



## Wales Street Primary School School Council Meeting Agenda – May 27 2015

**Meeting No: 4    Time: 7.00pm-9.00pm    Duration: 2 hours    Location: Staff room    Minute taker: Adam Chapman    Time keeper: Chair**

**Meeting Objective:** To provide governance to the school and advice/recommendations to the principal, as the employer's representative, about matters related to the long term planning and operation of the school

**Present:** Phillip Papastamatopoulos, Geoff O'Connor, Lucy Thornton, Susan Rennie, Frances Coppolillo, Jason Sergi, Adam Chapman, Trevor Robinson, Gabrielle Darlington, Christian Woodcock,

**In attendance:** Maria Nord

**Apologies:** Maurizio Tagliano

**Chair:** Phillip Papastamatopoulos

No	Item	ACTION
1.	<p><b>Minutes of the last meeting</b> 29 April 2015</p> <p>Accepted.</p>	
2.	<b>Business arising from the Minutes</b>	
3.	<p><b>Reports:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Principal's report (Christian) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional principals met with local state MP (Fiona Richardson); she agreed to take issues arising up with education Minister.</li> <li>• School aged care - see below.</li> <li>• LOTE – see below</li> <li>• Staffing – school is looking into how performing arts can be supported (see item 5)</li> </ul> </li> <li>ii. Policy &amp; Strategic Planning (Jason) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated camps &amp; excursions policy completed; to be ratified if no further comment by SC</li> </ul> </li> <li>iii. Facilities (Trevor) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Master Plan shown to SC; next step is to develop a building Master Plan with appropriate drawings and costings</li> <li>• A working bee to be held on June 20</li> </ul> </li> <li>iv. Events &amp; Fundraising (Lucy) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Fundraising committee has provided a list of ideas for allocation of funds raised to date; this to be circulated to staff for them to add ideas; prioritisation of initiatives to follow this.</li> <li>• Christian noted the top priority to be an upgrade to the grade 5 &amp; 6 toilets. Staff to be advised that further funding will be available beyond this for other initiatives.</li> <li>• Mothers' Day stall – raised \$2.5-\$3K</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christian to advise WSPS of LOTE issues &amp; review in newsletter</li> <li>• Jason to email out to SC for review</li> <li>• Christian to email Strategic Statement to SC</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing date for grants is Friday May 29 for first funding round. Two applications so far.</li> </ul> <p>v. School Aged Care (Christian)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jason to send out holiday care survey to WSPC community</li> </ul> <p>vi. LOTE (Christian)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a school working party to be set up as part of the proposed LOTE review; consideration to be given to a parent rep on this. It was noted that Westgarth PS now offers a single language, Spanish.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jason to send out survey</li> </ul>
4.	<p><b>Financial</b> - reports to date. (Maria)</p> <p>The SC noted that the school budget is currently balanced through the contributions of the after-care program. SC noted there is a strategy in place to pay off this debt, and that debt ex-after care contributions is expected to reduce from \$163K PY to ~\$143K in 14-15.</p> <p>The finance subcommittee recommended that the April &amp; May budgets be passed.  April budget - Motion moved Trevor; Phillip seconded; all carried.  May budget - Motion moved Geoff; Phillip seconded; all carried.</p> <p>Internet banking policy – Motion moved Jason; Trevor seconded; all carried.</p>	
5.	<p>Performing Arts Funding</p> <p>Christian noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the current Performing Arts teacher (Zena) works two days/week.</li> <li>• Zena is on maternity leave from the end of term 2. The program for the remainder of 2015 will consist of a series of in/excursions</li> <li>• it would not be possible to increase the program without increasing the school's overall level of debt</li> </ul> <p>SC had a broad discussion around the SRP program. It was suggested that existing music teachers and other interested members of the WSPC community be encouraged to apply through the FAS fundraising grants to provide extracurricular performing arts activities to WSPC students (at no cost to children).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ?Christian to approach music teachers?</li> </ul>
6.	<p>Family Partnership Working Group</p> <p>SC agreed to ratify the communications policy of the FPWG.</p> <p>A school survey on communications is currently in draft format – to be forwarded to the SC for ratification once drafted  Information booklets are being developed for 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ?Lucy to provide?</li> </ul>

7.	<p>Compass Demonstration – Trevor</p> <p>SC noted that Tiqbiz will be superceded by Compass.</p>		
8.	<p><b>PYP- Funding</b></p> <p>SC had a broad discussion around the funding for the PYP program, noting that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The estimated cost for the program over 2012-2017 is ~\$433K</li> <li>• The finance committee had queried the sustainability of the budget for the program going forward</li> </ul> <p>SC requested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarification of the ongoing cost of the PYP</li> <li>• That the original objectives of the school in entering the program be revisited to determine if being met</li> </ul> <p><u>SC agreed to extend the meeting 15 minutes</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A written document to be prepared for the SC on the original objectives of the PYP; how these are being met; and ongoing cost to the school.</li> <li>• Jenny and Emily to present to the SC on the PYP program.</li> </ul>	
9.	<p><b>3/4 Camp Approved</b></p> <p>Camp details provided to SC for ratification.</p> <p>Motion moved Susan; Phillip seconded; all carried.</p>		
10.	<p><b>Other business</b></p> <p>The Resilience Project</p> <p>Carried over to next meeting</p>		
11.	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>none</p>		
12.	<p><b>Next Meeting:</b> 24 June 2015</p>		
	<p><b>Meeting Closed:</b></p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building relationships</li> <li>• Doing what we say we are going to</li> <li>• Being active listeners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being open minded to change</li> <li>• Being considerate of others</li> <li>• Nurturing a positive environment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Setting goals</li> <li>• Being flexible</li> <li>• Sharing ideas and information</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being enthusiastic</li> <li>• Being organised</li> <li>• Reflecting on what we do</li> </ul>

