Parking around the School** **Geoff**

Belinda has spoken with Move Consultants regarding pricing but has not requested a firm quote at this stage. Intent is to obtain a traffic audit report from Move Consultants (an independent traffic consultant) with a view to lobbying City of South Perth (CoSP) based on the report. Kevin advised that CoSP is also conducting an area traffic audit. It was agreed that Belinda can obtain a formal quotation. Further, it was also agreed (unanimous vote) that provided funding is available, council will proceed with the performance of the traffic audit.

Action: Belinda to obtain formal quotation from Move Consultants for traffic audit report.

Action: Lisa to establish where funding for traffic audit is budgeted or available from.

Lisa noted that Walking Wednesday was raised with staff but not further progress at this time. Wednesday 22/10 is National Walking Day so will try again to get this going.

Action: Lisa to raise Walking Wednesday again with view to implementation in Term 4.
 - 6.2 **Behaviour Management Policy Review** **Lisa**

Redraft of the documents (one for students and one for parents) is ongoing. Intention is to present draft to Lisa and staff and then to council prior to next meeting for ratification and subsequent posting on website.

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

6.3 ICT Infrastructure Report

Terence

Terence reported that iPads (and 3 x Macbook Lites c/w 'Reflector' app) and secure charge carts have all been set up and are operational and will available to classrooms from Mon 15/08. Term 4 will be a 'testing' period to gauge effectiveness and benefits.

Terence clarified that a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy may be needed for 2015/2016 and is not required immediately. KPS now has 92 iPads so there is no real need for students to BYOD. Noted that for education purposes, iPads are 'one-to-one' devices and not really 'shareable'. Staff will still be evaluating the benefits and 'appetite' for the use of (schools) iPads and whether private/personal devices are appropriate. Martha advised that East Vic Park PS have had iPads for the last 3 years and do allow students to BYOD. Martha can provide a copy of East Vic Park PS BYOD policy if required.

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

6.4 Dogs on School Grounds

Kristie

Discussion held regarding problem of dog droppings on school grounds. Noted that 'No Dogs' signage is currently in place (news to many), however, it may not be well positioned or visible. Also noted that problem appeared to be worse immediately prior to recent Faction Carnival. Further, highlighted that golf is prohibited on school grounds.

Action: Terence to obtain pricing for four (4) new 'No Dogs (for Health Reasons)' and 'No Golf' signs.

6.5 Kent St High School IPS Status and Specialist Courses

Kristie

It was noted that Kent St High School had also been successful in achieving IPS status in the recent announcement by the Department of Education. Kristie advised that at this time, however, they don't know the outcome of their application to become a 'Centre of Resource Excellence'.

6.6 Bell Times

Dale

Dale advised that concerns had been raised by some parents that the current bell times did not allow enough time for 'play' and that the children are not eating in order to get their 'play' time. It was suggested that there may be misconceptions about the breaks due to the current titles of the breaks (Break 1 "Recess" between 1100 and 1130 and Break 2 "Lunch" between 1330 and 1400) and that a change in titles (e.g. "Little Lunch" and "Big Lunch") may assist.

Dale has spoken to Coogee South Primary School who had implemented a similar bell timetable but reversed the eat / play time split for breaks with positive results. It was suggested that this be investigated further and flag a discussion for a possible trial at KPS for Term 4.

Action: Lisa to provide feedback from parent survey for next meeting.

Action: Lisa to contact South Coogee Primary School regarding their experience with amended bell times and provide feedback at the next meeting.

6.7 School Mural

Belinda

Geoff reported that Bruce has spoken with Payum of the Baha'i and that Payum understood and was sympathetic to the concerns raised. Payum suggested that the mural be used as an 'ongoing change' area with each year's Baha'i camp refreshing the mural. This would enable each year's group of students to have ownership for 'their' year. The Baha'i group will propose changes to the mural for ratification by council prior to implementation.

Action: Lisa to contact Payum to get phrase to be used for issue to council for ratification prior to the Term 3 / Term 4 break.

7. New Business

7.1 Feedback from P&C Meeting

Dale

P&C fundraising : to end August had realised ~\$21k raised including SciTech profit ~\$4.5k. Future events include Music Under the Stars on Fri 24/09 and Quiz Night on Fri 07/11.

Artist in Residence : P&C have funded this \$4k. P&C action is to seek feedback on success of the program compared to previous years. Lisa will coordinate teachers comments (verbal report only required).

Uniforms : prices have increased from suppliers which will translate into a small increase for some items in the uniform shop.

Nature Play area : the concept plan (developed by Nicole Francois) has been issued to the broader school community. Interested parents have volunteered and they have been allocated zones for further development. The core group are working in conjunction with Bruce & KidSafe Australia in regard to areas that have height or fall zones to ensure accredited suppliers are utilised. Funding model is the most challenging area of the development.

Future Problem Solvers program : some P&C members had expressed an interest in supporting the program for funding in 2015.

Principals report : Bruce reported that Kindy numbers will be down to around 50% of 'normal' enrolments in 2015 but this is a common theme across other local schools.

NAPLAN scores : draft P&C minutes were slightly ambiguous as to KPS' performance in the recent NAPLAN testing where it was stated that the raw scores indicated that KPS was "OK" compared with State averages but "not so good" compared with similar or "like" schools. Lisa advised that the results had not been reviewed in detail but would have a synopsis of the results for review by council at the next meeting.

Action: Lisa to provide a synopsis of recent NAPLAN results for discussion at next meeting.

7.2 School PR Focal Point

Raema

Raema suggested that council consider approaching a parent to be the school's PR focal point responsible for liaising with staff to have articles published in the local paper and lift the profile of KPS in the local area.

General agreement by council that this is a good idea, however, considered this to be more of a P&C role/position which council can support and feed into.

Action: Dale to raise the role/position of a school PR focal point at the next P&C meeting.

7.3 Council Elections

Geoff

Geoff confirmed that the roles of Chair, Deputy Chair and Secretary are open for election at next meeting.

It was noted that Martha, Lesley and Geoff are in their 2nd terms on council. Geoff will depart at the end of 2014.

7.4 School Councillors

Lisa

Query from a parent regarding number of school councillors for next year. Previously we have had up to 6, but this year due to lower numbers there were 4. It was suggested that 6 councillors are elected where the cohort is greater than 25 but only 4 councillors where the cohort is less than or equal to 25. It was unanimously agreed that this was a logical solution and approved by council.

7.5 Volunteer of the Year

Lisa

Natalie Gallagher to be nominated for volunteer of the year and submissions need to be made in the next 2 weeks.

Action: Lisa and Lesley to put together a nomination

8. School Council Watching Brief**Bruce****8.1 Curtin Education Community**

No update. Next meeting is Mon 22/09

8.2 Independent Public Schools 2013 Update**Bruce**

Steve Davis passed on his appreciation at the sterling efforts by Geoff and Bruce in achieving Independent School Status for 2015.

Geoff outlined the details of the process in transitioning to IPS and from a school council to a school board. There will be several sessions : Launch & Presentation on Wed 17/09, Authorities & Relationships on Wed 29/10, School Board on Fri 31/10 and Governance, QA & Review on Tue 04/11. At this time, Geoff will be attending each session and it is unclear how many representatives can attend.

Action: Geoff to establish how many representatives can attend each of the sessions.

Requests for clarification had been received from several parents regarding “what does IPS mean for Kensington?”. Geoff agreed that the previous FAQ document should be refreshed and republished on the website.

Action: Geoff to refresh this FAQ document regarding “What does IPS mean for KPS” and post on the school’s website.

8.3 2013 School Satisfaction Survey ‘Top 5’ Update**Bruce**

Lisa advised that the Department of Education have now decreed that satisfaction surveys have to be conducted in accordance with their template. It was noted that the new surveys will be electronic.

It was noted that the article about the chaplain’s Buzz program was included in the newsletter dated 21/08/2014.

9. General Business

No items raised.

10. Meeting Closed 06:41pm**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