



School Board Meeting
Grovelands Primary School
17 August 2020

Meeting Opened 3:20pm

Angelo LAURENCE	School Board Chair
Mark BRADSHAW	Principal
Kylie GORMAN	Parent Representative
Ted WATTS	Community Representative
Daniel POLLACCHI	Parent Representative
Gavin GRACE	Community Representative
Michelle NINYETTE	School Representative
Emma-Mae KAPUSCIK	School Representative

Guest

Seema SHOREY	Teacher
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Apologies

Leah BROWN	School Representative
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Previous Minutes

Angelo reviewed previous minutes.

School Financial update will be presented at the next meeting.

Mark shared that the P&C has a new President, and that they are organising a sausage sizzle at the Athletics Carnival and have recently completed a successful Cookie Dough fundraiser. Connect Community – Daniel, Kylie and Angelo having issues with their logins to Connect. We will need to follow up with Leah.

Outside Observer – Mark will approach Noel Morgan at Aspiri PS to fill this role next year.

Passport Program – Michelle updated that this is still in progress.

NAPLAN – Angelo asked whether primary students were able to complete the Online Literacy & Numeracy Assessment (OLNA), like the Year 9s are being offered. Emma-Mae explained what OLNA is and that it is not an option for primary students.

Letter of Appreciation – Angelo, in consultation with Mark, decided to meet with staff rather than writing a letter. He is doing this at 2:45pm on Wednesday, 26 August in the staffroom. Angelo invited other Board members to attend. Kylie will be able to attend.

Minutes noted as true and correct.

Moved: Michelle Seconded: Kylie

Conflicts of Interest

Angelo asked if any members had any identified conflicts of interest, based on the agenda. No conflicts were identified.

School Technologies Policy

Seema shared the school's Technologies Policy, outlining the key elements. Mark asked whether Seema had noted improved teacher uptake, now that she had been in the role for three years. Seema noted significant change and enthusiasm for Technologies. Angelo asked about security aspects, e.g. preventing access to webcams, limiting access to websites. Seema and Emma-Mae talked about students having to login, and the Department's security measures for access (tracking of login and sites/apps visited, restrictions to websites, cameras on devices etc.).

Angelo suggested approaching local businesses, e.g. Jaycar, to support the school with electronics needs. Gavin suggested the school be more proactive in advising the Board of areas of need. Mark suggested having Seema revisit the Board at a future meeting this year.

Mark commended Seema for her efforts in this role and thanked her.
The Board endorsed the Technologies Policy, as presented.

Moved: Daniel Seconded: Ted

COVID-19 Update

Mark spoke about the Government's delay of easing to Phase 5 restrictions, and that this may not happen until September. He shared some changes to school operations, i.e. gates remaining closed, assemblies limited to staff and students due to Undercover Area size, and that the increased cleaning regime is still occurring.

Strategic Plan 2020 – 2022

Mark asked for questions regarding this document. He then spoke about the adjustments to the targets in the Behaviour Focus Area.

Emma-Mae asked whether the level of detail was too much in the introduction of the document, suggesting that a snapshot document may be useful for families. The Board was enthusiastic about this and set a timeline of Term 1, 2021 for development of a draft for Board approval.

Board Effectiveness Survey

Mark asked the Board, based on the data collected, what would we like to focus on for the Board Training meeting (second meeting of Term 1, 2021). Mark suggested that we hold this agenda item over until the next meeting.

Mark will explore the option of reopening the survey for those members that missed the deadline.

Community Member

Gavin suggested that we draw from our own school community, so that the person is directly invested. Emma-Mae suggested that Gavin means "someone the parents know", and Gavin agreed. Decided that we should seek community input via the newsletter. Mark

and Emma-Mae will write a spiel for the newsletter, and it will be included in the next three newsletters this term.

Annual Public Meeting

Scheduled for Monday, 26 October. Mark reviewed the proposed agenda. This meeting will be advertised via the school newsletter. Board Members are strongly encouraged to actively invite parents and community members.

General Business

Birth Dates – The Department has requested the birth dates of all Board Members. Mark will access this information from the WWCC cards of all Board Members.

Vision – Emma-Mae shared that the staff is revisiting the School Vision. She gave background to the development of the vision, and the use of ‘Engage, Experience, Empower’ on the school logo. Emma-Mae took the Board on a tour to view the activity posters in the staffroom. The Board was strongly encouraged to reflect on what they feel the ‘three Es’ represent for Grovelands Primary School, and provide feedback via email. Alternatively, they are welcome to visit the staffroom and contribute to the posters directly. Emma-Mae also shared that our next two School Development Days (12&13 October) would include workshops around the development of the vision, and that Board Members are welcome to attend. Specific times will be shared once confirmed.

Meeting Closed: 4:45pm