

**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Date: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020**

**Meeting Number: 2020 – 5**



**MINUTES**

**1.0 ATTENDANCE**

**1.1 Present:**

Pip Griffiths, Bradley Rankin, Evan Henry, Greg George, Mark Nugent, Julie Rogers, Michael Gruis, Lance Petherick, Renato Carinci, Thai Luong, Gettie Spence, Brian Miller, Renee Pavlovic, Yashmeen Sidhu, Lisa Jackson,

**1.2 Apologies:** Vera Mijakoski, Mary Chiodo, Kerrie Barnes, Tanya Neenan, Julie Young.

**2.0 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING AND BUSINESS ARISING**

Minutes of Meeting held 15 June 2020 – distributed to all

**Motion:** That the minutes from 15 June 2020 be accepted

**Moved:** Lisa Jackson                      **Seconded:** Greg George

**3.0 CORRESPONDENCE AND BUSINESS ARISING**

**3.1 Inwards Correspondence**

DET emails as per purple sheet tabled with the agenda

**3.2 Outwards Correspondence**

**4.0 CALLS FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS**

**5.0 REPORTS AND BUSINESS ARISING**

- 5.1 Environment Committee –
- 5.2 Curriculum Committee – 16 June 2020 and 13 August 2020
- 5.3 Policy Sub Committee –
- 5.4 Canteen Committee –
- 5.5 Management Committee –27 July 2020
- 5.6 a) Financial Reports at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020

**Motion:** Accepting Financial Reports at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020

**Moved:** Greg George                      **Seconded:** Lisa Jackson

**5.7 Business Manager's Report – No report Tabled**

**Motion:** Accepting Business Manager's Report

**Moved:** Lisa Jackson                      **Seconded:** Evan Henry

## 5.8 Principals' Reports –

### 5.8.1 College Principals' Report – Pip Griffiths

Students who were diagnosed made full recoveries, although this caused a lot of stress for the community. Teachers also carried a huge burden of stress.

The community has been very supportive throughout the closures.

DET and DHHS processes did leave something to be desired, but it became better over time.

Pip has been advocating strongly for acknowledgement of the disadvantage that our Year 12 students have suffered this year. Including our VET and VCAL students.

VCAA have made changes to scored VET but they have not made any changes to non-scored assessment.

It falls as a burden to us and our students to demonstrate disadvantage.

A few more students are not actively engaging as much as they did last time. We're particularly concerned about our Year 7 students who have been away from school more than they have been.

Parent Teacher interviews today and tomorrow at the Senior campus, and Student Led Presentations on Thursday.

WE have been accepted into the school for student leadership – although there is some uncertainty about that because of COVID.

Melissa Morrison has moved away and left the council. We have three nominations for the casual vacancy so we are running an election for that vacancy.

Mark ran a fantastic curriculum day with over 200 people meeting with a variety of groups throughout the day and collecting their feedback in forms and google docs for our pre-review self-evaluation.

We've done a lot of consultation about leadership throughout the school. We've changed some of the roles and the role descriptions and they will be being advertised this week.

I've been asked to continue as acting principal until the end of the year. Michael, who is acting campus principal in my position is unable to stay until the end of the year, so we have an acting campus principal position that we hope to fill from within our ranks.

We have heard about the prospect of getting more mental health practitioners to work with our students.

We are looking at a smaller Year 7 cohort next year although overall the number of students in the school will not fall.

Have included some photos of students doing their work online.

### 5.8.2 Combined Campus Principal Report

**Delahey** – Ours is the campus that is open at the moment. We have put together a timetable for Year 12 SACs and assessments.

The leadership team recently sent a message via video conferencing to our students and parents that was well received.

The GAT will be occurring on October 9 – early next term.

The Art block capital works is now complete. With stage 4 restrictions there are only 5 workers on site at any time. The admin building will now not be completed until mid October.

Pathways, Lance has done a lot of work helping us to run webinars for pathways information for our students at various levels.

We've been running wellbeing sessions for our students each week. This is always important for our students, but more so now than at any previous time.

We've run practice writing tasks for students to prepare for the GAT. We have an ex teacher who will be marking student work and providing feedback.

**Kings Park** – We only have one campus open. We have a roster, with a Kings Park staff member, a Sydenham staff member with an ES Staff member. So that we can supervise children of essential workers at Delahey.

There is a concerted effort to ring home, from home group teachers to see how families are going in remote learning and offer any assistance.

Links to our leadership videos to students are here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=heBhbJKrkDo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kd6HazZVqJw>

Course counselling is a very different situation to a normal year. Brad Rankin and his team have had 15 minute interviews with every single year 9 student at Kings Park to ensure they are choosing the right subjects.

Bella Moore is working with the Year 10 students. She has a personal conversation with every single Year 10 student.

There have been some external supports to course counselling through the Morrisby program.

We have run opt-in professional learning for staff on a range of online learning tools.

We think the online webinars might be a good tool going forward for communicating with families.

There will be a year 8 into 9 pathways expo before the end of the term that will use some of these same tools.

We have hosted 8 pre-service teachers across the college at the moment. We have some passionate young teachers learning from our staff at the moment.

### **Sydenham**

The staff and the students enjoyed coming back to school for a brief moment. They are missing it again. Staff were more confident going into remote learning 2.

We remained concerned about students who are not engaging. Campus Leaders and Team Leaders are doing a sterling job of trying to contact every student who isn't engaging.

Thanks in particular to Soula Dedes who has constructed these wellbeing activities on a weekly basis. Many teachers have commented on the conversations they have started in class.

We are thinking now about how we can reach out more to parents, especially parents dealing with children at home who might not be engaging at school.

Student Led Presentations bookings are at just below 40%. We're looking for that number to still climb further. We're hoping that kids will use it to develop some agency in their own learning.

On curriculum day we had sometimes 50 webex rooms running at once.

We've build a new bike shed at Sydenham and we have the old bike shed available as a shaded space.

We are regularly touching base with all of our teachers. We have been asking questions about the thing staff are learning in remote learning so that we can continue to work on those things when we return from remote learning.

### **Student feedback**

Thai: Communication between teachers and students has improved. Teachers have been more lenient about when the work is due.

Yashmeen: Student have got used to online learning but they are still excited to get back for Term 4. Personally I'm more comfortable using the technology and asking questions over webex etc.

Both indicated that they would strongly prefer to be at school.

### **Business Manager**

We still have laptops and internet dongles available to support students, although the demand have slowed down. We are also running temperature checks of those student attending school and issuing work permits for staff to be allowed to attend.

#### 5.8 International Students

Numbers are expected to hold for next year. We will probably have around 40 again next year.

#### 5.9 Child Safe Standards

We have made changes about how some wellbeing issues are reported and recorded. So that campus principals are aware of high level issues. We're then able to report these high level issues to the department which allows for the creation of statistics which increase the amount of mental health support provided to schools.

### **Acceptance of the reports**

**Moved:** Greg George

**Seconded:** Lisa Jacskon

## **6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### 6.1 School for Student Leadership Application 2021

Our application has been successful.

#### 6.2 2021 – Draft Subject Charges

**Motion:** That the 2021 Subject Charges be approved and accepted by School Council

**Moved:** Greg George

**Seconded:** Renee Pavlovic

**6.3** 2020 Cash Budget Adjustments  
Adjustments to budgets due to Covid-19.

**Motion:** That the 2020 Cash Budget Adjustments be approved and accepted by School Council

**Moved:** Greg George

**Seconded:** Lisa Jacskon

**6.4** School Council Self Assessment

Discussion of who has done training modules for school council members.

Councilors are encouraged to pursue online training for council members here:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/school-council-training/policy?Redirect=1>

**6.5** Consideration: Parent Community involvement in the Pre Review Self Evaluation

During the curriculum day staff looked at what the school's current goals were, how well we had achieved them and what might have helped and hindered them. We'd like parents to be involved in that self-evaluation as well. If council have any suggestions of ways we might be able to motivate parents, or how we should organize it. Should it be during the day, nighttime, campus based?

Renee – a webex meeting would be fine, totally acceptable.

Mark – the model with staff was to break into small meetings, which is easier with a known populations.

- If it's an event, it's one person talking in a webinar.

Thai and Yashmeen are not sure if parents would be involved would depend on timing.

A range of opportunities might be good.

All reviews that were due for this term have been pushed into Term 4. We may be pushed into Term 1 next year.

We will plan to do some consultation through webex.

**7.0 CAMPS AND EXCURSIONS**

**8.0 OTHER BUSINESS**

**8.0 NEXT MEETING**

Business for next meeting – Term 4 – 26 October 2020