

Doreen Primary School Council Meeting
Thursday 17th October, 2019

Present: : Glenn Simondson, Lisa Welch, Ben Miller, Kirsty Branagan, Catherine Ingram, Shelley Harris, Brent Hardy, Warren Sharpe, Leonie Craig, Naomi Joiner,

Apologies: Michael Kehio, Rebekah DiBerardino

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Approved Kirsty Branagan, Seconded Lisa Welch

Business Arising:

Child Safety posters not up yet. Glenn having trouble accessing copies

Correspondence:

Letter from DET - School Council requirements

Principal's Report:

Enrolments

Enrolments are at 156 at present, we had 4 children enrol on the first day of this term. 2020 will be close to 158-160. It will mean an average of 23 in each grade, and most grades have access to an aide. If a grade is larger, aide time will be increased. It may mean some rearranging of funding.

Lots of interest being shown for spots in grades other than Prep for 2020.

Prep Transition

Prep Transition is running extremely well, wills are being tested, and it seems some are just being introduced to the word No.

Bike Ed

Bike Ed is running very well, and we are hoping that there are very few training wheels used on the Great Doreen Bike Ride.

Glenn is also hoping to run the grade six ride later this year.

Student Leadership Day

We ran our second NESST Grade 6 Student Leadership Day yesterday, October 16th. We started at Arthurs Creek Primary School where our students did a presentation, then on to Pantan Hill Primary School, Wattle Glen Primary School, and finishing up at Kangaroo Ground Primary School. It was a very successful Day.

Bike Ride

Lots of time and effort goes into organisation of the bike ride with each year gets a little smoother, learning valuable lessons as we go. Most troublesome spot is still Eltham station, we now has 5 staff to help crossing. This event is approved by Education Department.

Grandparents Day

Grandparents day is being run on 29th October. All classes have been doing cooking for the morning tea, and activities have almost been finalised. We will be cutting down number of activities to 4 or 5 this year.

Grade Six Caricatures

Brett Cardwell, the artist that does our Grade 6 Caricatures, has been working for Pixar but is now back and able to our caricatures again this year.

JETS Gym

We have the final group of JETS starting of 1 November for three weeks. These sessions are for Grades 5 & 6.

Sleepover, Market and Films.

Our Preps, 1 & 2 sleep over is being held on Friday 8th November. All other grades will attend the market night and watch a film before going home.

Sports

We did Kaboom Sports, Ivanhoe Challenge, Athletic day and District finals in term 3, and have a soccer day for Grades 5&6 being run on Friday 25th October

NESST PD for ESO's and Graduate teachers

This PD is being held at Bridges Restaurant on Thursday 24th October, the topic being Student Behaviour modification.

Junior School Council Report

On the 16th October, The Grade 6's Went To A Leadership Day to Present a leadership project that we've been working on for the past two weeks, during the time that we were at leadership day we traveled to a few different schools such as wattle glen, kangaroo ground and Panton hill.

The Grade sixes from the schools presented power points or movies of their school, explaining projects that they have done to help/improve their school. It was really fun and a great experience to see what all the other schools have done and got some great ideas.

At lunch Mr. Murray from Kangaroo Ground primary had a sausage sizzle along with some drinks, for free. We all enjoyed our Time learning how to be better leaders

Harlee: as president of JSC term 4 and I have improved my behavior to be a good leader for the younger kids of the school so they look up to someone who is a good role model ever since I came to Doreen Primary School I wanted to be on JCS.

Georgia H: as a member of JCS I want to be on ever since I came to Doreen Primary School in 2015 (grade2) I got to see what it's like.

Kiara: I've wanted to be a JSC member ever since I was in grade Prep. To have this opportunity now makes me beyond grateful, me and my Other JSC members can't wait to start new projects and help out with our School.

Jude: Absent

Georgia W: Absent

The year Preps recently have had baby chickens Hatch from their room. There were 11 chickens and the grade sixes are planning a project for the new baby chicks. The Project that we are planning on having is a chicken coop to house the chickens throughout their life. We are aiming to get some concrete for the base of the chicken coop, and then build the construction of the coop with wood.(if anyone has spare wood, concrete (etc.), (we would appreciate if you could contact the school and donate what you could to help for the chicken coop project).

Child Safety Issues

CSS Policy changes - No changes

2. Regular discussion - School Council, Staff - All staff have a Working with Children Check or VIT registration

3. Ensure all adults working with children are aware of their obligations regards Child Safety.

4. Bike Ride. - One off event for some families. Not enforcing WWCC.

Buildings and Grounds:

Working Bee

Working Bee is being held next Friday 25th October. Jobs needing to be done will be mainly maintenance - Mulch, Painting, Door surrounds, Gutters. Start time 4-4.30

Maintenance Boost Funding - \$70,000

Maintenance Boost funding is focussed entirely at the BER as a fire shelter. Even though work of this nature has been done on the BER previously requirements keep changing and more work is needed, including removal and trimming of trees.

Glenn requested to pass works over to the DET Building Authority instead of organising the works himself at a cost of \$5000 out of the \$70,000. Motioned Glenn Simondson, Seconded Brent Hardy, Approved.

Brick Wall at Bottom Car Park

This will be completed later this term, Naomi Joiner to put in order for the named bricks to be included in the wall.

Bottom Car Park

Suggestions were made that we use ripple strips or dig pavers into the ground in the parking bays as a guide as well as keeping the dots. Pavers to be painted yellow so they stand out. Could be a job for the kids at the working bee.

Treasurers Report

CASES Balances

High Yield Account Balance as at 17th October, 2019 - \$77,997.29

Official Account balance as at 17th October, 2019 - \$4,528.74

Total Holdings as at 17th October, 2019 - \$82,526.74

There is approximately \$10K in sick leave and Long Service Leave replacement to come back in, as well as some GST return - \$800

We will need to pay an outstanding Plumbing Bill for the Kitchen and some Downpipes - \$3100

Motioned Glenn Simondson, Seconded Benjamin Miller. Approved.

We have a bad roof leak in the P-1 Portable. It will be \$3200 - \$3500 to fix. It needs to be done, and we have the money. Motioned Glenn Simondson, Seconded Kirsty Branagan, Approved.

The Pottery Kiln will cost \$8000. We can do it for the start of next year. We will focus fundraising from now on at it specifically. Motioned Glenn Simondson, Seconded Brent Hardy, Approved

Glenn has begun the process of funding the 2020 year. It seems we have extra in some areas, but it still means we have a bit of juggling to do. Our focus is to ensure we have funding for programs which enrich our schools curriculum. More next meeting.

Financial Reports tabled and Signed

Annual Sub Program report

Sub Program Status Report

Bank Account Movements

Cash Receipts Report

Cash Payments Report

Journal Report

Cash Flow Report

Cancelled Receipts Report

Financial Reports Tabled and signed cont...

Cancelled Payments Report

Family Credit Notes Report.

Profit and Loss Statement - Grade 5/6 Hooptime

Motioned Glenn Simondson, Seconded Lisa Welch. All documents approved.

Fundraising Report

Bunnings BBQ is being held this Sunday, 20th October. Roster is now almost complete. Shelley to check with Bunnings as to their policy on kids helping out.

Mango fundraiser to be run again this year. Shelley having trouble contacting company but will chase up.

Motion to approve Mango fundraiser Shelley Harris, Seconded Glenn Simondson. Approved

General Business

Parent Opinion Survey

General Satisfaction great but satisfaction with communication down. More notification needed on last minute activities. A hard copy of the Newsletter will be sent out for 5 or 6 weeks and we will then get feedback from the families. Even though a number of families prefer the electronic copy, we are happy that our students are reading the hard copy and reminding parents. We need to improve notes on last minute activities.

Policies for ratification

Camps Policy

Day excursions Policy, Name tag removed from excursion policy

Anaphylaxis Policy

Motioned Lisa Welch, Seconded Catherine Sutherland, Approved.

2020 budget Vs Programs and Staffing expectations

Staffing costs increasing as teachers move up the scale with department funding for teacher lower than cost. ESO's are not all covered by funding.

Student Performance

- NAPLAN results tabled.

- School Testing results tabled.

NESST Principals and School Council Presidents Networking

A suggestion by Glenn that Principals and SC Presidents from NESST get together one evening to discuss networking our School Councils.

Round the Table

Request for update on Portable air conditioners for music room - Aim to have them purchased before summer.

Meeting Finished: 9.25 PM