



CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL
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SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting held Monday September 11th 2017 at California Gully Primary School

Opened: 7.08 p.m.
Present: Jason Lee (Principal), Amy Bolitho, Natasha Fullerton, Craig Graham, Helen Sagers, Steve McKerrow, Roz Bradley, Kerryn Phillips.
Apologies: Nicole Cooper, Brett Bradley, Renee Jenkins, Donna Tuddenham,
Absent:
In Attendance:

Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Minutes from the Previous Meeting, held Monday August 14th 2017 to be accepted as tabled.

Moved: Amy Bolitho **Seconded:** Natasha Fullerton **All in Favour**

BUSINESS ARISING:

1.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence In:

1/ Victorian Auditor-Generals Office: *Performance Audit School Councils in Government Schools*

Correspondence Out:

1. Nil

Correspondence In be accepted and Correspondence Out be endorsed.

Moved: Steve McKerrow **Seconded:** Craig Graham **All in Favour**

REPORTS:

Financial:

As per reports attached to agenda

1. Ratify Investment Transfers –

August 17th 2017 \$10,000.00 Receipt: 5019371725

August 30th 2017 \$20,000.00 Receipt: 5052822526

September 7th 2017 \$30,000.00 Receipt: 5072844001

2. Ratify Payments for

Cheque No's : **Moved:** Natasha Fullerton **Seconded:** Craig Graham

All in Favour

1. Ratify Payments for Cheque No's : 0018105 to 0018106
Direct Deposit No's: 7185 to 7213

2. GST Reporting –

High Yield Interest Rate – 1.65% - 08/09/2016

Moved: Natasha Fullerton **Seconded:** Craig Graham **All in Favour**

High Yield Interest Rate - 1.65% 08/09/2016

Finance Report be accepted as tabled

Moved: Jason Lee **Seconded:** Amy Bolitho **All in Favour**

Principal's Report, 11th September, 2017

Resources

Official Account: Closing balance as at the end of August was \$15,799.13

High Yield: Closing balance as at the end of August was \$279,669.32

Student Resource Package (SRP): \$70,720 (deficit)

Finance comments:

Recommendations

Nil

Curriculum

Students Attitudes to School Survey

After further discussion with the School Improvement Team we have identified a cohort of students we wish to repeat the survey with using specific survey statements. It will again be anonymous. This will allow us to gauge any changes in perception or whether there are fixed beliefs around aspects of school life that we need to look into further through staff discussions and student forums.

NAPLAN

I am yet to analyse the NAPLAN results in detail with staff, however I will provide a general summary of the results for school councillors at our meeting.

Engagement

Bendigo Education Plan 2028

A number of forums are being held for the school community to attend to discuss the educational future of Bendigo. The Bendigo Education Plan 2028 will explore how we can strengthen education for children and young people in the Bendigo region. Apart from members of the school community being able to be a part of these forums we have the opportunity to send two student representatives along. The student forum is being held on Tuesday 19 September from 1:30pm-3:00pm at Bendigo Senior Secondary College. I look forward to the opportunity for two of Junior School Council representatives to attend.

Recommendations

Nil

Facilities

OHSMS

September tasks include:

Health & Safety meeting

Workplace Inspections

Asbestos Visual Inspection
First Aid Content Inspection

School Maintenance

Planned Maintenance Program

Line marking designs have been confirmed with Brighter Lines and my expectation is the lines will be completed before the beginning of term 4.

Contingency funds will be used to fix the lighting on our Mod 5 building.

Recommendations

Nil

Management

Workforce planning

I am currently working with staff to determine our grade structures and roles for next year.

Part of the decision-making is dictated somewhat by the Workforce Bridging work I have undertaken with Bill Hunt and Geoff Pell and the amount of money we may be supported with. Both Geoff and Bill work for the DET assisting schools with various financial and workforce issues.

At this stage what is important for school council to be aware of is we are working with a \$70,000 deficit and we will most likely get approximately \$21,000 support (if agreed upon by the financial division who determine the merits of the request). Leaving a deficit of approximately \$49,000. As part of the calculations they take into account the 'school's contribution'. In this case we carried forward a surplus of \$9,000 from last year and I have employed staff using equity funds calculated at \$172,243 which was \$49,721 above the equity credit we were funded \$122,522.

The workforce bridging process involves providing DET strategies as to how we are planning to manage the deficit and minimise costs, determining if there are sufficient funds in the cash account to offset the deficit (less commitments), looking at projected enrolments for 2018 and 2019 and the staffing profile.

At this stage we look like having a \$30,000 surplus next year after the deficit is cleared.

Policy

I have two policies to present to you for review.

- Visitors
- Cyber safety

Recommendations

Endorse the polices subject to any amendments

Move that all reports be accepted as tabled.

Moved: Roz Bradley

Seconded: Craig Graham

All in Favour

Parents' Club:

- The Parents' Club will be conducting the Fathers' Day stall on Thursday August 31st 2017.
- The Cookie Dough fundraiser was recently conducted and just over \$2,000.00 was purchased.

Staff/Curriculum:

Whole School:

- We had a visit from the Royal Flying Doctors Service and they brought along a flight simulator and this was extremely well received by the students. The presenters were very impressed by the students and the level of questions that were asked by the students.

- Twenty of our students took part in a drama presentation at the Bendigo Library on Friday August 11th and Saturday August 12th as part of the Bendigo Writer Festival.

Excursion/Camps Approval:

- Nil

Junior School Council:

- No report this meeting.

Approval of Fundraising Events:

- Nil

Move that all reports be accepted as tabled.

Moved: **Seconded:** **All in Favour**

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Nil

Subcommittee Meeting Dates: Community Relations Committee TBA
 Buildings and Grounds Committee TBA
 Finance Committee TBA

Dates for Further School Council Meetings:

General Meeting Monday October 2017 7.00 p.m.
Annual General Meeting March 19th 2018 7.00 p.m.

Meeting Closed: 7.54 p.m.