

# School Council Meeting

Monday 30 October 2017, ATPS Staffroom

## Minutes



Apologies: Christine Thomson, Rachael Bernsousa, Sacha Bridger (left 3:45),

Present: Adam Cheetham, Stuart Blackwood, Nan Zhang, Sacha Bridger, Magdalene McCullough, Sally Pitchers, Suellen Harrison, Amanda McAlpine, Steph Tarbin (minutes)

Meeting opened: 3: 34

1. Confirmation of minutes for Monday 7 August 2017

Moved: Magdalene McCullough                      Seconded: Sacha Bridger                      Unanimous.

2. Business Arising

- P&C representative vacancy: Information that Prakash has resigned owing to study commitments. Steph and Sally can report back to P&C until a new P&C representative is appointed in 2018.
- Addition to Constitution: A clause recognising the Code of Conduct has been added to the Council Constitution and clause regarding the composition of an ethics subcommittee has been added to the Code of Conduct.

Proposed: That the new clauses be formally accepted.

Moved: Adam Cheetham                      Seconded: Amanda McAlpine.                      Unanimous.

**ACTION: Stuart to upload revised documents to School Council community on Connect**

- Outcome of WA Premier's Education Awards 2017: Adam reported that Tristan's nomination was not short-listed and noted the need for more time and people involved in the process in 2018. Council members to begin to think about the possible nominees (in addition to Tristan) for 2018. Discussion of whether we could draw on nominee's teaching philosophies and generate data from students or families for quantitative analysis. Process to be steered by a sub-committee in 2018.

**ACTION: WA Premier's Education Awards to be an agenda item for first meeting week 4, 2018 – formation of sub-committee to steer nomination process.**

- Thank you letter for Liz Page: Adam has been unable to find time yet. Steph volunteered to help.

**ACTION Steph to write first draft of letter.**

- Expiry of terms of Council members: Nan, Sacha, Sally are approaching the end of their term on School Council. They are eligible to re-nominate for 2018.

**ACTION: Stuart to open the nomination process at the end of Term 4.**

3. Principal's report

- 2016 Annual Report: Council has approved the report by email. Stuart proposed that the report be formally recorded as accepted.

Moved: Adam Cheetham                      Second: Magdalene                      Unanimous

In discussion of NAPLAN results, a question was raised about the equivalence of bands between Year 3 and Year 5. It was suggested future reports might explain that Bands 1-10 for Year 3 are not the same as Bands 1-10 of Year 5 (particularly in relation to the tables presenting data for the school, Like Schools and the State).

- 2018 Contributions and Charges: Stuart apologises for not circulating the figures before sending the 2018 Personal Items list out to families. Sue Harrison explained the rules for calculating Charges and Voluntary Contributions, and sought some advice about phrasing on the Schedule of Voluntary Contributions and Charges for 2018.

**ACTION: Sue to make amendments and circulate to school council by email.**

- 2018 Staff Development days: Term 1 and 4 have mandatory days (marked in yellow). Days proposed for ATPS Staff Development are: a) Term 2: 1 June (long weekend) and 29 June (a common school

development day for schools in the Morley area); b) Term 4: 8 Oct (beginning of term). Council approved proposed days unanimously.

- Kindy T-Shirt/School uniform update: Stuart displayed examples of Kindy Gold and Kindy Blue t-shirts for 2018 and presented the designs for the new yellow polo and faction polos. He also circulated a polo shirt made of the material which will be used for the new school polos. The current yellow polo shirt will be accepted as school uniform until the end of 2019.

Proposed: That the new polo shirt design be approved as school uniform for 2018.

Moved: Amanda McAlpine

Seconded: Nan Zhang.

Unanimous.

- Class structures for 2018 are being planned. Stuart will present more information at the Open Meeting in December.

4. Staff recognition/proposal for Staff Member of the Month award (Steph): The proposal for a 'Staff Member of the Month' Award was put forward by a P&C subcommittee in Term 3 but deferred until Term 4 for discussion among ATPS staff. Stuart reported that a revised version of the process had been suggested, in which nominations would be entered into a raffle for a 'get out of yard duty' pass or other school-based benefits. Copies of nominations would be collated by Stuart to provide evidence for future WA Premier's Education awards. Nominees will receive copies of their nominations and can make public or keep private as they choose. Samples of anonymised nominations will be printed in the school newsletter so that the school community can see the kinds of positive feedback that staff receive.

**ACTION: Stuart to revise the nomination form and process (can be based on P&C subcommittee documents) and institute the process.**

5. Promotional activities

- promotional postcards: lack of time and finance necessitates postponement until Term 1, 2018.
- Bassendean Art awards – Magdalene reported that Trinity from Year 3 was the ATPS winner. During the first week of school holidays, all the primary school entries were on display in Hawaiian Bassendean.
- Hawaiian Bassendean opportunities: not discussed.

6. Vision2020 (standing item): Has had to give way to the requirements of the ERG process. To be reviewed in 2018.

7. General Business:

- Sporting Schools Program: raised by Nan. Amanda confirmed that Years 4-6 at ATPS have opportunities to participate.
- Question regarding the protocol for School Council to acknowledge staff retirements. Stuart reported that retirees receive a letter and medal from Sharon O'Neil. Depending on the preference of the person retiring there may be a school morning tea, organised by the P&C.
- Question about Education Security's role in monitoring the school. Stuart reported that he had already raised this Central Office.
- IPS Update: Under the new government, Independent Public Schools are now required to consider applicants on a 'Referred List' when advertising for staff. Other conditions are now being equalised between Public and Independent Public Schools but IP Schools still have some status and benefits. Eg. IPS Principals are have access to high level professional development and IP Schools have more freedom from WA Education Department regulations to spend money and to change the staff profile of the school.

8. 2017 Open meeting: Monday 4 December at 3 pm.

Meeting closed: 5:20