

DOREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NO. 945
SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES
19 November 2020

Present: : Glenn Simondson, Ben Miller, Janette Colistra, Catherine Sutherland, Brent Hardy, Naomi Joiner, Rebekah DiBerardino, Jaclyn Delange, Carly Bloomfield

1. Welcome
2. Apologies: Michael Kehio, Leonie Craig
3. Minutes of the previous meeting

Brent approved and Janette seconded

4. Business arising from previous minutes
5. Correspondence

- **School operations guide** – no.9. Can go swimming, can go on excursions, Gr.7 can do transition.

6. Principal's Report

- Enrolments are steady, and we look like being around 160 next year
- We will get enquiries for grade levels, and where grades are small we will top grades up. This will help bolster our funding for programs and projects
- In general, the return of students to school has been both positive and needed by all. Behaviour has been erratic at times, and one of the biggest things evident is the self needs area vs empathy for others. We are working across several areas on this.
- Changes to rules in school operations manual is quite continuous. They will change again
- Transition for K-P is happening over 3 days. At present it is 3X 90 minute sessions *Went well. There was one child that was particularly hard to settle in and he was transitioned into a SDS which suited him better. The smaller groups worked better and next year Janette would like this for following years – having transition in two groups. Grade 6s got the opportunity to welcome the kids and show some leadership after missing out so much.*
- Year 7 transitions will occur, and details will be forwarded
- Parent teacher Interviews were a good idea and we had positive feedback.
- Standardised Testing is going on at the moment, so reports will give parents a gauge of where their kids are at in our December report.
- Family Life 30th November, 1st December
- Report writing day – *Friday 4 December*

Rebekah passed, Naomi seconded

- Swimming Program
Starting next week, most kids attending

7. Junior School Council report

- n/a

8. Child Safe Standards Report

- CSS Policy changes
- Regular discussion – School Council, Staff
- Ensure all adults working with children are aware of their obligations regards Child Safety.
- There has been a lot of work by staff in the Welfare area, as many children have not coped well with remote Learning, or have lost many of their social skills.

9. Building and Grounds Report

- Bushfire Preparedness Projects are underway
 - Gutter Guard and clean

- PA System
- Fire service
- We missed out on the Shade Sail Grant
- I am still awaiting the outcome of the Minor Works and the Solar grant Applications.
- Changes to the Prep Building
 - Taking out the computer desks as there's a few more kids next year and then we hope to add a 1.8m decking out the back to provide an outdoor area to work.*
- Priority of Projects in the Master Plan
 - Glenn wants us to think about what we want to work on first and get done, perhaps do some more fundraising to pay for these projects.*
- Can't do Working Bees, so we are doing jobs via a casual gardener.
- Basketball rings

10. Treasurers Report

CASES Balances

High Yield Account Balance as at 18th November, 2020 - \$83,580.27

Official Account balance as at 18th November, 2020 – 2.090.88

Total Holdings as at 18th November, 2020 - \$85,671.15

- Looks great, but has \$19,000 of Bushfire Preparedness and Swimming Payments.
- We will need to take out a security System
- Carrying money over to next year will be a very good idea as we battle DET over Budgets. We should carryover \$30K if all goes to plan
- I suggest we look at fundraising next year focussed on our Facility Masterplan

Financial Reports tabled and signed

Annual Sub Program report

Sub Program Status Report

Bank Account Movements

Cash Receipts Report

Cash Payments Report

Journal Report

Cash Flow Report

Cancelled Receipts Report

Cancelled Payments Report

Family Credit Notes Report.

11. Fundraising Report

- Glenn suggest the group meets as early as possible to plan 2021.
- Calendar for next year is being planned.
- Bunnings bbq require 5 people to be on

12. General Business

- Rural funding for 2020
- School Concert
 - Probably not going to happen.*

Glenn passed, Ben seconded

Filming of kids naturally in the yard and in the classroom to capture them at this age, especially in this horrible year. Would be good esp for the Preppies and Grade 6s to have.

Naomi moved a motion for Ben to go around and film the kids

- Grade Six Graduation possible arrangements

December 16 at Bridges perhaps or at school.

They are getting individualised books and a character tuer.

Jan Grant to do a recording for them.

- Staffing for 2021

Grades to stay the same along with specialist teachers. In addition to the new Chinese teacher. Art and Music teachers to pick up extra hours to do the tutoring program.

- Program Budgets for 2021

May need to cut programs slightly to help with funding shortfall.

- Round the Table

13. Round the Screens

- *Rebekah – sent through Billboards to advertise places at the school. Suggested school branded drink bottles as a fundraiser.*

- *Naomi – suspension policy*

- *Jaclyn – Mozzie problem. Suggests a professional coming in to quote on spraying for bugs. Fundraising could pay for it.*

- *Janette – Grade 6s and preps to walk to a park.*

14. Next meetings

Thursday 10th December