

Doreen Primary School Council Meeting
Thursday 2nd March, 2017

Present: Glenn Simondson, Kelly Dunt, Alecia Murphy, Craig Williams, Lisa Welch, Brad Park, Kirsty Branagan, Catherine Ingram, Craig Eastaway, Shelley Harris, Emma Peters, Luke Davidson

Apologies: Nil

Call for nominations as office bearers for the 2017-18 School Council.

President Craig Williams, Nominated by Kirsty Branagan, Seconded Kelly Dunt. Accepted
Vice President Kirsty Branagan Nominated by Alecia Murphy Seconded Lisa Welch. Accepted
Secretary Nominated by Kelly Dunt, Seconded by Craig Williams, Accepted
Treasurer Glenn Simondson, Nominated by Craig Williams, Seconded Catherine Ingram

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Approved Alecia Murphy, Seconded Craig Williams

Business Arising:

Jan Grant's send-off is on hold

Correspondence:

Nil

Principal's Report:

Enrolments

We began the school year with 153 children as we had some withdrawals over the break in new preps and grade 2. Since then we have had one out and one in with perhaps another in by Census day which will bring us to 154 . It will affect our budgets, but not significantly, and future staffing movement will help as well.

2017 Themes

Staff have all settled in well, and grades hit the ground running.

Major Themes for the year are

Term One The World

Term Two Technology

Term Three Australia

Term Four Culture

New Toilets

We are awaiting the arrival of our new toilets at present. These will be installed during the holidays.

Toilets were originally girls, but are being modified for boys as well. Will need painting to match the rest of the school.

School Plan

The 2017 School Plan is underway in regards to the direction we head according to DET expectations, Strategic Plans, Annual Implementation Plan and School Programs.

Camp Swimming

Grade 5&6 Swimming has concluded. The 3&4 Swimming day is on Friday 10th March. We've had great feedback so far.

Sport

We are running a small summer sport competition with Ivanhoe Grammar with the Grade 4,5,and 6's. Ivanhoe to supply bus. It runs on 2 days, Friday 3rd an Friday 10th March. Grade 4 will only participate on the first day as the second clashes with swimming.

CPR Training - Level two, CPR and Anaphylaxis

Most of our staff participated in a CPR and Anaphylaxis update on Tuesday after school

Student Leadership Day

We had our student leadership day today. One of the speakers was Shae Orderly who is an AFL Womans Footballer. 130 kids attended. Will request that only grade 6 students attend in future.

Family Life

Family life will be held this term with the parent information night on Wednesday 9th, and the student session being held on 16th, 23rd and 30th March.

Start Smart

A representative from the Commonwealth Bank is coming to talk to kids encouraging them to think about money, saving, spending etc.

Responsible Pet Ownership

Responsible Pet Ownership will be held on Friday 24th March. We will be tabling a Dog Policy for visiting dogs, show and tell, dogs in cars at pick up etc

Book Fair

The books will arrive on Tuesday 14th March, we will have a dress up day on Wednesday 15th March and books will be sold after school on that day as well as Thursday 16th March. We have had a great response over the past few years and obtained a number of books for the library.

Cleaning

We have new cleaners this year and they are doing a great job. They will be cleaning the windows in the holidays.

Buildings and Grounds:

New Toilets - preparation

Cars Programmed Maintenance. We will receive \$27K for infrastructure and plan to use it on the following

- Front Fence
- Pathway
- Breezeway
- Porticos

There will be 6,000 left after these jobs. We plan to use this to build New fence around inner boundary for as far as we can afford.

Working Bee

We have found that Friday Nights work best for working bees. And have scheduled the first one of the year on 24th March. Jobs to be done include cleaning spouting painting ripping out sleepers, pulling down the old portico and preparing for new one general cleanup, gardening, fence work.

Treasurers Report

CASES Balances

High Yield Account Balance as at 23rd February, 2017 - \$47,041.00

Official Account balance as at 23rd February, 2017 - \$1,453.88

Total Holdings as at 23rd February, 2017 - \$48,853.88

Financially we are in a good position, but our DET budget will be short at least \$22K due to the loss of a D&I funded student who I employed an aide for. I will need to wait for the budgets to level out over the next few weeks. For the budget overall, we will simply not have as much excess for major products as I predicted. We carried \$22k over from last year, so we will have at least \$30K, and by next meeting I

should have a more accurate picture. I am awaiting grass quotes so we can figure out our options. Our electricity bills came down after we made alterations to the BER building.

Auditor Requirements

2016 financial reports to be signed

Motion to run fundraising activities Out of Scope of GST for 2017 - Approved Craig Williams,, Seconded Alecia Murphy

Investment Policy for 2017 to be approved. - Approved Craig Williams, Seconded Alecia Murphy

Fundraising Report

The group has a few new members. Shannon Polglase has joined Shelley.

A request was made for permission to run a Hot Cross Bun Drive through Fergusons Plarre. We get a cut of the sales, and simply act as "agents".

We will be running an Easter Raffle, and will be booking a Bunnings Sausage sizzle.

General Business

DE&T Directions in 2017 - Tree hugging

FISO -Foundation for improving student outcomes - School Improvement

Doreen PS focus areas in 2017

We will be moving to the Vic Curriculum for reporting this year with reports to parents being in levels again instead of grades.

We are looking into and documenting extension work for students

150th Anniversary

We are planning our 150th Anniversary Celebration to running late Term 3, and on a Sunday rather than Saturday. It will Start as 10.00 am and have the following:

Welcome, Speeches

Plantings of indigenous trees

Planting of a time capsule

Photographic Displays - historical groups

Art Displays, Classroom displays, School Movies and Games

BBQ Lunch

Concert by our students

We will invite past students.

Chinese Visit

We have had lots of response.

Suggested time - October. Di and Glenn will go, and the request is for 10 year old students and up. If there are any concerns about a student's behaviour that child won't be able to go. Chinese will pay or 5 adults and 15 students. Students will be billeted out and will have buddies. Parents may go too but will have to find their own accommodation. While there we will see some of the sights.

If it goes well we will look into doing it every 2 years, and Chinese visit us every 2 years. Glenn will look into pricing.

2017 Meeting Schedule

- Standing Orders and Code of Conduct - tabled
- Continue with Thursday nights with the AGM on 30th March,
- Meetings for the year - 11/5 15/6 3/8 7/9 26/10 7/12

Round the Table

Recommendation for Amanda to hire court. Given good reference

Request that camp be run at a better time next year

Request that Curriculum days be after long weekends

Brent Hardy - Thank you for having him on council.

Glenn to put up car rules signs in car parks.

Request that disco goes ahead this year.

Sleepover last year - Older students disappointed that they didn't do sleepover.
Glenn made the decision to only do early grades due to lack of staff attending.

Meeting Finished: 9.00