



Minutes for School Council AGM

Wednesday, 31 March 2021 at 6pm

Attending: Karen Sinclair (Principal), Tamsin Hunter (2021 Parent Member), Sally Baker (P&C President), Alexis Martin (GRPS Teacher Representative), Jessica Smith (2020 Secretary), Robyn Webster (2020 President).

Apologies: Daniel Zammit (2021 Parent Member), Jonathon Friedrich (2021 Parent Member), Kathleen Fitzgerald (GRPS Teacher Representative).

Reports

- **School Council Annual Report**

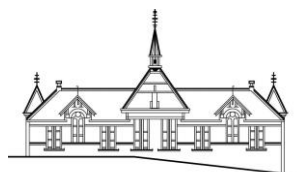
Robyn Webster, the President of the School Council for 2020 presented her report which detailed the School Council year. The key matter of 2020 was facing the challenges of the COVID-19 year. The Council also supported Karen and the Executive prioritising technology work and Strategic Planning. The full report is attached below.

- **Principal's Report**

The public parts of the Strategic Improvement Plan are now up on the website. Karen has recently attended the Principal's Conference and found the speaker very encouraging in furthering some of the key strategic directions such as collaborative learning and reflective practices. GRPS is also focused on embedding the ICT program and building capacity, the new appointment of Erin Christie as an RFF focusing on ICT has been really beneficial. The School Plan's strategic directions and key initiatives run over four years and different parts of the directions and initiatives will get focused on for different periods. The School is working on collaborative practices, embedding ICT, Quality Teaching, Well-being programs (such as Smiling Mind) and Sustainability.

Robyn Webster suggested Karen Sinclair connect with the new Inner Sydney High School Principal and be informed by their goal setting program led by children.

Karen would like the School Council in 2021 to focus on engaging the parent community. Very little feedback is given by parents through the year. Karen suggested revising the 'Tell Them





From Me' Survey, or ringing parents to explore key issues? It would be great in 2021 to explore effective ways to get parents participating.

Karen would also like the School Council to focus on improving the School website. There is an opportunity to work with the Department to upgrade our School Website, but Karen would like the Council to provide some support and direction as to how best to do that.

There is also a Department document called the 'School Community Charter' that encourages Schools to engage with their community. Karen would like the Council to pick this up and flesh out what this Charter might look like in our School context and give clarity around expectations.

Business Arising

- **Acceptance of minutes from 3 Dec 2020**

The minutes from the 3 Dec 2020 School Council Meeting were approved; proposed by Robyn Webster and seconded by Karen Sinclair.

- **Vote of Thanks to all Members**

Thank you to the members of the School Council for 2020, it was a particularly significant year working with Karen in her first year and managing the challenges of COVID-19. All good wishes were sent to the new members for a terrific 2021.

Other Business

- **Nominations and Voting for 2021 Office Bearers – deferred to early Term 2**

Due to a number of apologies today, the appointment of Office Bearers for 2021 was postponed to the next meeting. Tamsin Hunter will manage the roles of President (preparing an Agenda) and Secretary (recording Minutes) in preparation for the next meeting.

