



**KENSINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Wednesday 22 May 2013, Meeting 03/13

1. Welcome:

2. Apologies: Tanya Elson and Belinda Moharich

3. Attendance: Sandra Cook, Kevin Trent, Steven Davis, Bruce Macauley, Geoff Smith, Michael Rosich, Marie Short, Cara Finch, Lesley Harris, Raema Stanford, Lisa Williamson and Martha Walters.

4. Correspondence

In: None

Out: None

Action: None

5. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Council considered the minutes of the meetings of 20 March 2013.

Moved: Steven Davis

Seconded: Kevin Trent

6. Business Arising from Meeting held Wednesday 20 March 2013

6.1 Communication – development of school PR document

Geoff

Carried over.

Action: Belinda to collate PR document and distribute.

Action: Geoff to coordinate updating school website.

6.2 Council Responsibilities

Geoff

Action: Geoff to distribute template “Who is your Council?” and organize updates for the newsletter on discussion points from the Council meetings that would be of interest to school families.

Action: All council members to write their own bio based on Geoff’s example. To be completed by 29th May for inclusion in next newsletter on the 5th June.

6.3 Parking Around School

Geoff

Bruce asked the school community in the last newsletter for any parent who had experience in urban planning to advise but received no response. He pointed out, however that the kiss and drive facility was functioning much better and that if the Walking School Bus was adopted by the community it may help alleviate congestion.

Geoff will meet with Main Roads before the next meeting and advise council of progress.

Action: Geoff meet with Main Roads

Action: Martha to keep item on agenda.

Michael suggested the squash centre would be a good place for overflow parking.

Action: Michael to discuss with squash centre owner.

Action: Advertise option in next newsletter.

6.4 P&C Initiatives

Tanya

P&C update:

Fundraising so far this year is around 16K. The quiz night was particularly successful.

The tile mural will go ahead this month - location to be confirmed.

Weather proofing (cafe blinds) will be provided on the verandas of PP 2 &3.

Writer-in-residence will go ahead in Bookweek in Term 3. Writer TBC.

Still following up on attaining charity status.

P&C will develop a 5 year plan to guide use of funds raised. Favoured uses include iPads, Nature Play initiatives.

A survey will be sent to all families to gauge interest in Walking School Bus.

The P&C welcomed the planned initiatives regarding School Council communication with families.

6.5 Year 7 ending 2014 how will this affect 6/7 graduation

Overview

With the Year 7 students moving to the secondary school environment in 2015 schools are now planning how to address the issue of two year cohorts leaving primary school (Year 7 and Year 6) in 2014. Most primary schools have special assemblies and awards to farewell their leaving class and other activities such as camps, school leadership programs and sports captains to recognise the leaving year students.

Proposal

1. Ensure that we have Year 6 and 7 students together as a class or two.
2. Year 6 students to be involved in swimming lessons with the 7s at Cottesloe Beach.
3. Conduct a combined Year 6/7 camp during the year.
4. Expand the Student Council to 4 Year 7 and 4 Year 6 students – voted on by the students and staff.
5. The Faction Captains to be
 - a. Year 7 Captain x 1
 - b. Year 7 Vice Captain x 1
 - c. Year 6 Vice Captain x 1
6. Include Year 6 and 7 Student Councillors in the Halogen Leadership excursion.
7. Include Year 6 and 7 Student Councillors in the visit to Parliament House to meet with the local member, Mr Ben Wyatt.
8. Combine the Year 6/7 students in the Graduation Social and awards. Award individual subject prizes for both years.
9. Year 7 Dux of the School – Year 6 Dux.
10. Year 7 Citizenship – Year 6 Citizenship.
11. Year 7 Sportsperson – Year 6 Sportsperson.
12. Year 7 to have a leavers shirt with their class names – Year 6 to have a leavers shirt with their class names (same shirt colour as for 2013).
13. Year 7 and 6 students to sit in chairs at whole school assemblies.

Council discussed options. Michael suggested surveying the parents of the current grade 5 and 6 parents to determine who is staying on and who is leaving the school so that the school can better plan for this unique year. It was also proposed that the students should have a say in how the year is planned with a clear understanding that the final decision remains with the school.

Action: Bruce to send a letter to all grade 5 and 6 parents.

Action: Students to conduct their own survey (Sandra?)

7. New Business

7.1 Council discussed the use of high visibility vests for excursions and on school grounds for duty teachers. It was generally agreed that the vests were not that necessary on excursions because the yellow t-shirt of our uniform is enough to identify our students. Bruce suggested they would be more useful for duty teachers and kindergarten students. Michael discussed company funding of the initiative.

Action: Michael to investigate funding and liaise with Bruce.

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

Professional Development day 31st May.

Independent Public Schools 2013 Update

Planning to become an Independent School will commence in 2014 with focus on applying in 2015 when government invites applications again.

9. General Business

Staff room tables to be arranged in a circle to facilitate discussion.

Action: Bruce to arrange before meetings.

10. Meeting Closed: 6.30pm

11. Next general meeting:

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