

Minutes for School Council Meeting

30 July 2020 at 6pm

Attending: Karen Sinclair (School Principal), Robyn Webster (SC President), James Dolton (SC parent rep), Sally Baker (P&C president), Genevieve Andersen (teacher), Lynda Wieden (teacher), Jessica Smith (SC secretary).

1. Reports

- **Principal's report**
 - **Merit selection process**

The process for hiring a new staff member via merit selection is underway. Shortlisting has taken place and referees have been contacted. The selection team is aiming to announce the new staff member by the middle of Term 3.

- **Professional learning – visible learning**
 - **Developed initial directions for 2021-24 school planning**
 - **Professional evaluation from PL session**

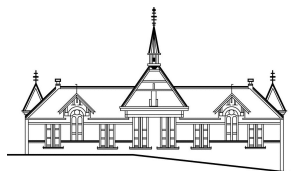
The staff development day this Term was on visible learning. It was adjusted to GRPS needs and context. It was well received by staff.

- **From Week 4, Term 3 – iterative sessions to continue development of school plan**

An introduction for the school plan has been provided to staff. The Department has issued two documents 'The School Excellence Framework' and 'What Works Best'. GRPS will refer to these documents for the ongoing development of the school plan.

- **COVID-19 guidelines for term 3**

GRPS is continually watching the Department of Education updates. In Term 3 external providers have been allowed into the school within COVID-19-safe protocols which include signing in as a visitor and a declaring their compliance with COVID safe guidelines for each visit onsite.





- **Technology hardware and “technology pain points” teacher information sessions.**

Six interactive whiteboards, a key classroom tool, have been replaced in the last year. Classroom whiteboards are now being pro-actively monitored so that we can stay on top of equipment needs. Our ICT Coordinator has time allocated (a day a fortnight off class) toward technology improvements. She is working on creating a student policy for use and enabling teacher tools so that groups of iPads can be used collectively with teacher supervision.

To address continuous professional technological support and development for staff, KS has invited teachers to suggest topics and will be facilitating non-compulsory ICT information sessions.

- **P&C Report**

The first virtual P&C meeting was held at the end of last term. Due to the limitations on gatherings due to COVID-19, P&C meetings will be held once per term.

A new online Uniform Shop will launch in Term 3 using the Flexischools platform. A uniform photo shoot was held at the school over the holidays, to create photo assets for the new online store.

The P&C are supporting the School with the Education Week initiative ‘*A Day in the Life at GRPS*’. A video is being created about a day in the life of children. The P&C will help with the K-2 classes, the older children are going to compile the video themselves.

We have been working with the local pre-schools to advertise GRPS enrolment for 2021.

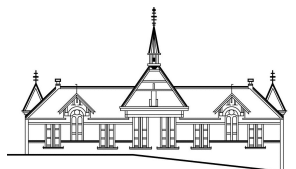
We are planning to run a Father’s Day fundraiser which will be a single item for people to purchase online and deliver to the school in time for Father’s Day.

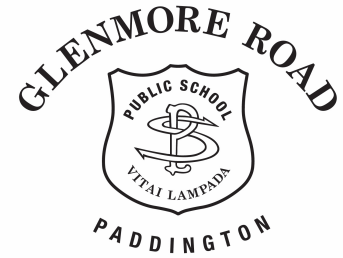
The group discussed possible other fundraising opportunities. This period is difficult with so many limitations placed on the community gathering in light of COVID.

2. Business Arising

- **Acceptance of minutes from 17 June 2020**

Robyn Webster proposed the minutes be accepted. Sally Baker seconded.





- **Enrolments for 2021, how can we plan for numbers?**

The school has requested information from all existing families and are seeking information from local pre-schools. We currently have 377 students and intend to submit to the Department the expectation of 375 students for 2021.

- **Assets – demountable**

A demountable was due to the school two years ago once the school had over 350 children.

The school is very limited on where the demountable can be positioned. The proposed demountable location is in the middle playground in front of the COLA. This location would require chopping down a tree, and losing the wooden seating around the tree.

The demountable should only be a temporary fix while a longer-term solution is considered. The Department and local Director is aware that longer term we need to consider the increasing enrolment numbers in the school and the space we have. The School Council will write to the Director to support this matter.

3. **Other business**

- **Gurner Lane road safety**

The current COVID pick up location for Years 3-6 has raised some safety concerns, as parents, siblings and students wait on Gurner Lane and cars continue to use the laneway.

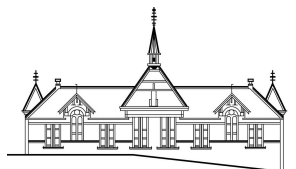
It was agreed that the pick-up location will move to be onsite, with parents/carers entering through the gates on Gurner Lane. Students will wait at the COLA and families will exit via the gates on Glenmore Rd. Prams may need to exit via main gate. Karen and the staff will explore making this change in the next week.

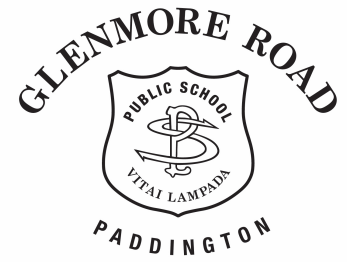
It was also discussed that Gurner lane is being used by some families for drop off, which is not legal and makes the area less safe.

A longer-term plan to make Gurner Lane safer for families is underway. Councillor Harriet Price is actively following up with a request to Council submitted in 2017, to make the area a paved shared zone with a traffic speed limit of 10kms/hr and residents only.

The School Council will support this request by writing to the Council about our concerns with Gurner Lane regarding both the need for a longer term shared zone and the immediate need for parking inspectors to patrol the 'no parking' zone.

- **Supporting children's mental health (PHD) eg – the 'Grow your mind' podcast**





This item was referred to the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6pm on Thursday 3rd September.

