



**Wales Street Primary School  
School Council Meeting Minutes – 17<sup>th</sup>  
September 2014**

**Meeting No:**      **Time:** 7.00 p.m.      **Duration:** 2 hr      **Location:** Staff room      **Minute taker:** Trevor      **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:**      Lucy Thornton, Melinda Story, Maria Romnios, Scott Hamilton, Susan Rennie, Frances Coppolillo, Jason Sergi, Trevor Robinson, Jenny Deeble, Judi Benney

**In attendance**      Maria Nord (7.45 p.m. Monique Dawson; Jeanette Nargorcka attended)

**Apologies**      Phillip Papastamatopoulos      **Chair**

No	Item	ACTION
1.	<p><b>Minutes of the last meeting</b>  <b>Motion:</b> That the minutes of the meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> August be approved.  <b>Moved:</b> Frances      <b>Seconded:</b> Trevor      <b>All in favour</b>      <b>CARRIED</b></p>	
2.	<p><b>Business arising from the Minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Expressions of interest Finance &amp; Governance – Judi reported that Karen Farey &amp; Mournir Rizik had joined committee</li> <li>ii. Risk Assessment Working Party – Maurizio Tagliano has offered to join working party. More members needed</li> <li>iii. Debt report for Finance &amp; Governance (Maria) – Maria reported on visit by Tony Hilton and current school debt</li> <li>iv. Re-painting of Wales Street building – Trevor to get quotes for next meeting</li> <li>v. School Council e-mail – Jason reported that School Council e-mail was established and on web site</li> </ul>	
3.	<p><b>Reports:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Finance &amp; Governance</b>  A report of the Finance &amp; Governance meeting and the financial reports were provided to all councillors. The treasurer presented the financial statements for August 2014.   <b>Motion:</b> That financial reports be accepted and all receipts and payments be ratified for the month of August 2014.  <b>Moved:</b> Scott      <b>Seconded:</b> Jason      <b>All in favour</b>      <b>CARRIED</b>  <b>Motion:</b> That credit card payments be ratified for the month of August 2014.  <b>Moved:</b> Scott      <b>Seconded:</b> Frances      <b>All in favour</b>      <b>CARRIED</b></li> <li>• <b>Policy &amp; Strategic Planning</b>  As distributed</li> <li>• <b>Facilities – No Report</b></li> <li>• <b>Fundraising &amp; Social Events – No report</b></li> <li>• <b>School Aged Care</b></li> </ul>	

	<p>As distributed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Principal Report</b></li> </ul> <p>As distributed</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> That all Reports as tabled be accepted</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Judi                      <b>Seconded:</b> Trevor                      <b>All in favour</b>                      <b>CARRIED</b></p>	
4.	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p>As per correspondence folder and in addition:</p> <p><b>Outward:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lucy's response to correspondence tabled at last meeting</li> <li>• Lucy's e-mail to Regional Director</li> <li>• Lucy's acknowledgement letter to Travis Dowling</li> </ul> <p><b>Inward:</b></p> <p>As per correspondence folder to be circulated at the meeting</p> <p>In addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• e-mail Micky Driscoll</li> <li>• e-mail Michael Sullivan</li> <li>• e-mail Dianna Dureau</li> <li>• e-mail Maurizio Tagliano</li> </ul> <p>Correspondence was noted. No further actions required, except for e-mail from Dianne Dureau requesting that the school embrace the Casse Peaceful Schools Program. After discussion, it was agreed that our current Primary Years Programme addressed many of the aspects covered in this programme, and that the cost of \$16,000 per annum would be an additional expense not affordable at this time.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> That the correspondence for the month of September be approved.</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Jenny                      <b>Seconded:</b> Trevor                      <b>All in favour</b>                      <b>CARRIED</b></p>	
5.	<p><b>Other business</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Council Confidentiality - Judi reminded members of the confidentiality requirements of Council members</li> <li>School Holiday Programme – Darebin Council. The matter of the cancellation of the Holiday Programme at Wales Street was discussed. Judi to follow up.</li> <li>MOU Language(update) – We are still waiting for confirmation from Melbourne University on working with us</li> <li>NAPLAN 2014 – Trevor spoke to Council regarding 2014 results</li> <li>School Council casual vacancy – Judi advised that one application for the Council vacancy had been received – Maurizio Tagliano will therefore be seconded to the vacancy on Council</li> <li>Monique Dawson briefing. Monique addressed Council members regarding the current principal position. She reminded Council members of the confidentiality surrounding the information given. Discussion ensued about the way in which information would be disseminated to the school community once known. Monique expected that the final outcome would be given to the school community by September 18<sup>th</sup>, and appropriate letters to parents provided by the Regional Director.</li> </ol>	
6.	<p><b>Next Meeting:</b> 29<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 7 p.m.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Meeting Closed:</b> 9.10 p.m.</p>	