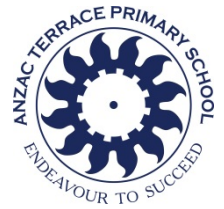


School Council Open Meeting

Minutes

3pm, Monday 4 December 2017

ATPS Staff Room



Meeting opened: 3:10

Apologies: Christine Thomson, Amanda McAlpine, Magdalene McCullough, Suellen Harris, Sacha Bridger.

Present: Adam Cheetham, Stuart Blackwood, Steph Tarbin (minutes), Rachael Bernsousa, Nan Zhang, Rebecca Benson, Sally Pitchers (arrive 3:30)

1. Confirmation of minutes of meeting 30 October 2017

Moved: Nan Zhang

Seconded: Rachael Bernsousa

2. Business Arising

- School Council Documents: Amended Code of Conduct and revised School Council Constitution documents have been uploaded to ATPS School Council community on Connect (see: ATPS School Council > Library > Administration of Council). Adam has reset passwords for EV number accounts and will contact all council members.

- Staff Recognition/nominations: Nominations for the 'Staff Member of the Month' Award to be passed on to Stuart to be placed in a prize draw (drawn at staff meeting 15 December). Nominations will also be provided to nominees. Stuart (and Steph) to keep a record of future nominees. The new process to begin in 2018.

ACTION: Steph to forward existing 2017 nominations to Stuart.

ACTION: Stuart to revise nomination forms and advise ATPS community regarding new process, to begin in Term 1, 2018.

- Thank you letter for Liz Page: Steph has drafted a thank you letter and Adam will send it out this week.

3. President's report

- As tabled.

ACTION: Adam to upload copy to ATPS School Council Connect community

4. Principal's report

- At tabled.

ACTION: Stuart to upload copy to ATPS School Council Connect community.

5. Council planning

- School Council Survey (Stuart): Regular reflections on activities will help future planning for School Council. Adam has formulated an electronic survey based on the instrument used for IPS Boards so that we can identify where we can continue to improve as a school council.

ACTION: Stuart to send the survey link to School Council for completion before end of term 4.

- 2018 School Council vacancies and recruitment: Three positions will become vacant at the end of 2017. Nominations for parent/community members opened in Week 6 and will remain open

until Week 2, Term 1, 2018. New/returning members will be in place in time for the first meeting in Week 4, 2018.

- Promotional Activities: The Senior Choir has two forthcoming engagements in partnership with the Morley Baptist Church (33 Hanwell Way, Bassendean). 1). Carols by Candlelight, 6:30 pm on 10 December 2017. All welcome. 2). Singing carols at the Christmas lunch for Bassendean seniors, Tuesday 12 December, 2017.

: Rachael noted that Arye won a national writing award and that Rosie Penn has contacted local newspapers, so there may be some publicity for the school.

- WA Premier's Education Awards 2018: The new staff recognition process should generate material for 2018 nominations.

ACTION: Formation of a sub-committee to be an agenda item for first meeting 2018.

- Vision 2020 (standing item). This item has taken a back seat to the ERG process in 2017 but, in connection with school goals, Stuart noted that staff will make a more detailed look at NAPLAN results early 2018 as a result of the deficit in Year Three numeracy results.

6. Any other business

- Stuart presented the Operational budget for December and noted that he was still negotiating with Central Office regarding promised remuneration of funds from Term 1. The student-centred funding model introduced in 2015 appears to be particularly difficult to manage for mid-size schools and ATPS is currently a case study in a review of the funding model. There are ten children on a waiting list for Kindergarten as these numbers are insufficient to cover expenses in order to run a Kindy Green class in 2018. School Council discussed some avenues for increasing school revenues or decreasing expenditure, including: voluntary contributions, donations, parent volunteers, on-site vacation day-care services.

ACTION: Nan to liaise with Stuart regarding ways to develop on-site vacation care.

ACTION: Stuart to investigate the nature and limit of donations that can be made to the school.

- Academic extension for 2018: Rachael is interested in talking with staff about Genius Hour (no cost to school).

ACTION: Rachael to send information to Stuart about Genius Hour.

Meeting closed: 4:26 pm.

Next meeting: Term 1, Week 4, 2018