



**Wales Street Primary School**  
**School Council Meeting Minutes – October 28**  
**2015**

**Meeting No: 8**    **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, Jason Sergi, Adam Chapman, Gabrielle Darlington, Christian Woodcock, Maurizio Tagliano, Robyn Jones

**In attendance:** Kim ?

**Apologies:** Frances Coppolillo, Maria Nord    **Chair:** Phillip Papastamatopoulos

No	Item	ACTION
1.	<p><b>Minutes of the last meeting</b> 16 Sept 2015</p> <p>Maurizio moved; seconded Philip; accepted all.</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) Christian noted that there will be an additional grade 5/6 class next yr</li> <li>ii. Events &amp; Fundraising (Lucy) Lucy noted that there was a strong interest in promoting a greater sense of ownership of the fete by WSPC children esp 5/6ers and their input into planning. Further discussion to be held at E&amp;F.</li> <li>iii. School Aged Care (Christian)</li> <li>iv. LOTE (Christian) SC noted and supported ongoing efforts by Phillip to lobby local members for additional LOTE funding for WSPC.</li> </ul>	
4.	<p><b>Financial - reports to date.</b> (Christian)</p> <p>SC noted that Casual Relief Teaching (CRT) has been consistently above budget, and sought to understand how this compared over time. It was noted that a primary school is a small workplace and that small changes can have a large effect. A breakdown CRT by type e.g. PD, LSL, sick leave, is available.</p> <p>SC noted that a staff satisfaction survey has been undertaken for the last 7 yrs and asked to see results from the most recent one.</p>	Outcomes of current staff satisfaction survey to be presented and discussed at SC

	Moved Jason; seconded Maurizio; accepted all.	when available.		
5.	<p><b>Powerful learning</b></p> <p>Christian described recent discussions and meetings he'd had with advocates of 'powerful learning', and how this would align with and support a range of current school initiatives; link with units of enquiry and AUSVELS, and map onto the current WSPC strategic and operational plans.</p>			
6.	<p><b>School Assembly Discussion</b> (Council)</p> <p>SC reviewed the responses to the school assembly survey (81 in total), noting in particular the concerns the introduction of the national anthem had raised with some parents.</p>	Christian to discuss with staff and communicate back with WSPC community over survey outcomes and issues.		
7.	<p><b>School Holiday program</b></p> <p>Christian discussed with SC the outcomes of the expressions of interest to operate a school holiday program at WSPC. SC noted the range of interested groups and their different characteristics, and that a 12 month 'probation' period for a provider would be appropriate.</p> <p><u>SC agreed to extend the meeting 15 minutes</u></p>	Christian to undertake further discussions with Kanji & seek further information from Preston Sth PS regarding Leap Kids & Extend regarding their program.		
8.	<p><b>Other business</b></p> <p>It was requested that at the next meeting the earlier recommendation of split usage of the oval at different lunchtimes by girls/boys be reviewed and discussed.</p>			
9.	<p><b>Correspondence</b> none</p>			
10.	<p><b>Next Meeting:</b> 3 December 2015 (final for year)</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>