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School Board Meeting – Tuesday, 28 November 2023 **7pm in the Library**

Attendees – Kim Calabrese, Kylie Bonser, Fern Vallesi, Erica Sharp-Nippierd, Brianna Hunter, Sarah Charbonneau, Nousha Sas, Amy Douglas and Alison Hilton

Apologies – James Pengelley, Danielle Doherty, Leanne Hill, Frank La Macchia, Sallie Fullerton and Natasha Johns

Meeting Opened – 7.11pm

Acknowledgement to Country – Fern Vallesi

Fern 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, 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, 5 September 2023 -

First – Fern Vallesi

Second – Sara Charbonneau

Business arising from previous minutes –

Appendix A – Principal Report 28/11/23

Board Meeting Intro –

Welcome to new board members – Danielle Doherty, Alison Hilton and Natasha Johns.

Agenda Item – Principal Report – Kim Calabrese

Appendix A – Principal Report 28/11/23

Kim presented her Principals Report. Please see Appendix A for more detailed information.

Narragunnawali Award – Where to from here?

Thanks to Amy Clement, Fern Vallesi and Reconciliation Committee. Winterfold PS were selected as the Narragunnawali Reconciliation in Education National Winner in the Schools Category. Amy, Fern and the RAP Committees hard work and inspiration is greatly appreciated by our WPS children and community.

Giving everyone that nudge provides the momentum required. Passionate people have made the community work towards this from front desk, gardeners in their landscaping etc. Well done all. A massive thank you. The generous \$10 000 award is expected to be received into the new school year and in consultation with our RAP Committee, will be used to further enhance all the great initiatives already in process at WPS.

WPS continues to be a lighthouse school for others. Multiple schools have reached out, hoping to follow WPS initiatives to improve reconciliation in their own schools.

The School Network will be further involved in 2024. Embracing the Indigenous culture of 60 000+ years. The future is in very good hands. Organic process – Wajula people need to let go of it. Continue to be brave. Truth telling is part of the curriculum. The Indigenous community is always there but they might not feel culturally safe hence you don't hear from them. At WPS it is woven and is the lens we wear all the time in all curriculum areas.

WA Education Awards 2023

Finalist also in the WA Education Awards 2023 – Excellence in cultural responsiveness – surprise visit from the judges.

Further info since board meeting –

WA Education Award breakfast held on Monday, 4 December 2023. Kim Calabrese, Kylie Bonser, Leanne Hill, Brianna Hunter and RAP Committee member and parent Rueben Hayden-Nelson attended. Unfortunately, Winterfold PS were not the winning school.

Wananami Remote Community School were the most worthy award winner in the category of Excellence in cultural responsiveness.

Strategic Direction – Revisit School Vision

An invite went out to all existing board members to attend this School Vision session on Monday, 6 November 2023 at our Staff Professional development Day. We were very lucky to be able to have James and Alison be available to attend.

A group activity to revisit our existing vision and if it was still relevant or needed a refresh. The activity was brainstormed by all. Staff wrote own vision in small groups, then did it several times over till we came up with one vision statement. Compared to the old one. New vision was what the school was currently about.

General feedback – a couple more Noongar words. Maybe Noongar woven through it. Sharon Gregory said lower case for boodja. Alison suggested perhaps a change of 'evidence-based' as too an educational term. Nousha commented on 'global citizen'. Conscious awareness that we are all global citizens. Respectful is said twice (second and last line).

Sarah suggested - We partner with students, families and communities...

And "We deliver enriching and diverse learning experiences ..."

Change 'Kind to caring'. Add 'culturally responsive' somewhere.

Being shared with students. Number of platforms being used. Their experiences. Do students see this a trajectory that they are on?

Sarah endorses direction but Board to take it away and make any other suggestions.

Please see final result -

At Winterfold Primary School we strive for excellence in education. We foster high student engagement in a respectful, inclusive and collaborative environment on Noongar boodja. We use evidence-based approaches to deliver enriching, diverse learning experiences that provide opportunities for all students to achieve success as lifelong learners. We partner with students, families and the wider community, empowering each child to contribute confidently as a caring and respectful global citizen.

National School improvement tool to see how our school has progressed. Draft new business for beginning of 2024. Won't be rushed. Set right targets/smart goals. Other plans – school plan,

sitting under that comprehensive strategic documents (Fogerty), operational plans, financial plans aligning.

Staffing

Fluctuating. Dropping a class next year. Gave school an opportunity to review school numbers. Save some money. \$125 000 flexibility from this restructure. Precise in the planning. Opening at 348 students. Strategic in how the money is used (EA's, equipment).

Transitions

To high school, transition plans. Class lists outside Admin Week 9.
Slight concern if things were to change. If serious concerns these should have already come up.

End of 2023

Thank you board members. Time away from families. Thanks for your investment to the school.

General Business

Agenda Item – General Business – Assessment Options (Nousha)

Nousha works at Rossmoyne Primary School. Academic performance and anxiety over assessments. Constant feedback from assessments.

Tests, portfolios, learning journeys not seen by parents. Would like to see a bit more of this.

Celebrate test results etc.. NAPLAN results are provided but that's about it.

Teaching/Learning cycle.

Nousha - Allows parent to engage with their child's learning.

No surprise for parents. The informing all the way through the school year. Kim said there are definitely ways the school can look at doing this.

Amy – encourage responsiveness between student and teacher. Communication is more meaningful. Grades not so important.

Sarah – more extensive connect notice could be provided.

Kim suggested that early in the school year staff put out a note to say that if they want more information on the topics that they can ask for more detail. Can erode or strengthen.

Once a term pick a sample of some work and make that the talking point. Eg: piece of writing.

Students could pick their own.

Wow walls – child can celebrate their best work.

Agenda Item – TDS Teacher Development School (Nousha)

Can Winterfold become one?

Thank you's from Kim & board members

Goodbye and thanks to those leaving us – Sarah Charbonneau and Nousha Sas

Kim provided flowers and gift to say thanks for being on the board to Nousha.

Nousha glad she had a go at being on the board. Lots of layers and very interesting. Commitment is quite small in reality. Awesome conversations that come out of it. Positive experience for her son and husband.

Kim provided flowers and gift to say thanks for being on the board to Sarah. 6 years board chair. Was a real highlight, very rewarding. Fabulous learning journey. Getting to know the school from another perspective. Totally welcomed in. Beautiful school. Winterfold very inclusive school. Narragunnawali Awards a major highlight. Strong community support.

Meeting closed: 8.23pm.

Next Meeting – Term 1 Week 8 – Tuesday, 19 March 2024