

Spotswood Primary School
MINUTES OF SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 18th August 2009

Present:

Mr Stephen Weller, Mr Mick Brady, Mr Mark McHugh, Mrs Annia Dear, Ms Lee-ann Jackson, Ms Anne Neenan, Ms Melanie Voigt, Mrs Sharon Morassi

Apologies: Ms Nicole Dunham, Mr Simon Barnes

Meeting Opened: 6.30 pm.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Tuesday 21st July 2009

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

- Hobsons Bay Council development on McLister Street – see General Business.
- ‘Dress Code’ and ‘Complaints Policy’ – see General Business.
- Camp Australia – Taryn Gallagher from Camp Australia has been in touch with Annia regarding the \$20 annual registration fee for children and the non-compliance with Child Care Benefit for before and after school care. The \$20 fee still stands and the Child Care Benefit rebate is currently being resolved. Taryn was at the after school care program today for 1 ½ hours speaking to parents about the child care benefit. Parents were given written notification of the delay with the CCB.
- Fete proceeds – discussion regarding the use of the proceeds from the Fete. Annia to discuss this with the fundraising committee.

Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.

Moved: Lee-ann Jackson **Seconded:** Mick Brady *Carried*

Correspondence:

In: As tabled.

Out: As tabled.

Business Arising From Correspondence: Nil.

Motion: That the correspondence be accepted.

Moved: Melanie Voigt **Seconded:** Anne Neenan *Carried*

Principal’s Report: As tabled.

Business Arising from Principal’s Report:

Parents of students in Grade 1/2M to be advised tomorrow of Anne McNamara’s long service leave and retirement. Annia to advise the community in this week’s newsletter of her resignation, as well as Anne’s retirement and Vince Cafra’s return in Term 4.

Canteen – School Council endorsed the canteen being re-opened by Irene Tupper for 2 days per week from Term 4.

Centenary Committee – possibility of ‘old-style’ dress-up day for the children.

General Business:

1. Victorian Student Number (VSN)

Spotswood Primary has been selected to implement the Victorian Student Number (VSN) in our school. The VSN will be implemented in all schools over a period of time. Details for parents to be published in the newsletter.

2. Dress Code Policy

The school's current Dress Code policy was tabled and discussed. Breaches of the Dress Code to be mentioned in the policy. The point relating to the Principal's responsibility for implementing the Dress Code to be moved to the last point under 'Implementation'. The examples mentioned in the point relating to extreme hair colours and extreme hairstyles are to be removed. School Council endorsed the Dress Code policy subject to the changes detailed above.

3. Staff Opinion Survey

The results of the 2009 Staff Opinion Survey were tabled and discussed.

4. Attitudes to School Survey (Grades 5 & 6)

The results of the 2009 Attitudes to School Survey for Grades 5 & 6 were tabled and discussed. Grade 5/6 students to review the data and suggest strategies for 2010. A possible Grade 4 to Grade 5 transition day to be considered. Whole family connectedness to the school to be addressed. The School Council to revisit this report at the next school council meeting.

5. Project Development on ABB Site

Architect and Town Planner have met with Annia and Stephen. They have offered to attend a School Council meeting to discuss the proposed development. The development application has not gone to public comment as yet. School Council concerned about student safety, traffic flow and possible works in McLister Street. Annia to report School Council discussion and concerns to the Hobsons Bay Council.

6. Complaints Policy

A Complaints Policy is to be developed and tabled at School Council.

Meeting Closed: 8.30 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 8th September at 6.30pm (Meeting date to be confirmed depending on availability of Sue Conquest)

(Chairperson)

(Mr Stephen Weller)

(Secretary)

(Mrs Sharon Morassi)