

Anzac Terrace Primary School Council Meeting

3:30pm Thursday 25 August 2016
ATPS Staff Room

MINUTES

Meeting opened: 3:36

1 Apologies: Magdalene McCulloch, Amanda McAlpine, Sally Pitchers
Present: Adam Cheetham, Stuart Blackwood, Steph Tarbin (minutes), Amanda Coall, Sacha Bridger, Nan Zhang, Christine Thompson, Liz Page

2 Confirmation of minutes of meeting 23 June

Moved: Adam

Second: Sacha

Unanimous

3 IPS Update (Adam)

Six colleagues; 3 for panel and convenor, and two extras (director David Price, Rozelda Butterworth); late start 28 minutes left in half an hour allocated, finished with some time for questions (relating to students). Adam and Stuart feel they did well at the presentation; Rozelda sat in on some other presentations; panel just wrote notes, no eye contact. First school on first day of scheduled presentations so panel new at job too. Decision expected 9 September, but might be later if the minister doesn't act immediately on recommendations. Stuart and Adam thanked all council and members for efforts. A good process for school council regardless of final outcome.

4 Principal's report

- 2017 Contributions and Charges: Little change from last year for charges. Personal contributions slight changes. Overall costs for ATPS reasonable compared to comparable schools. Still need to be reviewed by Finance committee.
- 2017 Personal Use Items List: A few charges need identifying as 'only new students' (eg. school dictionary, calculator). Thumb drives may be removed from list and be supplied by school (to be reviewed by Finance Committee).

Motion: Stuart proposed that the Contributions and Charges and Personal Use Items list be passed for 2017. Nan moved, Christine Seconded, passed.

- 2017 Year Planner / School Development Days: Stuart explained that the calendar for next year will include at least 3 more development days; but if we are IPS then the school may be able to trade off different days from those decided by Ed Department. To be reviewed in term 4.
- Parent forum at Open Night: 6 September (Tuesday week 8). Open Day 4:30 to 6:00. Q&A at 6-6:30 in Library; School council to be present if available. Kinds of questions School Council can answer: school uniform; chaplains,
- Nan asked whether IPS would give a board more say in programs run by school; move toward a more comprehensive and collective leadership model? More involvement with strategic planning, reviewing of results etc. Nan also suggested

that we ask reasons for concerns and say we will seek information. Stuart to write letter, opportunity to get update on IPS and ask questions of school council.

5 School Council meetings: open agenda. Adam's reservations around how to manage possible responses to some issues. Stuart says that there are some issues that are sensitive and could not be discussed. Liz suggested there could be certain topics published – 2 versions of the agenda? Something for School Council item by Adam? IPS may mean that agenda items will change. Less detail in minutes also useful.

Agreed: that newsletter item prior to meetings to include agenda items – questions concerns discussion; Nan suggests that we simply do a list at the start of the year. Steph draft poss items term 4 for Adam to include in news item; review whether we do this next year.

6 Edu-Dance

Last meeting decided that Stuart would survey parents to see if they wanted more Edu-dance. IPS may be a game-changer it is difficult to make a decision at this point. Stuart asked to defer decision until after IPS known.

7 Any other business

- Naplan results show great improvement from year 3, 2014 to year 5, 2016 (much the same cohort) in numeracy, spelling and grammar/punctuation; this year's results show no red/below expected results a really great result. Some slight decline in reading and writing from year 3 (2014) to year 5 (2016). we are approaching Australian standard. First meeting term 4 we will get more data showing how ATPS compares to like schools; and more detail on findings from Naplan results.
- class structures and staffing—Stuart won't work on this until we know about IPS. There will be 3 kindy classes (57 with possible 65) but we don't have a class room at this point, hopefully will gain a demountable back.

Meeting closed: 4:46

Next meeting: to be advised