

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL



Minutes - Meeting No: 04
 Harmony Primary School
 Date: 01/08/2023

PARTICIPANTS:

Principal – Craig Anderson
 Staff – Carly Williams, Megan Rollins, Tenielle Elrick, Jen Batten,
 Parents - Berry Johnston, Kirsty de Blanken, Karolyn Ward, Jessica Stockwell, Sarah van der Zanden,
 Community -
 Apologies: Vassil Balakrishnan, Brett Treeby, Jenelle Whitehead, Janelle Mudie,
 Absent: Rachel Shave

1.0	Welcome and apologies	Actions
1.1	The meeting was opened by Berry Johnston at 5 pm, including Acknowledgment of Country.	
1.2	Absentees Apologies: Vassil Balakrishnan, Brett Treeby, Jenelle Whitehead, Janelle Mudie, Absent: Rachel Shave	
1.3	Agenda confirmed	
2.0	Disclosure of Interests & Agenda Additions	
2.1	Identify real, perceived or potential conflicts of interest experienced by any member in relation to the items on the agenda. These should be raised with the chair before the meeting to determine the appropriate way to manage the conflict. No conflicts of interests identified	

3.0	Minutes of Previous Meeting	
3.1	<p>Business Arising from the Minutes of : NA</p> <p>Motion: That the Minutes of the Previous Meeting be amended as a true and accurate record. Moved: Megan Rollins Seconded: Jen Batten Carried: Previous minutes were endorsed by all members present.</p>	<i>Craig to arrange for uploading as true and accurate.</i>
4.0	Standing Items	
4.1	Harvest Lakes Residents Association (HLRA). Representative not present.	
4.2	Harmony P&C. Op shop ball needed to be cancelled due to low ticket sales. P & C doing well financially. Uniform shop still running on site at school.	
4.3	<p>Financial Update. Well placed financially end of July. As of 25/7, 79% of parents had paid the voluntary contributions. Our finance committee are looking into a number of possible investments to best utilise the surplus funds in our budget to ensure all students benefit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Flattening the Hill outside UCA ○ Artificial Turf/Carpet solution in the UCA 	
5.0	General Business	
5.1	<p>Numeracy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Past year has been spent looking at the strengths of the Harmony students, implementing a consistent, research based teaching approach to teaching numeracy, gaining feedback from teachers and providing support to staff in areas that they would like to strengthen. This year teachers have been utilising a problem solving model called KSAR- Know, Select, Apply, Review. Also using Numero to encourage development of maths skills. 	
5.2	<p>NAPLAN</p> <p>Testing conducted term 1 this year.</p> <p>Benchmarking has changed from last years NAPLAN. Student achievement categorised differently this year. 96% participation rate for year 3's. Best results in writing. Considerable improvements in the year 5 data. Again, our best results came from writing, where 90% of participants recorded either strong or exceeding achievement proficiency. Intervention programs are working (such as Talk for Writing). Aiming to sustain these results and reduce cohort discrepancy.</p>	
5.3	ATTENDANCE DATA. Positive attendance data (considerations around coming out of Covid years). Attendance rate at 92.1%- has gone up a couple of percentage points. 70.2% of our students have maintained regular attendance (up from 54% last year). Influenza appears to be impacting currently (also impacting on teachers).	

5.4	<p>CHARGES AND CONTRIBUTION \$60 per student as a school contribution for 2024. Mr Nash currently looking into possible changes for EduDance (has been run for many years now)- may become a gymnastics program. Upper year students observed to be not as interested in EduDance anymore. Leavers shirt- P & C have now taken ownership of this. School will ensure booklists do not exceed \$100 for future years. Year 5's and 6's can pay rental fee for Macbooks or purchase their own. Contributions and charges 2024 endorsed by board members.</p>	
5.6	<p>BUSHFIRE PLAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o School has been downgraded with regards to our threat level. Bush fire plan to be submitted by 31/8/23. 	
5.7	<p>JAPANESE CLASSROOM IMMERSION 9 families approved so far to host students. 10 students will attend Harmony in October. A Support Worker will be onsite each day to assist the students.</p>	
5.8	<p>CULTURAL SENSITIVITY – DAILY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY. Some questions raised by parents about this - mostly around the wording of the acknowledgement (changing the words from thank-you to acknowledge). The difference between the children listening vs participating in the acknowledgement. Frequency- is this something that should be done every day? More consultation with the Indigenous families who are part of Harmony will be undertaken. Megan is the head of the school's cultural responsiveness working group. Discussion around creating a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). Megan attended a City of Cockburn school RAP seminar last year. Staff survey undertaken to gain their opinion. Discussed having student leaders doing an acknowledgement in the whole of school messages on the PA 3 times per week. Parent rep raised that many parents are not aware of this. Parent rep asked whether this will be communicated to families. Parent rep raised that local Elders need to be consulted with. Staff rep asked can we reach out to an AIEO (Beeliar primary have an AIEO). Board members support acknowledgment of country 3 times per week over the PA (whole school).</p>	<p><i>Berry and Megan to draft communication and forward to Craig about implementation</i></p>
6.0	Other Items/Comments	
6.1	<p>Next Meeting 24 October 2023 (Includes Open Meeting)</p>	<p><i>Berry to prepare flyer</i></p>
7.0	<p>Meeting Closed: 18:45pm Karolyn Ward to take minutes and next meeting</p>	