

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

DATE: Monday 23 May 2022	TIME: 4:30pm
LOCATION: via Teams	

Attendees:	Chris Morris, Jenny Kelly, Dennis Grau, Sarah Howlett, Andrew Rodgers, Greg McPherson, Natalie Tempone, Brett Neasham, Daria Kennedy,
Chair: Chris Morris (after the election)	Minute Taker: Karen Fooks
Guests:	Frank Cavicchio, Ashti Mullen
Apologies:	Amelia Rashidy, Martin King, Pasco Putrino
Previous Minutes:	The minutes of the previous meeting dated 28 March 2022 were accepted as a true and accurate record. Approved: Chris Morris Seconded: Jenny Kelly
Correction to minutes:	NONE

Acknowledgement of Country	Read by Ashti Mullen
Item	
Business Arising:	
Chris has researched more into the lecturer on Distractions and is still following up. Action Chris Morris	
Ashti is still to email the full version of the school's 2022 priorities to Board members. Action Ashti Mullen	
Welcome to new Board members (Karen Fooks):	
In Pasco's absence Karen welcomed new members Greg McPherson, Andy Rodgers and Natalie Tempone to the Board.	
Election of Chair & Deputy Chair (Karen Fooks):	
Chris re-nominated for Chair and Jenny seconded. All approved. Pasco's preference was for Chris to continue to ensure continuity in the role. Jenny nominated for the role of Deputy Chair and Chris seconded. All approved.	

Election of the Finance Committee Representative (Karen Fooks):

Jenny and Brett both nominated for Board representative on the Finance Committee. Chris seconded Jenny, however, Sarah seconded Brett as she feels there should only be one person per role. Jenny agreed and withdrew her nomination. Brett was elected as Board member to the Finance Committee. Carried unanimously.

Principals Report (Ashti Mullen):

Pasco's report was tabled and Ashti talked through the report highlighting My Green Planet a video put together by students with Curtin University. Brett spoke about the Career Taster program being set up for the Year 9s to help the students make a decision about career choices when they leave school. NAPLAN has been extended due to COVID to the end of this week so we will continue to run catchup sessions. Sharon Batchelor Relief and HR Coordinator is leaving later this term. Her role has been very challenging due to COVID and the staff shortages this has caused. She is a huge asset to the school, and she will be difficult to replace. RAT tests have been handed out to the students. Our students with COVID have plateaued and it is mainly affecting staff now. Sarah would like to share the My Green Planet link and the Aboriginal students recent Basketball success on her social media. Ashti confirmed this would be ok. Basketball student Mia Fletcher has since left the school.

2022 Final School Budget for noting (Frank Cavicchio):

Frank congratulated the new members and the newly elected members. Frank tabled the funding statement and talked through the information highlighting how the school is funded. Student numbers are currently 869, a drop from 913 in 2021 which equates to a loss of approximately \$400,000 from last year. Once the census has been completed at the beginning of the year this is the funds we receive.

The Operational Dashboard currently reflects a salary variance of \$83,000 and a cash variance of only \$4,896 so things are not looking too good. Frank is going to review the expenditure budgets to see what changes can be made to improve the surplus. He doesn't want to dip into the reserves unless he has too. At the start of the year, we were in the red, so things are slowly improving.

The Comparative budget was tabled, and Frank talked through the information. Collection rates last year were 52% and so we will try to see if we can improve them for this year. Reserves are currently \$536,276.

Board members are always welcome to call or email Frank with any queries or questions.

Year 11 2023 Subject Costs (Frank Cavicchio):

Frank advised that the board must approve the costs for the Year 11 courses for 2023. Frank tabled the costs and talked through the information highlighting that this year any student selecting a high-cost subject will be required to pay a 50% deposit at the time of selection and must be paid in full by the beginning of Term 3, otherwise the student will not be placed into the course. Frank highlighted the courses where the costs have increased from last year. Biology ATAR has increased from \$40 to \$50, Outdoor Ed from \$75 to \$80 and Football from \$120 to \$130 in line with Netball. In 2023 there are two new courses being proposed and they are Foundation Health, Physical & Outdoor Education at a cost of \$80 and a Cert IV in Business at a cost of \$95. Neither of these courses will run if we don't get enough students selecting the

course. Frank asked for these changes to be approved. Chris moved. Jenny seconded. All in favour.

Frank then asked for approval or all the subject for Year 11 for 2023. Chris moved. Jenny seconded. All in favour.

Frank left the meeting.

2022 School Priorities (Ashti Mullen):

Ashti tabled the Staff Feedback on identified priorities – 26 April 2022 and talked through the information. The priorities were selected from the School Business Plan by staff at the beginning of the year and at the last school development day an update was given to staff on the progress. This process has been problematic due to COVID and the Union directive that was in place for Term 1. After the update staff were then asked to reflect on the information and these are the results. Further discussion is still to take place in departments through the Heads of Learning areas. There are a lot of priorities on the business plan, however, we can't work on them all at the same time. Another review will take place later in the year and then three or four times every year.

Extra training for Board members (Chris Morris):

For Board members to be able to undergo training it requires a group of at least 15 Board members. Chris has been liaising with Woodbridge & Eden Hill Primary Schools and they are keen to work with us to ensure we can achieve the required numbers. Greg, Jenny, Sarah, Brett, Nat & Andy are all interested. Governor Stirling will host the event. Chris will progress.

Action Chris Morris

General Business:

Chris asked what everyone's preference is for future meetings and the majority would prefer face to face. Sarah suggested members taking a RAT test prior to the meeting and all agreed this was a good idea. Masks are optional.

Pasco joined the meeting.

Chris suggested a special meeting to address what the Board would like to achieve during its term and what can be done to improve the reputation of the school. All agreed. Sarah is unavailable for a meeting from 6-15 June. Week commencing 20 June is better for Sarah. Chris will organise.

Action Chris Morris

Daria mentioned that the students feel there is not enough of a variety available for the winter uniform, especially where the pants are concerned. The students would like a review of the winter uniform. Pasco explained the process involved for making minor and major changes to the uniform. Pasco and Daria to meet to discuss further.

Action Pasco & Daria

Pasco welcomed all the new board members.

Meeting Closed: 5.35pm

Next meeting: Monday 27 June 2022

Chairperson Signature	Date