

School Board Report 2022

Introduction

The School Board is an important responsibility of any school. The members all act in their role for one common goal: the improvement of the school while acting on interests of the students, parents, staff, and wider community. The board comprises of staff, parent and community representatives have two functions. These are the approval (endorsing decision making) and advisory (providing feedback and advice) roles. It does not involve the control or management of the school.

Summary of School Board Activities 2022

2022 saw the height of Covid-19 with many schools affected. Stringent government requirements effected all facets of the education system, and the School Board was no exception. The board showed its resiliency by holding the first meeting digitally in the comfort of their homes. This was the first of six meetings that the board conducted throughout the year. Unfortunately, all meetings had at least one member absent due to illness, but they were still able to have their input or be heard through email correspondence.

During these meetings, The School Board examined, discussed, and endorsed vital procedures, policies, and programs for Grovelands Primary. The annual public board meeting was held on the 31st of October 2022 which was advertised through the Newsletter and Connect. Regrettably, no members of the public attended.

Approvals and Endorsements

- The board reviewed and endorsed the Annual School Report 2021.
- The Board approved the Voluntary School Contributions and Charges for 2023.
- The board approved the Good Standing Policy & Procedures
- The Board approved the Revised Uniform Policy 2022.
- The Board approved the Proposed Booklists for 2023
- The Board approved the School Development Days for 2023.

Advisory

- Noting of the School Funding Agreement – The Funding Agreement for schools describes the expectations and reporting requirements of the school/principal in relation to receiving resources through the model and operating with a one-line budget.
- The board reviewed the 2022 school budget.
- The board reviewed the NAPLAN 2022 results

- The board reviewed the attendance data for 2022
- The board reviewed the data presented from the staff survey
- The board reviewed the data presented from the student survey
- The board reviewed the data presented from the community survey
- The board reviewed the data presented from the board survey

School Board Training 2022

The School Board Training was undertaken on the 23rd of May 2022. Since there had been some turnover in members it was decided to complete unit one. This unit provided insight of the roles and responsibility of The School Board in an engaging and meaningful way. The school board will use this training in the future.

Board Project

With the success of the “Visions of an Inspired Future” last year, it was decided to be an annual project. This project is not only insightful to the graduating class beginning their next journey in high school, but also increases the board profile and their members. On the 2nd of December 2022, Mr. Pollacchi presented an insight into his educational journey from child to adult. The students enjoyed the presentation and asked many questions in relation to Mr. Pollacchi’s success through adversity.

Acknowledgement

The School Board wishes to acknowledge the ongoing support of the staff, parents, students, volunteers and wider community for their resiliency, persistence, and caring attitudes during the year. We welcome the ongoing support from everyone as this is what makes Grovelands Primary School the community hub that it has become.

Mr Daniel Pollacchi

GPS Board Chairperson 2022.