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School Board Meeting – Tuesday, 13 June 2023 **7pm in the Library**

Attendees – Kim Calabrese, Kylie Bonser, Leanne Hill, Sallie Fullerton, Fern Vallesi, Sarah Charbonneau, James Pengelley, Nousha Sas and Amy Douglas

Apologies – Jennifer Sweeting, Erica Sharp-Nippierd and Frank La Macchia

Meeting Opened – 7.03pm

Acknowledgement to Country – Sarah Charbonneau

Sarah recited our updated Winterfold Welcome in English and Noongar –

Kaya. Ngalak djoorabiny noonook djinanginy nidja.

Ngalak dandjoo-koorl nidja kwobidak kaadadjiny-miya-p Beeliar Wadjak Noongar boodja-k.

Ngalak kaadatj Noongar Birdiya wer moort koora koora, yeyi wer boordakan.

Winterfold Kaadadjiny-Miya-p baal yengkalang kwobidak boorn wer djerup wer moorditj moort.

Translation -

Hello. We are happy to see you here.

We come together at this beautiful school on Beeliar Wadjak Noongar country.

We acknowledge Noongar Elders and families from long ago, today and into the future.

Winterfold Primary School is surrounded by beautiful trees and birds and is supported by strong families.

Acceptance of Previous Minutes – Tuesday, 21 March 2023 -

First – Sarah Charbonneau

Second – James Pengelley

Business arising from previous minutes – Julie Radford, our Term 1 2023 Principal, was not successful in her application for the position. Sarah was involved in the selection process as Board Chair and briefly explained the process to the board members.

Kim Calabrese has stepped in as Principal for Term 2 2023 and advised that she did not apply for this position in the initial process but will most likely apply now that there is another opportunity.

Appendix A – Principal Report

Appendix B – Annual School Report 2022

Appendix C – WPS Attendance Policy Part A

Appendix D – WPS Attendance Policy Part B

Appendix E – Amy Douglas – Attendance Policy email of support

Appendix F – WPS Longitudinal Student Attendance Data – Semester 1 2016 to Semester 1 2023

Appendix G – Brenton See Mural Draft

Appendix H – Comparative Budget Report, issued on 13 June 2023

Agenda Item – Principal Report – Kim Calabrese
Appendix A – Principal Report

Kim presented her Principals Report.

Firstly, Kim would like to thank Julie for her commitment to the school for Term 1 2023.

Kim noted that WPS is set up and moving along nicely. Kim would like to keep building on our strengths.

Agenda Item – Annual School Report 2022 & WPS Attendance Policy

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Appendix F – WPS Longitudinal Student Attendance Data – Semester 1 2016 to Semester 1 2023

Kylie presented the Annual School Report 2022 to the board.

Kylie quoted that WPS is comparable or exceeding like schools overall.

The board spoke about how the change in NAPLAN to writing on iPads in lieu of paper must have impacted results. Kylie agreed, she mentioned that our Year 5 cohort struggled as typing on an iPad doesn't allow the brain to track as fast.

Sarah and Nousha asked about the school considering BYOD (bring your own device) but all staff agreed that not all students have the exposure to computers and tablets at home and it isn't fair and equitable to all students.

James enquired if the upcoming NAPLAN results would provide relevant data for and against. Both Kylie and Lea agreed that they are looking forward to receiving results so they can investigate this further.

Kylie also mentioned that absences and lateness has also affected results – WPS is trying very hard to improve on this with our students. We have noticed that many families are taking advantage of the world opening up after our COVID closures and families are choosing to travel again.

Kylie reiterated that there is strong link to those students with unexplained absences, late arrival resulting in an impact on these students' learning ability. Integral learning sessions are in the morning and if these are missed, they are hard to catch up on.

Sarah said that attendance has always been an issue at WPS for our struggling students. Nousha asked if parents are responding/replying to our attendance letters to which Kylie replied – they avoid responding and taking ownership.

Kim spoke about offering incentives to encourage attendance. Kim is not averse to visiting homes and talking to parents about how they can get the students to attend. Kim said it's all about breaking the pattern and enticing students back to school in a positive way.

Kim also addressed a change in the "Students taking holidays during school term" as the form currently implies that the school will provide work packs and that homework is expected to be undertaken whilst on holiday.

Kim has advised that the Attendance Policy will be reviewed, updated and presented to the board via email for their consideration. Please reply to Brianna with feedback. Recommended to be endorsed by the board by the end of Term 3 2023.

The board also discussed the higher number of WPS students enrolling in Fremantle College for their secondary education. Kim agreed and said that the Principal, Myles Draper, is listening to parents and is trying hard to address concerns and make lasting improvements. Fremantle College is reaching out to Year 5 students to engage them and cast interest in enrolling for Year 7 – Curiosity Club/Emerging Scholars and their IMSS Program are a testament to the way they are moving forward and improving. Mike Gowland, the FC Head of Music, was recently nominated at the Best Music Teacher in an ARIA Award nomination.

It was also discussed to add photos of the school board members to this document – something to consider for our 2023 Annual School Report.

Action – Attendance Policy - Amy Douglas replied via email on Monday, 19 June, to advise her support of the WPS Attendance Policy.

Agenda Item – Review of Terms of Office and Board Composition

Jennifer Sweeting tendered her board resignation effective 7 June 2023.
Sarah's youngest son, Zachary, graduates 2023.
Nousha's son, Finlay, graduates 2023.
Amy has undertaken full time study and is unsure if work/life/study balance will allow continuance of her board membership.

James and Amy will be the only remaining parent board members as at the end of 2023. Recruitment is required and a blurb will be included in the next newsletters requesting expressions of interest for a school board position. Dependant upon interest a community vote will be actioned.

Due to Jenn's departure a new Vice Chair was needed.
Sarah nominated James, he accepted, and all board members were unanimous in their support of this direction.
Thank you James.

The board discussed adding a blurb to the newsletter on what the school board's purpose is. Consensus was that there is confusion in the community and no real awareness.

Agenda Item – Brenton See Mural & Kaadadjiny Kedala – Friday 21/7/23 **Appendix G – Brenton See Mural Draft**

Fern presented the board with a draft plan of what our new Brenton See mural will look like. The new mural will be painted along the balcony wall facing the undercover area. Brenton See is a wadjela (non-aboriginal person). He is very busy and very much sought after. Fern said this area was selected to welcome our community and represents all local birdlife and flora. These birds also feature on our trilingual block signage. Our students, staff and community should all be familiar with the selected fauna and what they represent. Nousha agreed that this is a high traffic area and will look amazing.

On Friday, 21 July, Winterfold will host a number of activities to celebrate Kaadadjiny Kedala - NAIDOC Day. This year's theme is "For our Elders".
Aunty Betty Garlett, Jayden Boundary, Kobe Morrison, Carly Grey and Sharon Gregory will share their stories and talent with the WPS students.

Agenda Item – Comparative Budget Report **Appendix H – Comparative Budget Report, issued on 13 June 2023**

Brianna presented the Comparative Budget Report to the board.

Kim and Brianna advised that the aim of 2023 is to create Reserve accounts for unexpected large costs that will eventuate in coming years, such as a computer lab upgrade, purchase of more iPads and server replacement.

General Business

The ongoing issue of the toilet upgrade was discussed.

We just don't have the funds to acquit towards this at the moment.

Should Kim be the successful applicant for our Principal position there will be serious discussions with the DoE about this issue.

Its very hard to manage whilst we are in limbo.

2023 Board meeting dates –

- Week 8 Term 3 – Tuesday, 5 September
- Week 8 Term 4 – Tuesday, 28 November

Next Meeting – Term 3 Week 8 – Tuesday, 5 September 2023

Meeting Closed 8.25pm