

## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

<b>MEETING NORMS:</b>	<p>During our meetings we:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• are on time, present and stay on task</li> <li>• are committed to the agenda</li> <li>• are clear, honest, open and receptive when communicating</li> <li>• are respectful of the presenter/speaker</li> <li>• suspend judgement</li> <li>• acknowledge all ideas</li> <li>• provide positive and constructive feedback</li> <li>• are accountable for our actions</li> <li>• meet deadlines and come prepared</li> <li>• agree to speak as one voice</li> <li>• consider the range of stakeholders in decisions</li> <li>• are a respectful voice for the community</li> </ul>
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DATE:	Tuesday 22 November 2022	FACILITATOR:	Anni Thompson		
TIME:	6.45pm	RECORD KEEPER:	Chelsea Regan		
AREA:	Conference Room				
ATTENDEES:	Rebecca Burns, Anni Thompson, Sue Garland, Evan Willey, Rizza Camprag, Catherine Powell, Aaron Berghuber, Belinda Pang, Janelle Campbell-Cooke, Emma Wolfe, Sravani Mukkisa				
VIA WEBEX:					
APOLOGIES:	Karen Glassby, Brett Kristiansen, Matt Smith, Nadine Scott				
TIME	ITEM	DISCUSSION		LED BY	ACTION
7:00-7.05pm	Welcome: Attendances and Apologies	Noted		Anni Thompson	

	Acknowledgement of Country	We respectfully acknowledge the Whadjuk Noongar people as the traditional custodians of the Boodja (land) on which we work and live. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and to families as the first teachers of their children. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.	Anni Thompson	
	Conflicts of Interest to be declared	Nil.	Anni Thompson	
	Confirmation of Previous Minutes	All in agreement	Anni Thompson	
7:05 – 7:10	Business Arising from Previous Minutes 1. Perth Homeless Support Group  2. Auslan	Bec showed the brochure  Committed to doing the program for next year and following year. Sarah Bell will run the program in 2023. We will continue to try and source an Auslan teacher but for now this is a solution.		
7:10 – 7:15	Reports: 1. Chair	Report presented. Main points of report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome Sravani to the Board.</li> <li>• Thank all members for their time and commitment throughout the year including</li> </ul>	Anni Thompson	

	2. Principal	<p>participating in the Public School Review recently.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acknowledge the milestones and important decisions the Board has been a part of this year.</li> <li>• Commended the support of the school community, teachers, admin staff, support staff and executive staff throughout the year.</li> </ul> <p>Current Student numbers – 493 Projected numbers for 2023 – 507</p> <p>Main points of report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All staffing is complete except the Gardener appointment.</li> <li>• 10 new staff joining in 2023. This includes teachers and allied professionals.</li> <li>• Kiss and Drive – very disheartening, does not seem like we are making much progress with safer behaviour. Constantly the same people with the same unsafe behaviour. Will contact the Ranger to see if they can assist. Not sure what else we can do to combat this issue.</li> <li>• Interschool Athletic Carnivals – great attitude and great outcome.</li> <li>• Home Reading – Promoting all year. SG are doing all they can but we need parent support at home.</li> </ul>		
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7:15 – 7:16	Correspondence	Nil	Anni Thompson	
7:16 – 7:25	Finance – 2023 Preliminary Budget	<p>Nadine was unwell - finance presented by Bec</p> <p>One-line budget was discussed. Total funds in and spent were shown. Collection rate by year groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kindy - 80%</li> <li>• Pre-Primary – 74%</li> <li>• Primary - 70%</li> <li>• Overall is 74%.</li> <li>• Budgeting for 75% collection rate for next year.</li> </ul> <p>Budget submissions have been approved for next year. 2023 student numbers were discussed.</p>	Bec Burns	
7:25 – 7:30	Public School Review	<p>What's let us down for a 5 yer return was that we don't have longitudinal NAPLAN results that show progress over time which is a result of being a new school.</p> <p>Both reviewers were very complimentary on the relationships within the school. These relationships are between staff / students and parents. It was clear all of the community and staff "speak the same language" when it comes to the beliefs and values of Southern Grove.</p>	Bec Burns	

		<p>Although NAPLAN data was our downfall we do not want to be a school that puts pressure on children for NAPLAN. We believe in giving students the best opportunity to thrive without the stress.</p> <p>We have been asked to share our booklets because they were very impressed with how we presented our information.</p> <p>Janelle commented it was nice to sit in on the parent session which showed all parents know our school and our culture.</p>		
7:30– 7:40	Whole School Data 2022	<p>Data was presented. NAPLAN and PAT results were shared.</p> <p>Discussion on these results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aaron acknowledged that across all year groups, although lower, SG was very, very close to the Australian Mean.</li> <li>• Reading and talking to your children is building all these areas. Janelle commented that Reading is one of the best protective factors to support mental health in children.</li> <li>• Sravani suggested looking at your child's strengths and interests and incorporating reading into this somehow. This may engage them differently so they take an interest.</li> <li>• Other ideas for children that 'hate' reading – play an audio book, suggest your child read a recipe</li> </ul>	Sue Garland	



		<p>etc. Some students are tired when they get home so get creative with other ways.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Janelle commended SG that no matter where a child is sitting the teachers do not get complacent with their learning and that our staff know the data of the students more thoroughly than in any other school she has worked with.</li> </ul>		
7:40 – 7:55	<p>Other Business –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Smart Watches</li> </ol>	<p>Although this is an operational issue, Bec wanted to hear feedback, views and possible solutions to the use of smart watches at school.</p> <p>Emma explained why her older children wear their smart watches to school which is for safety. They walk to and from school on their own. It was agreed this is an important device for safety, just like a mobile phone. Discussion then ensued about the issue of these smart watches in classrooms.</p> <p>After a lengthy discussion, the conversation was broken down into two main areas –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reasons for smart watches not to be in the classroom;</li> <li>Ideas of the best way to store these watches during school hours.</li> </ol> <p>Reasons for smart watches not to be in the class room –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students play games on them.</li> </ul>	Emma Wolfe	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents can remotely ring and use the ‘auto answer’ functionality. This brings up a confidentiality issue if parents can hear conversations between staff members or staff to student conversations.</li> <li>• Distracting (even without game functionality).</li> <li>• No way of understanding every brand and every watch therefore we do not know full functionality of individual watches.</li> <li>• There is no need for a watch if it is only used for the time – there is a clock in every classroom.</li> </ul> <p>Ideas on storing smart watches at school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In bags – this is not recommended at all as there is no way to ensure item is kept safe, is not stolen and auto answer is not activated allowing the listening of conversations.</li> <li>• Students to bring watches to office – many students forget and then they have to return after school to collect it.</li> <li>• Teachers to collect and ensure they are all in “flight mode’ everyday - this is too time consuming and takes away from what the students are in the class to do which is learn. Also does not ensure the watches remain off for the whole day as they may be remotely controlled by their parents. Teachers do not have the time to monitor this.</li> </ul>		
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7:55 – 8:00	Board Meeting Effectiveness Survey	Survey was completed.	Anni Thompson	
	Meeting closed at 8.05pm. Next meeting 14 February 2022			

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Board Chair

