

NORTH PERTH PS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**Date: 22 February 2016, Meeting No. 1**

ATTENDEES: Kati Tonkin – Community Representative/Chairperson
 Victoria Bingham – Community Representative/Secretary
 Jane Forward – Parent Representative
 Robyn Newman – Staff Representative
 Cam Brooks– Parent Representative
 Brad Girando – Observer – Parent Representative nominee
 Karen Lockyer - Principal

	Welcome and apologies	ACTIONS
1.1	Opening and welcome; <i>The meeting was opened by Kati Tonkin at 7:33am. Brad was welcomed as a new member of School Council (term commencing April 2016).</i>	
1.2	Apologies: Sharon Downsborough James Hawkes	
1.3	Confirmation of agenda <i>The Council confirmed the agenda.</i>	Confirmed
2.0	Disclosure of interest	
2.1	Nil disclosure.	Nil Disclosure
3.0	Minutes of previous meeting	
3.1	Kati presented to the Council the minutes of Meeting no.8, 2015 for approval. The sentence referring to a survey was deleted. <i>The Council endorsed the minutes of Meeting no.8 as complete and accurate. Moved: Robyn Seconded: Cam</i>	Confirmed
3.2	Actions arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Specialist program The School community survey from 2015 identified LOTE, PE, Music, Art and Science, as preferred specialist areas. NPPS would like to offer something in each of these areas. The school must provide 4 hours of DOTT. NPPS was unable to find a suitable LOTE teacher for Term 1, 2016, so a Health/Values Teacher was appointed for Term 1. This role fulfils the Schools commitment to promote the Values endorsed by School Council. The requirement to offer LOTE was been removed as a consequence of the introduction of the Australian Curriculum and with this additional funding was removed. LOTE has been mandated for 2018 and therefore will be offered from 2018. If a suitable LOTE teacher can be found then NPPS will offer LOTE in 2016. NPPS would like to link with the Mt Lawley LOTE program and also investigate Asian Studies. One letter was received by the school regarding LOTE, Karen will respond to the letter. ii. IPS Update The Minister announced that 50 new schools will have the opportunity to come on board in 2017. NPPS has put in an expression of interest. On Monday 29 February Kati Tonkin, Karen 	Ongoing

	<p>Lockyer and Sharon Downsborough will attend a briefing day, followed by a development day and a selection day and then for successful schools, a transition day. The process and priority for schools that have previously applied has not been clarified.</p> <p>iii. Chaplaincy update Laura Celeste is on leave until March, no update. Vision and Values: signage update Lettering is being finalised and images from artwork. Once a quote is finalised the grant application can be completed School to provide funding, P&C may top up.</p>	
4.0	Election of Chair and Secretary	
4.1	To be deferred until meeting no.2/2016.	Confirmed
5.0	Parent Representative Positons	
5.1	School Council endorsed Brad Girando, Anna Taylor and Jane Forward as the new parent representatives; commencing their terms at Meeting no.2 2016.	Confirmed
6.0	Resourcing and Budget 2016	
6.1	<p>Karen presented the budget.</p> <p>Student Centred funding based on student numbers on Census day. Funding per child \$4000 (K), \$7865 (PP-3), 6500 (4-6) plus Student Characteristics plus School Characteristics. There is additional funding for students with English as an Additional language, Aboriginality, Special needs and Social disadvantage. The targeted initiatives are Universal Access to Early Childhood and National Quality Standards Implementation.</p> <p>Staffing is the first allocated area of the budget. Staffing includes teaching and support staff, both existing and new staff, as well as relief staff.</p> <p>Projected expenditure is based on past expenditure.</p> <p>Revenue includes voluntary contributions and P&C funding.</p> <p>Money is kept in reserves and transferred for expenditure (including ICT). 96% of the budget must be spent in the Budget year.</p>	Ongoing
7.0	Homework Policy Review	
7.1	<p>Feedback from the staff meeting discussion was presented. The Staff are happy with the current system (Homework Grid) they like the structure, consistency and the familiarity.</p> <p>Junior Primary have proposed some changes with regard to times and extracurricular activities.</p> <p>The staff proposes removing reading from the time allocation and leaving it as a more opened ended timed task.</p> <p>The staff sees the Homework Grid as a communication tool in particular with regard to communicating the learning that is taking place in the classroom.</p> <p>The Year 1 staff would like to reduce the frequency of the grid.</p> <p>The next stage of the review is to invite parent comment, through a survey and maybe a parent information session. Kati and Andrew to draft a survey for parents on the current system.</p> <p>Proposal that a section on Homework is developed for the website as an outcome of the survey.</p>	Ongoing
8.0	Reflections	

	Cam and James were thanked for their contribution to School Council over the past 3 years. In particular their contribution to the development of the School values and vision.	
9.0	Correspondence	
	Correspondence as tabled	
10.0	Next Meeting	
	2/2016 Agenda Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Report • Budget 2016: final (for endorsement) • School Improvement Plan 2015-2016: report on progress • Homework Policy 	
9.0	Meeting close	
	The meeting was closed at 8:33am. The next meeting date will be Friday April 1 at 7:30am.	

Signed _____

Date _____ -