

Doreen Primary School Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday 11th May, 2017

Present: Glenn Simondson, Alecia Murphy, Craig Williams, Lisa Welch, Brad Park, Kirsty Branagan, Catherine Ingram, Craig Eastaway. Shelley Harris.

Apologies: Kelly Dunt, Emma Peters

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Approved - Krsty Branangan, Seconded Craig Williams

Business Arising:

Shelley Harris now on School Council as our Community Representative

Correspondence:

Lots of Political messages about policy.

Auditors Report - Approved Craig Williams, Seconded Brad Park

Parent Opinion Survey Comments tabled

Principal's Report:

Enrolments

We are settled at 154 children. One student moving to Lancefield, another x student returning. Offers of enrolment for 2018 are being sent out now, we will aim for 24 prep students again.

Camp

Alexandra Resort Camp - fantastic feedback from all concerned. The kids loved it. Rained out on the last day so couldn't do some activities but rest of the time had great weather.

ANZAC Day

Kids performed really well. Honor Roll was there. Duplicates can be made for each school, JP Pascuzzi layed a wreath for those lost in Afghanistan.

NESST PD and PLT's

We held our first Curriculum day at Bridges together with other schools in our NESST group. PLTs are being held at the moment with teachers of same teaching levels in our NEST group meeting to exchange ideas. We have 3 groups Junior, middle, and upper. Hurstbridge and Research Primary Schools have joined us.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN finished today. A large number of kids were worried about it. Some parents pulled kids out, not wanting to put them through stress. Not so bad.

Pre-service teachers

We will be having a few student teachers with us over the next two terms.

Sport

We are running our Winter Sport program at the moment. We also have cross county coming up. - St Paul of the Apostle have joined in. Vic Sport sent them - Largest school in group.

Staffing Change.

We are advertising a PE job until the end of 2018. Janine Green won't be doing PE any more. She will still work in Glenn's class on a Wednesday. If successful applicant isn't Bike Ed Trained we will send them off to be trained.

Three way interviews

Dates 6th and 8th June

Reports Semester One 2017

We will have a new format that conforms to the new DET expectations - Vic Curriculum.

NESST

At the suggestion of our local member Danielle Green, we are going to invite the minister out to look at our NESST group as we are supposedly exactly what DET call "Communities of Practice".

Term Theme

This term our theme for the Integrated Curriculum is Technology. As part of this theme we will have a robot making incursion.

AIP & SP

As far as our Annual Implementation Plan and our Strategic Plan goes, we are collecting our strategies and approaches to extension activities. We are documenting them, and next year they will be developed as a whole school approach.

PD at School

As part of the Nillumbik Smorgasbord of PD's, Di and Ben ran a PD on animation and game making on Tuesday 9th May. Excellent attendance and great feedback.

Buildings and Grounds:

CARS

Our CARS Plan was rejected because we wanted to build a breezeway. We can do drainage, fences and paths, just no new breezeways. Glenn is adjusting the plans so as we fence more of the school with new fencing. It will have a top rail, straight wires and mesh. This fits in with our masterplan anyway, but the breezeway would have been nice. He will ask BRB and the network schools if they have any materials "lying around". - Brad to give pricing on materials for breezeway - Could be put up at working bee.

Drainage

Water from the rains has been an issue, hopefully solved after we do our drainage project.

Bushfire Protection

We are getting some more money to add to our Bushfire Protection. Will be replacing decks on BER.

Wireless Points

We have been informed that we have to fit some new wireless points, and if it's done by May 31st DET will pay per point fitted.

Tree Removal

We will need to lop a tree located behind the grade 2 classroom this term.

New Toilets

Our toilets are almost finished. - Don't know when they are coming back to finish and remove skip from carpark.

Synthetic Grass

Glenn will be meeting with someone about synthetic grass for the oval. We are hoping to get a deal going and get grass done next year.

Treasurers Report

CASES Balances

High Yield Account Balance as at 9th May, 2017 - \$69,688.32

Official Account balance as at 9th May, 2017 - \$3,904.48

Total Holdings as at 9th May, 2017 - \$73,592.80

Our bank accounts are in excellent condition.

Our budget with DET is not so good, in that we are running a \$27K deficit. This is due to dropping 4 children, and dropping \$15K for a D&I student (about \$43K all up). Last year Glenn "credit to cashed" \$28K as it was a prediction based on our enrolments. This is our deficit. He can either peg back \$14K by cancelling the Credit to Cash for the last 2 terms, or leave as is and repay the money in terms 2 and 3 next year. Thoughts? Carry deficit Approved Craig Williams, Seconded Brent Hardy.

We can fund all of our programs this year, and we will finish with a good balance. This means we can move into next year with \$30-40K. We may have to develop a fundraising regime to focus on grass. I am meeting a grass guy next week.

Fundraising Report

Year to date \$1,000.00. Mother's day stall is being held tomorrow.

Disco to be postponed as we are having trouble getting a DJ who MC's and runs games etc.

Planning a five cent fundraiser - Classes to collect, class with most wins.

General Business

China trip

We will have an information night in the next fortnight. The company we are looking at going with have sent a new proposal. They are also asking we be involved in some homestay options with some students from the school we visit in July. Glenn tabled new itinerary which now includes a visit to Beijing. Participants will be flying China Southern Airlines. We still need to meet with company to sort out all the details and will bring a rep from company to speak to parents. Suggestion made to form a sub-committee.

Hazel Glen College Zoning

Hazel Glen has announced enrolment boundaries, which will have some effect on us, but as we have an enrolment ceiling, not much will change. We are always obliged to take a student if we are the closest school. Hazel Glen is in the same boat.

Round the Table

Request by egg man across the road to put item in newsletter

We had a motor bike on the oval on last day of term 1. Video of this has been submitted to the police. Once the grass is done we will install better gates so nobody can come through and ride on it.

Glenn will be getting students to help with our Pets in School Policy.

Doreen Primary School was spoken about very favourably at the Hazel Glen College meeting.

It was pointed out that even though we have issues with our carpark, the Hazel Glen College car parking is a lot worse.

Meeting Finished: 9.15 pm.

