

# Anzac Terrace Primary School Council Meeting

3:00pm Thursday 4 June 2015  
ATPS Staff Room

## Minutes

Meeting opened at 3:15 with Stuart Blackwood as acting chair.

**1 Present:** Stuart Blackwood, Tristan Kaempf, Amanda McAlpine, Liz Page, Sacha Bridger, Adam Cheetham, Amanda Coall, Sally Pitchers, Steph Tarbin, Kaylene Taylor, Nan Zhang

**Apologies:** Magdalene McCulloch, Christine Thomson

### **2 Confirmation of minutes of meeting 23 April**

Moved: Kaylene Taylor

Seconded: Amanda Coall

Carried unanimously.

### **3 Acknowledgement of new members**

Stuart welcomed the new members to the School Council for the term of 2 years. He noted that the main purpose of School Council was to promote ATPS and briefly explained its role as a decision-making and advisory body.

Adam Cheetham arrived at 3:25 and chaired the meeting.

### **4 School Council Constitution**

Proposed amendments to the Constitution, carried over from 2014, were briefly discussed.

Motion: That there was no need for the further formalization of Council procedures.

Moved: Amanda McAlpine

Seconded: Liz Page

Carried unanimously.

### **5 School Finance (one line budget update)**

Stuart tabled a report on ATPS finances and explained how it related to the new one-line budget.

Motion: That Stuart be endorsed to move \$25,000 from accounts within the Operational Budget to the Staffing budget in order to cover the deficit in the ATPS One-Line Budget.

Moved: Amanda McAlpine

Seconded: Kaylene Taylor

Carried unanimously

### **6 Annual Report**

Stuart reported that the annual report had not been finished owing to the press of other business and the regrettable need for extended personal leave of staff in the front office. He asked Council to review and discuss the annual report by email in coming weeks.

### **7 Market stall update**

Steph reported that a stall is booked for the Old Perth Road Markets in Bassendean, and we have a stall-holder's permit, for Sunday 28 June. The market runs 9-1pm. Posters asking for home made goods or help on the day will be ready for next week. She thanked people for offers of help to date.

### **8 Any other business**

- During discussion of item 3 Kaylene asked whether the Seasons for Growth program would return this year as some parents were asking for it. Stuart responded that there was no one available at present to coordinate it. He noted that Christine Thomson was organizing staff for the KidsMatter program and drew attention to the mentoring program with which Liz was the

school liaison. Liz reported that children had been nominated and matched with mentors via the School Volunteer Program (WA) in Maylands. People who are interested in being a mentor can contact the agency ([www.svp.org.au](http://www.svp.org.au)).

- Sally raised the issue of the poor condition of the school's toilets and also asked whether there was a possibility of fencing the school perimeter. Stuart replied that he had sought funding to upgrade the toilets but had been advised that it would be the school's responsibility. However, maintenance had provided funds in relation to the necessary renovations to rooms 5 and 6 and Stuart is hopeful that the age of the school and its need for maintenance will be recognized by the Education Department. Regarding fences, Stuart noted there had been improvements to school to keep the grounds open to the community.
- Staffing matters: Stuart noted the forthcoming retirement of specialist art teacher Mrs Beth McClelland. In response to questions, Stuart noted that any further losses of staff would be a result of natural attrition and that he will continue as principal.
- The frequency of School council meetings was briefly discussed (the constitution stipulates one meeting per term and at least one public meeting per year, which has meant 2 meetings in term 4 in recent years).
- Tristan offered to ensure that local childcare centres had copies of the ATPS flyer.

Meeting closed: 4:32 pm

Next meeting: Thursday 27 August at 3pm in the staff room (tbc).