



School Board Meeting Minutes – November 20 2024

Attendees: Grant Bowen, Denise Pires, Rachael Terry-Short, Jade Melvin, Danika Yeokamaram, Gregg Burdon, Charmaine Dimanuel, Stacey Alliston

Apologies: Nicole Myles, Basil, Luke Davey, Anna Giannasi.

AGENDA ITEM	ACTIONS/DISCUSSIONS
Meeting commenced	3:06pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome – Grant• Confirmation of Agenda - Grant• Acknowledgement of Country - Grant	<i>I respectfully acknowledge the past and present traditional custodians of this land on which we are meeting, the Noongar people. It is a privilege to be standing on Noongar country. I also acknowledge the contributions of Aboriginal Australians and non-Aboriginal Australians to the education of all children and people in this country we all live in and share together – Australia.</i>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation and any actions arising from Previous Minutes – Grant 	<p>Minutes from previous minutes -endorsed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locavora School Lunch Orders. Monday, Wednesday and the possibility of Friday are locked in for next year based on parent survey results. • No correspondence in.
<p>Priority Item A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal for New Lunch eating/Playing times for 2025 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposing a change of eating times including swapping lunch and recess. • Children are only wanting to play at lunchtime. The proposal is 10:40-11:05 am play and then followed by eating until 11:20 am. • While students are eating, staff can solve playground issues and conduct restorative practice sessions. In turn, preventing issues from interrupting learning time. Mediation is then at point of need with the staff member who observed the issues. • Allows calming time before entering the classroom and learning time. Children with medication would have their large meal before medication as students do not feel hungry after taking their midday medication. • Students will then have the 'brain food' to learn. • Students interviewed have agreed this change would be ideal. • Students reported that 1:00 pm is too late to eat. • P&C feedback agree that eating earlier is age-appropriate. • An earlier lunch break is better for sun safety. • The board chair raised how it would be policed when children are playing and then need to return to sit down. • Moving forward → Trial for 2025. Rachael to send out reminders for the community. • Endorsed by Grant Bowen (Board Chair)

<p>Priority Item B School Grounds Update</p> <p>Presented by Gregg Burdon</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of our school's Reconciliation Action Plan, the school wants to create a bush classroom to connect to country and bring learning outside. • The proposal is to involve First Nations People in our learning. • Renovation of the front garden representing the Noongar Season, with a yarning circle. • Integrates with HASS, Science and English Curriculum • Eight ways of Aboriginal Learning. • Gregg presented the plans to the Board and P&C drawn by Kardan. Construction No DOE approval to use Karda Construction. • Accessible for the school and local community. • The plans involved cladding the gardener's shed and creating a mural on the brick shed. • Stage 1 2025 Cladding and mural and planting. • Stage 2 the Yarning Circle, Dentist wall and undercover area mural. • Stage 3 five garden beds, bush tucker garden, sustainability equipment/composters and signage. • Fundraising includes PALS grant, NAIDOC celebrations, Friends of Heathridge T-Shirt, Icy pole fundraiser. • Meraki Boho is the proposed artist for the mural. Examples were presented from other schools. • StateWise Services supporting plant choices and planning. • Students will plant their plants and watch them grow as they grow up and to be proud of for future generations. Labelled by plaques.
<p>Priority Item C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Principal Report.

Report and Operational Matters – Denise and Rachael

- Principal Report –
- Finance
- 2025 student numbers and 2025 staffing as of Wednesday, 20 November 2024

- 4.3-million-dollar cash budget for the school's daily operation expenditure.
- Denise discussed the funding model for SLP 2025.
- DRS Funding for SLP funding. DRS funding has increased students' DRS level from level 2 to level 3. The targeted initiative is reduced for 2025. DRS funding back paid for Term 4 2024
- Planning days for newly appointed staff and transitions, for staff planning.

Principals Report

School Improvements→

- June start for stage one of the front garden.
- Carpets replaced in Rooms 15 and 16.
- Senior area issues with tree roots and making the garden more usable. A combination of seating, decking and raised garden beds to improve the area. The current benches are split and dangerous and are being removed.
- Painting bike tracks for Kindy start this Friday. Waterplay is the new initiative for 2025.
- Containers for Change – goal is to reach \$1000.
- Staffing 2024 - see handout.

Important dates →

- Thursday Christmas Concert
- Thursday 27th March – Graduation
- Thursday Big Day In
- Thursday 28th March – Last day of Term 1
- 2024 Year 5/6 camp in Term 4

2025 Dates→

- Term 1 – 10-week term Wednesday, 5 February 2025 – students return to school.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, 12 February -Edu Dance (From Week 2 to Week 10). • Tuesday, 4 March School Photos. Enrolments→ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently 202 enrolled for 2025. Reporting→ Denise Pires discussed the changes to the reporting format in line with the new Agreement for teachers.
Other Business- Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Bowen announced his retirement from the Board.
Round Table evaluation of the meeting - Grant	
The meeting closed at.... The next meeting will be on ...	4:05 pm

40 BOARD CHAIR SIGNATURE:  _____
DATE: 19/03/25