



Nedlands Primary School Board Meeting #79 Summary of discussions

Please find following a short summary of Board meeting #79, held on Wednesday 2nd September.

Attendees:

Staff Representatives: Fiona McBeath, Margaret Parker
Parent Representatives: Fiona Cocks, Sally Brauer, Caleb Jones, Qi Chu
Community Members: Lihong Shi
Guests: Dave Geijsman (Associate Principal)
Apologies: Catherine Mendez, Sophie Li, Anne Gaunt

Summary of Discussions:

Principal's Report

- The external finance audit has been completed and several recommendations have been made (generally procedural).
- Building & Grounds Committee has met and the Master Plan drafting is underway.
- DoE-conducted school review has been deferred until Term 2 2021.
- Staff & Parent survey regarding trial communication platform of Class Dojo will be conducted late Term 3.
- Draft Student Engagement Policy and Class Placement Policy tabled with Board for review and ratification.
- Ongoing discussion around traffic and road safety – discussion also around the review of the timetable and start/finish of school day will help address these issues.

Sub-committee/Portfolio Updates

- Four sub-committees have now met or are meeting shortly
- Many good ideas have been tabled by the sub-committees, which will be communicated with the leadership team and relevant staff committees to be considered for implementation where these ideas align with the objectives of the school

Curriculum and Timetable Update

- Dave Geijsman informed the Board that Term 4 focus is on literacy across the school as this was identified as the most immediate curriculum-related need.
- Dave Geijsman updated board on work done at staff level to ensure greater consistency in time spent on specialist subjects and 'DOTT time' per teacher, as well as teaching time that meets the notional subject area times set by SCSA. To address these areas, the timetable periods and times relating of the start/end of the school teaching day were discussed. Staggering the times for the different phases of learning was supported by the School Board.

Onsite Out of School Hours Care

- Preferred supplier has been selected and is in the process of seeking necessary approvals from Department of Communities and Department of Education. Further details to be communicated to school community shortly.

P&C Update

- Update provided by Sally Brauer (P&C Rep) in relation to fundraising and uniform shop

School Development Day

- A School Development Day was lost during COVID restrictions, and this has been tentatively rescheduled for Friday of Week 3, Term 4. Fiona McB to communicate to the school community

Next Meeting: Wednesday 21 October 4.30pm

Fiona Cocks
Chair