



**KENSINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL
MINUTES**

Wednesday 7 August 2013, Meeting 05/13

1. **Welcome:** Meeting began 5.03pm
2. **Apologies:** Lesley Harris, Marie Short, Geoff Smith
3. **Attendance:** Steven Davis, Kevin Trent, Sandra Cook, Bruce Macauley, Raema Stanford, Lisa Williamson, Michael Rosich, Tanya Elson, Cara Finch, Martha Walters.

4. **Correspondence**

In: None

Out: None

5. **Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The Council considered the minutes of the meeting of 19 July 2013.

Moved: Kevin Trent

Seconded: Steven Davis

6. **Business Arising from Meeting held Wednesday 19 July 2013**

6.1 **Communication – development of school PR document** **Belinda**

Draft document has been completed.

Action: Belinda to distribute.

Due to Belinda's absence this item was carried over to the next meeting.

6.2 **School website** **Geoff**

Bruce informed council that it was fine to include council minutes with the approval of council. The idea of a school portal was discussed which would help maintain privacy.

Action: Bruce to investigate.

6.3 **Council Responsibilities** **Geoff**

Action: Geoff to forward profile template to Council members and organise updates for the newsletter on discussion points from Council meetings that would be of interest to school families.

Action: All Council members to provide a short individual profile to Geoff, based on his example, for publication in the school newsletter and around the school to increase the visibility of the Council and encourage feedback from the school community.

Action: Geoff to arrange group photo session to accompany individual profiles and School Council objectives.

All items carried over to next council meeting.

6.4 **Parking Around School**

Geoff

Action: Geoff to meet with Main Roads WA

Action: Martha to keep this item on the agenda

All actions carried over to next council meeting.

6.5 **P&C Initiatives**

Tanya

Bruce sent a letter to Mel thanking her for her hard work and advised council that the tiles were almost complete.

- A school Dad has donated the services of a tiler to complete mural.
- Verandahs are complete for PP2 and PP3.
- Still looking at charity status.
- P&C have committed \$4000 for IWB for Kindy.
- Bruce is discussing iPads with East Victoria Park Primary.
- Friday 16th August – Sunday 18th August Busy Bee.
- P&C support the high viz vest idea.

6.6 **Year 7 ending 2014 how will this affect 6/7 graduation**

Sandra conducted a survey of her students who basically agreed with many of the ideas she and Bruce have already discussed. Good to have their input.

Bruce advised council that Nedlands Primary School P&C placed funds into an account that was then used to pay an extra teacher.

6.7 **High Visibility Vests**

Michael

Action: Bruce and Michael to also explore possibility of all teachers and EAs having their own vests for use on school grounds.

Carried over to next council meeting

6.8 **Safety House**

It was decided that the program would not meet the needs of the school at this time.

Action: Bruce to fix signage around school.

6.9 **Super High School**

Both Principals of Come and Kent Street are passionate about their school identities so limited likelihood of a merger.

7. New Business

7.1 **School Hats**

Bruce

Bruce is interested in Council feedback on whether it is a good idea to let students, during winter, play without hats, given the benefits associated with vitamin D during this time.

Council agreed to no hats at lunchtime and recess but hats to be worn for sports days and extended exposure.

Action: Bruce to amend policy.

7.2 School Uniform - Tights

Council agreed to including tights in the school uniform.

8. School Council Watching Brief Curtin Education Community Ongoing

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

9.1 Time of Meetings

Sandra

Sandra pointed out that if meetings run over 6.30pm it turns into a really long day for staff. She suggested either capping the meeting at 6.30pm or starting them earlier. It was decided that aiming to finish by 6.30pm would work best for the majority.

Action: Bruce to discuss with Geoff.

9.2 Perception of the Senior Block

Sandra

Sandra asked council to discuss parent perception of the Senior Block. All members returned a positive response as it was felt that the work of staff was outstanding. Bruce suggested that it would be a good idea to include a question about the Senior Block in the next parent survey.

Action: Bruce to include question in next parent survey.

9.3 New Member of Council

Action: Bruce to approach past nominees to see if they were still interested in joining council.

10. Meeting Closed: 6.25pm

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