



Gold Creek School Parents and Citizens Association

Minutes of General Meeting

Wednesday 20 June 2018

6:00pm, Senior Staff Room

Opening remarks

Apologies

Jacqui Chapman	Associate Principle, Gold Creek School
Naomi Bradley	Committee member, Gold Creek School P&C
Lucrecia Rea	
Jason Rea	

Present

David Pollard	President, Gold Creek School P&C
Briony Taylor	Co-Vice President, Gold Creek School P&C
Erin Lambert	Co-Vice President, Gold Creek School P&C
Mackenzie Tibbetts	Treasurer, Gold Creek School P&C
Heather Lane	Secretary, Gold Creek School P&C
Tina Lu	Committee member, Gold Creek School P&C
Andrea Gillies	Committee member, Gold Creek School P&C
Angela Spence	Principal, Gold Creek School
Sam Beatie	Associate Principle, Gold Creek School
Kathryn Napper	
Claire Naidu	
Angelique Matthews	
Lyndal Reid	





Acceptance of previous minutes

The minutes of the 2018 Term 2, week 4 meeting were accepted.

Committee reports

President's report

All the president's activities were discussed as part of other items.

Treasurer's report

The bank balance for the end of the reporting period was \$21,960.43.

The school has begun works on the playground and toilets, so can receive the donation at any time.

Principal's report

Angela talked to the meeting about the managing illness for students and staff which was live streamed on Facebook. The full video can be viewed at <https://goldcreekschoolpandc.org.au/about-the-pc/meetings-and-minutes/>

Following the live stream, there was continued discussion on the topic. Absences can be logged through the app, by providing a letter or calling the absence line – including late arrival. Note that late arrivals are logged as an absence in the system regarding appropriate absences. Parents receive messages when there are absences.

The online nature of assessment (in the senior group) means that children who are not able to be at school can still do work at home if they are well enough (e.g. where an illness is infectious, but the child is feeling well).

This year a HR manager has been appointed for the school.

Seesaw app – some staff let the parents know they will be away using the app, which is helpful.

Suggested that additional teachers are allocated to the classes on Seesaw, so that there is someone who can post if the teacher is away.





General Business

Events and Fundraising

School photos

Feedback – unhappy with quality, timeliness and packages available and communications.

Next year – looking to have digital only and portraits only package options. Looking into getting the digital classroom photo, but privacy concerns are a barrier.

Can be difficult to get a good shot, especially the young ones.

The issue is that the quality control was not good and didn't communicate to parents when the re-take photos. Parents didn't like that the class photo was printed into a folder (cannot be removed to put into an album).

There is an alternative as a back-up if the current vendor falls through.

Colour Run

Scheduled for last day of term 3, otherwise no progress since last meeting. The school would like to combine the event with the 20-year anniversary of the school.

Trivia Night

Date – Term 3, Friday week 3 (10 August)

Venue – Hall will be better as there is carpet in the senior library. Can make arrangements with OSHClub for early access around 5:30 pm. Start talking to the OSHClub early. Angela will count the trestle tables available and look into borrowing some from other schools (e.g. Holy Spirit or Amaroo) or investing in more for the school.

Using FlexiSchools to book tickets this year. More visible and can have a guest account to purchase.

Prizes – in progress. David will send a template for approaching potential sponsors



Other business

Strategic Vision

- Strategic vision and mission. Feedback received from IB, future of education. The Board discussed the revision of the school vision.
- Vision (future aspirations) options provided for discussion:
 - Gold creek school will provide challenging and authentic learning experiences for students to flourish and positively impact others
 - An education that inspires individuals to embrace challenge and accept responsibility for making a difference to our world.
- Vision is different from a mission as vision is aspirational and future focused and a mission is for the present time.
- Feedback:
- 2nd one good because
 - accepting responsibility
 - liked 'challenge' 'embrace'
- 1st is lip service
 - don't like 'authentic'
 - 'world' is less about the student – change to 'community'? ('world' reflects the IB principles of global students – 'local and global community')
- Like 'students flourishing' – this is what we are here for
- Like 'accepts responsibility'
- Also would like the positive impact not just people – environment etc.
- School vision= not just students! (as implied in the 1st one) prefer individuals
- Take out introductory words in each.
- Angela will amend the statement and circulate to parents and staff for additional feedback before taking the statement to the board.

Senior site assignments

Issue with receiving too many assignments due in a short time, with not much notice.

Students have raised already – some suggestions being investigated

- having dedicated time in class to prepare during the high workload times
- more in-class assessments to balance the out of class load.

Change management process started to manage long term change to redesign the assessments – making sure they are consistent between teachers.





Linked to reporting. Looking into more ongoing reporting rather than lump reporting. Value and load of lump reporting.

Continual reporting would be more productive for parents and teachers.

Not going to be implemented in the next 3 years but working towards this approach.

Senior site uniforms

An on-line question was raised regarding the senior site uniforms, which were last reviewed four years ago. Issue was raised with the white shirts for the senior site. No issues were raised with the junior uniforms. The girl's white shirt is thin and see through. Both the boys and girls shirts are not comfortable. An issue regarding the length of the skirts was raised, however it was noted that there was a manufacturing issue two years ago and the issue has been corrected.

Possible solutions were discussed for the short term. Year 10 students can wear their polo shirt any time. While the uniform policy does not allow for the PE shirts to be worn outside of PE classes. This may be a transition option though until the uniform is reviewed. A discussion with the board would be required before any changes could be made. The main reasons raised that children need to wear school uniform were:

- Security - Identifying people on site who are not students.
- School pride – children identify as part of the school community

A review of the uniform was requested. As there are currently three policy reviews being undertaken. The Principle advised that a review could not be commenced until 2019 at the earliest, to allow for the other reviews to be finalised. She will raise the uniform with the board to consider potentially conducting a review and associated timelines.

Close of meeting

The meeting closed at 7:30 pm.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 15 August 2018** in the Junior site office.