



SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 20th February, 2024

Staffroom at 6.00pm

1. **Welcome – Attendance:** Jack Piper, Tamara Symington, Katrina Tuckett, Andrew Watt, Gene VanderZalm, Peter Harris, Eloise O'Brien

2. **Apologies** - Rebecca Browne, Kate Thomas, Brad Kilstra-Shone, Katrina Markley, Sarah Mitchem.

3 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Motion: "That the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th November 2023 be accepted". Moved: Tamara Symington Seconded: Andrew Watt Carried: Y

4. **Business Arising - none**

5. **Receive Other Items of General Business (School Operations)**

6. **Correspondence:**

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- EOI Australian Govt Schools Upgrade Fund Round 2
 - Shelter proposal approved from Vic Govt, yet to be approved by Aust.Govt.
- Somers Camp
 - First time in 6 years. EOI sent out and approx. 20 responses. Waiting for allocation of numbers from Somers Camp.
- Ramp Upgrades
 - Angles of ramps have been checked late 2023. Ramp to office is non-compliant, will refurbish. Ramp to drink taps at end of bball court also non-compliant, more complex to fix.
- Hand Dryers new toilets
 - Many items missing still, yet to be installed, including locks = vandal issues. End of february for remedy from tendered company. Already seeing rust – architect walk through next week.
- Child Link
 - History from previous school including family members can be carried through their education. Now implemented at MPS. Gene has completed training.
- Application to vary Buffalo bus stop. **(Conflict of Interest: Katrina Tuckett, Buffalo Family)**
 - View photos of current location – very unsafe for embarking and disembarking of children on a fast travelling sweeping bend. All agree bus stop location needs to be relocated for safety and practicality.
 - VOTE: (Excepting Katrina) **MOTION: School Council endorses variation to Buffalo Bus Stop.**
 - MOVED: Tamara Symington, SECONDED: Andrew Watt. Carried: Y
 - 5 in favour, 1 Abstain.

7. **Reports – All Attached**

- Finance – as tabled incl 2024 Financial Commitment Summary
 - Indicative budget items: \$12,000 – IT upgrades, \$10,000 Library upgrade continued.
 - Cleaning – somewhat unsatisfactory service. Sebastians is inconsistent. Contract going out to Tender in the near future.
 - \$392,448.23 @ 31/1/2024– deduct Their Care \$75,000 funding - non longer engaged.
 - Error – report reads 'September', should read 'December'.

MOTION: Katrina Tuckett, SECONDED: Jack Piper. Carried: Y.

- Prin's Report

Query about Attendance Trends. JP

Query about Trial timetable from 2023. TS

- Curriculum Report – Peter Harris

Query about high achieving students – VHAP, as per NAPLAN results.

8. **General Business**

- 8.1 School Council Elections

Katrina Markley, Tamara Symington not returning. Eloise O'Brien replacing Rebecca Browne. Some interest from parent community but no applications yet.

- 8.2 School Council Meetings

Dates: T1: March 19 AGM, T2: May 14, June 11 T3: 30 July, 27 August, T4: 22 October, 19 November, Dinner 10th December TBC.

- 8.3 Indicative Budget SEE ITEM 7.

- 8.4 Pupil Free Days

22 April – George Telford

27 June

12 August

4 November

2 December

9. Volunteer to write SC report for newsletter – Thank you, Andrew Watt.

10. Signing Documents

11. Next Meeting – AGM Tuesday 19th March

12. **Meeting Closed Time: 7.17PM**

Signed by the School Council President: _____

Signed by the Principal: _____

Date: _____