

**Anzac Terrace Primary School  
School Council Meeting**

**3:00pm Wednesday 9 September 2015  
ATPS Staff Room**

**MINUTES**

Meeting opened: 3:04 pm

Nan Zhang agreed to chair the meeting.

- 1 Apologies:** Adam Cheetham, Elizabeth Page, Stuart Blackwood, Amanda Coall, Sasha Bridger  
**Present:** Christine Thomson, Amanda McAlpine, Magdalene McCulloch, Sally Pitchers, Tristan Kaempf, Nan Zhang, Kaylene Taylor, Steph Tarbin
- 2 Confirmation of minutes of meeting 4 June**  
As tabled: unanimously confirmed.
- 3 Confirmation of ratification of School Report 2014**  
The report was circulated for comment by email and finalized in time for the market stall in June. Nan noted that there was not a lot of time for consideration of the report. Copies of the report are held in the office and are available for consultation.

**ACTION:** Held over for discussion and confirmation in meeting 1 of Term 4.

**4 Principal's report**

Amanda McAlpine reported on behalf of Stuart:

- SOE 4.5: The proposed upgrade of the school system to SOE 4.5, supplied by the Department of Education, will not go ahead because ongoing maintenance costs for the system are too expensive. The school will still upgrade all computers next year.
- 2016 Contributions and Charges: School Council members are asked to consider whether School Voluntary Contributions for 2016 might be raised to \$50 per child (Pre-primary to Year 6, with a lower rate for Kindies).

**ACTION:** For discussion/decision first meeting Term 4.

- 2016 Personal Use Items List: Lists are being formulated and need to be finalized a.s.a.p. Maximum costs (students may not need to purchase all items if they can re-use dictionaries, art folios etc) are expected to be: Kindy \$55; Pre-Primary \$108.25; Year 1 \$87.85; Year 2 \$130.55, Year 3 \$87.95, Year 4 \$107.75, Year 5 aiming to be equivalent to Year 6; Year 6 \$134.25.

**ACTION:** SC members to review costs and email Stuart (cc: to Amanda McAlpine) a.s.a.p. with feedback and confirmation

- Easter 2016: Easter falls on an early date in 2016 (Weeks 8-9 of Term 1) and will include Tuesday following Easter Monday
- 2016 Year Planner / School Development Days: Development Days at start of Term 1 and end of Term 4 are fixed by the Dept of Education. ATPS proposes Development Days at the start of Term 3 (Mon 18 July) and Term 4 (Mon 10 October). The Development Day in Term 2 will be either Friday 3 June 2016 or Tuesday 7 June 2016 (date to be confirmed as this is a combined Development Day with other schools from the region).

**ACTION:** Council agreed that the proposed School Development days were suitable.

- 2015 NAPLAN Results: The NAPLAN results show that ATPS is performing as expected except in the area of Year Three Grammar and Punctuation (Language Conventions) which received a red flag. NAPLAN results enable staff to identify

where a problem exists and to develop strategies for improvement.

- Vision 2020: Staff members have been discussing ideas for the direction of the school. Ideas from parents on School Council are welcome.

**ACTION: parent members of School Council to please email Stuart with suggestions before end of Term 3. Item will be discussed at first meeting Term 4.**

## **5 Promotional activities**

- Prospective market stall, Old Perth Road Night Markets: School Council members agreed that a market stall selling craft items in November could help to raise the profile of ATPS in Bassendean and to promote awareness of our active, cooperative school community. Sally, Nan and Christine expressed willingness to be part of an organizing committee; Amanda Mc offered to organize promotional materials again. Christine noted her previous experience with the organization of a Holiday Bazaar (an idea for 2016?). Nan suggested that activities like those of Science Week could be incorporated in school promotions in order to build a stronger school brand (with connections to Hampton SHS programs).

**ACTION:** Steph to make booking for Old Perth Road Night Market stall on Sat 28 November.

- Other activities: Magdalene reported on the following art activities and competitions involving ATPS students:
  - i) Buttercup the Show Cow: ATPS was one of four schools chosen in a Department of Agriculture promotion to paint a cow for display at the Royal Show. Buttercup is being painted by Year 6 students with scenes of Bassendean's agricultural history, to be ready for collection on Weds 16 Sept. Visitors to the Royal Show will be able to see her on display. The Eastern Suburbs Reporter might be interested in this story.
  - ii) Town of Bassendean Art Awards: ATPS Year 6 students are working on a paper model of the Town of Bassendean and students have been invited to submit individual works on the theme of 'Buildings of Bassendean', with an opportunity to attend a workshop with a Bassendean artist.
  - iii) Shaun Tan Art Award (Subiaco City Library): This is a highly competitive, prestigious award. Students whose art was submitted received a certificate of participation.
  - iv) Swan Districts design a footy jumper competition (NAIDOC week?). Magdalene is seeking some official recognition of students' efforts. nb. Student designs formed a brilliant display of ATPS artwork in the June Market Stall.
  - v) Competitions run by TherapyFocus and The West Australian Newspaper (design an advertising campaign).

## **6 Impact of changes to school funding model**

Held over for discussion at first meeting in Term 4.

## **7 Any other business**

- Term Three scheduling: Kaylene raised parent concerns about the hectic schedule of Term Three, late changes to dates of activities and the cumulative costs associated with activities. She noted that the P&C Fathers' Day Stall was not well supported, especially after being moved to the Monday to accommodate changes to the dates of the faction carnival. Amanda Mc noted that the decision was made at regional level to hold the Interschool Athletics Carnival at the end of Term Three, which will have ongoing implications for ATPS scheduling in Term Three. A suggestion for future Fathers' Day planning might be to advertise with laminated re-usable posters as well as the school newsletter.
- Sally raised parent concerns that children in some ATPS classrooms were not permitted to have access to water bottles in class during winter and were discouraged from going to the toilet in class time. Steph noted that encouraging children to drink water throughout the day and encouraging them to use the toilet when needed were important aspects of good enuresis health and that there is a

current campaign to raise awareness of this issue through the education school nurses. Sally has information about the 'Crunch and Sip' program, which may help to address some of these issues. She also offered information about Cancer Council activities and the Great Aussie Crunch program.

- Open meeting Term Four: This meeting is open to members of the public and school community. Office bearers table reports on the year's activities. Thursday 26 November (Week Seven) suggested as the date for the Open meeting.

**ACTION:** Date of Open Meeting to be confirmed at first meeting, Term Four.

- Nan noted that discussion at this meeting had been positive with input from all present. The meeting thanked Nan for chairing at short notice.

**Meeting closed:** 4:07 pm

Next meeting: Week Two of Term Four, Thursday 22 October 2015, in the staff room.