

School Board Meeting
Grovelands Primary School – 4 November 2019



Present:

Michelle Ninyyette	School Representative
Mark Bradshaw	Principal
Angelo Laurence	Board Chair
Kylie Gorman	Parent Representative
Leah Brown	School Representative
Emma-Mae Kapuscik	School Representative
Ted Watts	Community Representative
Kay Heady	Manager Corporate Services (Guest)
Daniel Pollacchi	Parent Representative

Apologies:

Naaman Dean	Parent Representative
Tony Buti	Community Representative
Gavin Grace	Community Representative

Welcome

Angelo Laurence welcomed everyone to the meeting. Angelo suggested a change to the agenda to enable Kay to speak first and then leave. All members agreed to this amendment.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes read and discussed.

Information was shared about The Smith Family involvement with the school, with the number of students for 2020 increasing from 6 to 20. Mark is signing the Memorandum of Understanding next week. Michelle outlined the process of selecting students, and how these students will be supported.

Angelo will present his Annual Board Report at the next meeting.

Acknowledged that these minutes are true and correct.

Moved: Leah Seconded: Michelle

Kay Heady – Finance Update

Kay reviewed the One Line Budget Report provided, providing background to the new format that was being presented. Mark indicated that the school would carry over the Forecast Cash Variance (~\$77 000) through our Salary Pool. Our Voluntary Contributions collection rate is slightly higher than in 2018.

Kay Heady – Contributions & Charges

Kay outlined the updates and changes to the document for 2020, reiterating that listed amounts are the maximum that could be charged. Minor edits were recommended and Kay will implement these before sending the document out to families.

Ted asked about grants from Lions Club for Robotics. Kay confirmed that Grovelands was a recipient of grants from CASHS and Kelmscott PS.

Members asked to endorse the Contributions and Charges document with the recommended edits.

Moved: Kylie Seconded: Daniel

Election Results – Parent Representative

Mark shared that there was a reasonable response to the election, 42 votes, with Daniel Pollacchi and Angelo Laurence being the successful representatives elected by the parent body. Mark welcomed Daniel to the Board. Daniel spoke of his connection to the school

through completing practicums here while studying, and how his experiences contributed to the school being the choice for their children.

Mark acknowledged Naaman's contribution to the Board, and shared that Naaman sent his thanks to the Board for having him for three years and that he wished the Board well.

Mark shared that he had received communication today that Tony Buti wished to resign from the Board due to his increasingly demanding work commitments. This means that we are in need of a new Community Representative. Mark suggested Chelsea Horner (Initiate Australia, 12 Buckets) and asked the Board to think of other suitable candidates.

Angelo thanked those involved with the online election and expressed his desire to have this method used for all future Board elections, to increase transparency to the community. Mark and Parent Representatives shared that it was very easy to setup and vote.

Leah and Kay were asked to organise 'School Board' badges for both Ted and Daniel.

School Visit – Angelo Laurence

Angelo provided some background to his visit to the school, sharing his experiences in different classrooms. He thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to engage in all the experiences on offer. Angelo thanked the school for the opportunity.

Foothills Sporting Association

Mark confirmed that from 2020 Grovelands PS would compete in the Foothills Sporting Association with Clifton Hills, Kingsley, Willandra and Gwynne Park Primary Schools.

He acknowledged Matt Hopley and Rachel Smith for their efforts in making this change a reality.

School Development Days 2020

Mark shared that the school intended to proceed with a similar structure to 2019. The recommended dates are as follows:

Thursday/Friday, 30 & 31 January (mandated dates by DoE)

Tuesday, 2 June

Monday & Tuesday, 12 & 13 October

Friday, 18 December will be traded off by staff

Moved: Kylie

Seconded: Angelo

NAPLAN 2019

Emma-Mae shared the NAPLAN data for 2019, comparing this year's achievements to our 2016 baseline, and targets from the current Business Plan.

We have met most targets and teachers have contributed to the development of new targets for the next Business Plan.

Future Perfect Activity

Emma-Mae explained and facilitated a "User's Guide to the Future" activity to encourage visioning for the Board, creating ideas for its future development and positive direction.

The Board engaged positively in the activity.

General Business

Angelo raised the role of the Chairperson of the Board. Does the Board consider that we need to provide another member the opportunity to be the Board Chair?

Overwhelmingly, Board members were keen for Angelo to continue as Board Chair. Angelo proposed that we decide next meeting whether we elect a new chair for 2020. To assist with

the decision making process, Mark will bring the “expiry dates” of all Board members to this meeting.

Closing Statements

Angelo asked for closing statements and feedback from members.

- Michelle indicated that she was happy that the 40th Celebrations were completed and that the event was successful.
- Emma-Mae indicated that it was exciting that we had successfully recruited new interest in the Board and that Angelo was re-elected.
- Leah will issue an invitation to Daniel to attend Graduation.
- Mark indicated that he enjoyed Board meetings, and that our data was encouraging.
- Ted shared that he enjoyed the ‘visioning’ activity and would be keen to try it out within the Lions Club.

Angelo acknowledged the contributions of Naaman and Tony to the Board. Their contributions have been extensive and he is grateful for their input.

Angelo thanked all Board members for attending and making time for the Board.

Meeting Closed: 5:14pm