



KENSINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday 22 June, Meeting 04/2016

1. **Welcome:** 5:06pm

The Board pays respect to and acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land on which this meeting takes place, and also pays respect to Elders both past and present.

2. **Apologies:**

Nicole Austin, Fiona Reid, Lisa Williamson, Terence Pestana, Susan Tremain, Melanie Noid, Mark Thompson

3. **Attendance:**

Belinda Moharich, Dale Collins, Alicia Taylor, Lesley Harris, Rhonda Skinner, Susan Lees, James Ramsay, Karen Mahar

4. **Correspondence**

In: Nil advised

Out: Nil advised

5. **Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The Board confirmed the minutes of the meeting of 11 May, 2016.

Moved: Dale Collins

Seconded: James Ramsay

6. **General Business**

6.1 **New Principal**

Belinda

Belinda informed the Board that applications for the new Principal's position closed on 07 June and that there were a healthy number of applicants. Interviews will be conducted in Week 10, Term 2 with a decision made by the end of the term. However, the school will most likely find out the result at the beginning of Term 3.

6.2 Prospectus

Belinda

Belinda and Dale will be meeting with Claire McFerran and Sharon Szczecinski before the end of Term 2 to discuss the prospectus. We welcomed Sue Millar to the Board meeting – she is currently Acting Deputy Principal and is also one of the Year 4/5 teachers. Sue provided us with an overview of all of the different programs, activities and opportunities given to students in the upper grades at K.P.S. The idea is to include these into the prospectus, along with an overview from the Early Childhood area and the Junior area. More discussion on the prospectus will continue at the next Board meeting.

Action: Lesley and Alicia to present to the Board an overview of the Early Childhood and Junior areas at the next meeting.

6.3 Behaviour Management Policy

Susan Lees brought in a copy of Kent Street High School's behaviour management program called Positive Behaviour Support (PBS). Susan explained to us how the program works in her school and how it provides the teachers with a consistent approach to dealing with behaviour in the school. It was discussed that there a variety of programs/strategies listed in K.P.S's current Behaviour Management Policy (BMP) that are not being used consistently across the school (as only a few teachers have been trained in them). It was suggested that the staff look at PBS in Term 3 to discuss whether it would be something we would like to do at Kensington.

Alicia is meeting with Susan Tremain in Week 10, Term 2 to discuss the current Bullying Policy and make adjustments. Draft version will be presented to the Board at a later date.

Action: Alicia to bring the new edited version (draft) of the BMP to the new Principal in Term 3 to seek feedback.

Action: Alicia to speak with the Behaviour Management Committee and then the staff regarding the PBS program.

7. Feedback from P&C Meeting

7.1 Principal's Report

- Principal's position currently advertised with a view to recruit and start at beginning of Term 3.
- The P&C and school recently funded the purchase of electronic whiteboards in all but 4 classrooms.
- Kent St SHS Variety Show – Wed 31 August and Thurs 1 Sept. 11.30am and 6.30pm shows. Currently deciding on how KPS will support the event.

7.2 Treasurer's Report

- No activity due to fete.
- Will shortly be paying additional insurance for fete to access a 5% discount.

7.3 Grounds and Facilities

- The new climbing ropes were signed off by Kidsafe on 02 June. The area complies with guidelines for children in Years 1-7. The adjacent trees are not to be climbed if the child is higher than 3 metres.
- Passed a motion to include an annual Ecopest baiting in the KPS Grounds Policy & Budget moving forward.

7.4 Uniforms

- New shirts to be presented at assembly on 15th June with an opportunity for feedback from children/parents plus proposed phase-in timeline.

7.5 Fete

- Sponsorship team are progressing the task of approaching businesses in our local community to purchase the \$1,000, \$2,000 or \$5,000 sponsorship packages.
- Nadine Donovan has accepted the stage-co-ordination role on the day. Emphasis is on KPS students being well represented on the day.
- Suite of rides available on the day has been agreed and will accommodate all age groups.
- Selection of KPS + external stalls is being finalised.
- Awaiting confirmation re: how Kent St SHS and Como High may support us on the day.

7.6 DuCKS

- Latest bike ride was successful with 70 kids and Dads.
- David Mundy went to the latest Fathering Project meeting. His focus is on increasing the awareness of DuCKS in KPS, especially for groups of children that are not and/or under-represented.

8. Meeting Closed: 6:22pm

9. Next General Meeting:

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
17 February 2016	11 May	03 August	26 October
16 March	08 June 22 June	31 August	23 November
Annual Meeting	Term 4 – Early November (Date to be advised)		