


SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES					
Time:	6pm				
Date	10 th May 2021				
Location	Staff Room				
Chair	Ruth Langmead				
Principal Attending	Helen Fiebig				
Member Attendees	Jude McIntyre; Justin Grey, Claire Pring, Melissa Grey,				
No.	Item	Summary of Discussion	Decision Noted	Actions	
1	Welcome and Apologies				
1.1	Welcome	Meeting opened at 6pm with Acknowledgement of Country Sarah Cussack welcomed			
1.2	Apologies	MR PM			
1.3	Agenda	Confirmed	Agenda confirmed	Confirmed	
2	Previous Minutes and Actions Arising				
2.1	Minutes of previous meeting	Minutes of the previous meeting accepted with no amendments: nil corrections	JM & JG	f/u submission of Board minutes to school website for public availability.	
3	Reports and Operational Matters				
3.1	Financial Report	The principal Helen Fiebig presented as attached: <ul style="list-style-type: none">The proposed budget for 2021 will be presented to the Finance Committee on Tues 30 March.6 new interactive white boards purchased for early year classrooms.Additional funding received for COVID cleaner during school hours.	Noted	NFA	
3.2	Principal's Report	The Principal, Helen Fiebig presented her report as attached, additional discussion noted below: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Annual report submitted to Ed Dept. for public circulation after DG approval.Homework policy for further discussion – see item 5.2GPS pursuing Walker Play Based Learning accreditation which will increase PD opportunities for the school as well as promote GPS PBL approach to broader community.2022 school review planning has begin to promote collaborative cross-staff / school community engagement.Performance management processes broadened to support cross pollination of skills and experience across staff cohort.Committee presentations to board invited as a means of keeping Board engaged with work of committees with view to Board providing support and promotion to teaching team efforts.	Noted Board noted appreciation for Jenny Grahams contributions in this space	HF to note with JG	
3.3	P&C Report	Board Member, Clare Pring provided report: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Fundraising- ongoing profits 2021 \$1000+Disco & Scitech night planning proceedingThank you for Mothers day stall & raffleUniform shop liaised with PnC re: proposed style changes- see item 5.1	Noted	NFA	
4.	Business Arising from last meeting				
4.1	Annual report	Submitted- see principles report re: awaiting approval for public circulation.	NFA		
4.2	Board Membership	MR has resigned from Board due to other commitments. Staff representative position now available with 2 interested parties. Some informal interest expressed re: parent representatives – awaiting f/u. Noted that all members require Police Clearance on GPS file.	HF to confirm and advise RL	Upon new membership confirmation circulate ToRs and training.	
5	General Business Agenda Items				

5.1	School Uniform	<p>Sarah presented multiple new options of uniform that are a technical style difference requiring Board approval. Style changes pursued to address overstock on items that are not being purchased.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shorts: lightweight non-tailored - Skorts: built in monkey bar briefs - Trousers/tracksuits - Hats: broader brim with logo embroidered <p>PnC has reviewed proposed options, Board endorsed PnC preferences.</p> <p>Discussion had re: logos on all uniform shop stock. Discussion points noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Benefits of standardization of uniform expectations and conformity if only logo'd items are approved uniform items, specifically relevant for skirts/skorts/shorts/trousers which are often purchased in a variety of designs from different proprietors. - Current good adherence to uniform policy generally speaking with all non-uniform shop items conforming to navy blue uniformity although some issues noted regarding skorts, leggings and tracksuit pants. - Discussion re: cost accessibility of uniform shop items, if logo'd items only are approved within uniform policy. - Current financial flexibility seen as beneficial and also accommodates sensory preferences for some children - Merit in ongoing consideration of value of standardization of all uniform items via logo's from perspective of implementation of uniform policy and professional appearance within broader community - Discussion proceeded to a vote on pursuing logos with current uniform shop order for style changes- voted against logos on lower limb items with view to reviewing in future if issues arise with uniform compliance. 	Board approval of new style items.	CP to advise SC as Board PNC rep
5.2	Homework policy	<p>Current policy discussed in light of proposed updates: (please also refer to principles report for teacher feedback on policy)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy makes reference to larger amounts of homework than is currently being allocated by teaching staff. - Compliance on any homework is low across whole of school community - Research presented re: benefits of homework. Excluding reading; minimal phonic and numeracy revisional homework has some benefit but overall there is no link to increased academic performance across all primary aged year groups. - Discussion that homework can allow parents to connect with school learning but engaging parents in learning can occur through less stressful more productive means than shot notice homework activities that need to occur on weekday evenings when households are tired & time poor. - Discussed alternatives to homework policy i.e. School Community Reading Program that promoted families reading together across different themes that link to classroom content; promoting learning themes to families term by term and promoting these themes within the household via weekend activities, library book focus etc. - Board supported changes to homework policy that reflects the evidence based research re: minimal academic benefit to homework but promoting revision and learning linkages between classroom and community life in creative ways 	Support policy review	HF to liaise with teaching staff re: revision of policy.

5.3	Education awards	Proposed nominations by HF. Board endorsed with view to providing supporting documentation.	HF & RL	Confirmed
6	Close of Meeting			
6(a)	Next Meeting	Next Meeting 14 th June 2021, 6 pm, in staff training room so that large screen can be used to examine documents and save on photocopying.		
		Meeting closed 8pm		