



P&F 2022

Meeting Minutes – 5 April 2022

In Attendance:

Paul Hansen, Tom Parrott, Darlene Min, Louise Hyland, Vicky Hassall, Fiona Daly, Nicola Teicher, Julie-Anne Candeloro, April Hunter, Anthea Guazzelli

Apologies:

Aleisha Powell, Diana Newman, Narelle Berry, Danica Smith, Karen Parrott

Meeting Opened at: 6:04 pm

Opening Prayer:

Loving God,
You have heard my complaints, my impatience and you know my stresses.
It is always harder for me to cope
when I move away from you.
Guide my heart back to you.
Centre me so that I live by the love, sacrifice, and kindness you show.
Help me to think beyond my own wants
and to desire only to do your will, loving others and treating all with kindness.
Thank you for the many blessings in my life, I often forget how very blessed I am.
Thank you for the ways I feel your presence in my life every day.

Amen.

Minutes of Previous Meeting was put forward by:

Accepted by Nicola Teicher

Seconded by April Hunter

Principal's Report: (Paul Hansen)

Administrative Details:

- New Executive Members - as a result of our first P&F meeting for 2022, we had 2 parents put their hands up for Executive positions on our P&F. Tom Parrott has taken on the role of P&F President. Tom was on the executive of the P&C at Clifton Hills PS a few years ago prior to moving across to GSK so Tom comes into the role with some level of experience. Aleisha Powell, our previous President is happy to assist Tom, didn't want to be the captain of the ship, but her return to the P&F Executive is a great result for our community.
- **COVID update** – according to the latest correspondence, a range of changes will take effect for the start of Term 2 including: school events larger than class size be held with masks and physical distancing but close contacts attending school cannot attend multi-class gatherings, school excursions can continue following venue protocols, no camps in T2, parents can return to face-to-face teacher meetings in T2, parents can attend assemblies and P&F and SAC meetings can take place in person using masks and social distancing. We have had a second “run” of cases here at GSK over the past week or so, which has been challenging. Children and families appear quite “tired” in week 10 of a significant number of challenges to start 2022.
- **Fathering Project** – I had a quick conversation with Dylan Teicher on the carpark a week or so ago. Dylan indicated they would be looking at an event with Father Figures and children next term. I suggested looking at mid to late T2, potentially weeks 5-8, just to buy us some more time in the current COVID climate.

Religious Education

- **Plan for Relieving Priest** – in consultation with the Archbishop's Office, I have been made aware that according to Canon Law, our parish priest is the only person who can organise another priest to do the work in his absence. We have been working through that process with Fr Pavol and we were able to secure Monsignor Tim Corcoran for a visit a couple of weeks ago, but it is difficult securing a relieving priest at GSK to catch up on some lost time in preparing the children for Easter.

- **Stations of the Cross** – has been re-scheduled to Wednesday 6th April to accommodate the re-scheduling of the interschool cricket carnival, looking forward to that tomorrow.
- **Planning for Sacramental Preparation Program** – this continues to be a wait and see scenario. As you may be aware, we have postponed the scheduled parent workshops with the current COVID restrictions. We are continuing to work towards our planned dates for receiving the sacraments in Term 2 and will re-schedule the workshops once we are in a position to confirm those dates.

Staffing

- **Commitment from staff with Remote Learning** – staff have worked really hard to accommodate the variety of needs across the school from whole classes going into isolation to a significant number, to a small number, as well as the need to accommodate immune compromised children who have not attended school according to the medical advice they have received.
- **Agility of staff during COVID times** – these COVID times are demanding a strong need for all of us to be agile, things are changing constantly, and the staff have moved really well with the changes, which has made things easier for the leadership team here at GSK.

Academics

- **New Literacy support program** – children across the school are starting to get into some routines with the new intervention program, 4 students per year level for 40 min, 4 times a week.
- **New Spelling Program from Years 2-6** – the feedback towards the new spelling approach and program seems to be quite positive from the staff and students which is encouraging.
- **Explicit Maths program in Years 2-4** – this has been a definite shift in our curriculum opportunities in this area. We are investing some money into training some staff regarding the rolling out of this program, which we think will be a good investment for us. Our thinking is that the explicit nature of the program will be a good way to build strong foundational skills in Mathematics.

Sport

- **School Swimming Carnival/s** – given that only two-thirds of the children at our school participated in the recent school swimming carnival, we have booked in a date for our community to participate in another school swimming carnival day on Friday 4th November at SBC for children in Years 1-6. We will again design a day with 3 separate carnivals to ensure we accommodate the needs of all children at our school.
- **Interschool Swimming Carnival** – we pulled out of this carnival yesterday at the point where we were going to be one of only 3 school participating, so it wasn't going to be a productive experience for the children.
- **Cross Country season preparation** – incorporated into PE program in the last couple of weeks of Term 1. The children have been running the track in the before school sessions before the isolation week at our school and it is incorporated into our second sport session on Tuesday afternoons as well for the Year 3-6's. We are working on getting the children fitter.

Maintenance:

- **GSK is looking neat & tidy** – Clayton is very efficient with his time; the school has not looked tidier in my time here which is great.
- **Verge Pick Up** – continually looking at reducing the fire risk on our property and taking advantage of the verge collection at the moment.
- **Formation of 2 sub-committees (Resurfacing Courts and Underground Water Exploration)** – work has commenced with these two projects, keen to get the ball rolling with both of them to see where it takes us.
 - Processes are in place to get quotes for the resurfacing of the courts. Quotes should be obtained by the next meeting.
 - The bore will possibly need to be 100m down in order to gain water from a bore. Clary Powell, Tom Parrot will be on the sub-committee to explore the potential of underground water.

Enrolments

- 2022 numbers have stabilised at GSK, at 206 students at the moment. I am anticipating 2 more families of 2 children each, joining us in Term 2. The Molson family is returning from up north and a family re-locating from Melbourne.

Correspondence In:

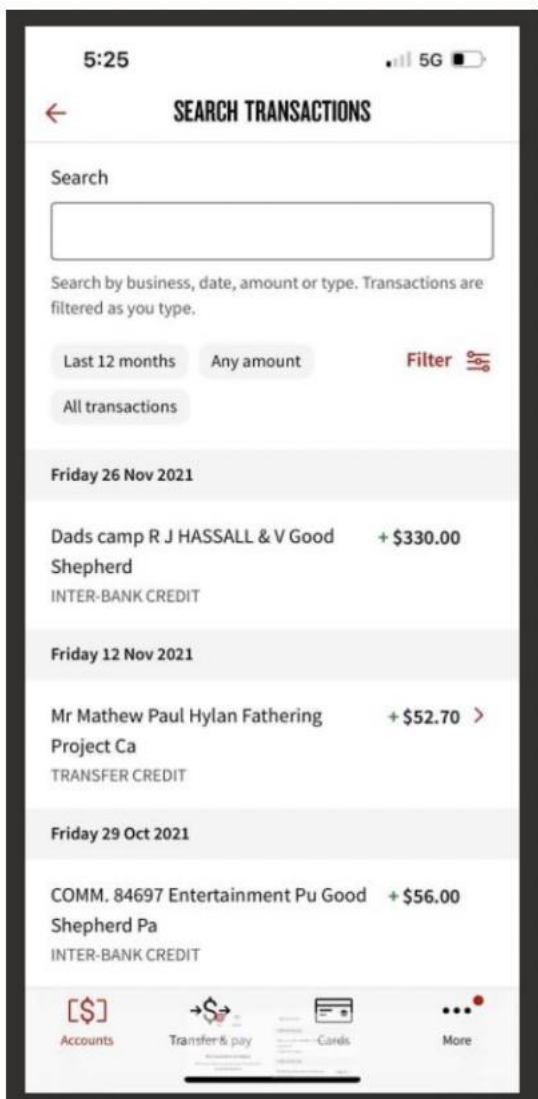
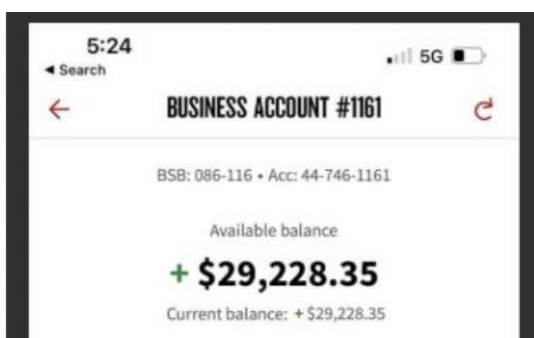
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Treasurer's Report: (Nicola Teicher)

Trying to organise handover of account access from Rob Hassell to Nicola Teicher and Paul Hansen. Should Tom Parrott also be added? Currently Aleisha Powell, Leslie Ann Dubier, Andrew Colley and Rob Hassell are all signatories. Current Balance – \$29,228.35 Nil transactions since last meeting. Will need to find a date to go down to the bank to handover the account to the new signatories.



Sub-committees

Parent engagement committee –

An opportunity for parents to participate in parenting workshops to support parents with the various aspects of parenting. Louise Hyland has offered to be on the committee. Anthea suggested a survey to parents asking what topics they were interested in. Louise, Paul and Karen will communicate with each other to organise a meeting second week of holidays.

General Business

- **Social Media etiquette** – It is an expectation that parent reps manage the social media shared by parents in the class. Any issues the Class rep should be monitoring parent code of conduct on social media and keep school informed if necessary. Louise Hyland has offered to be the administrator of the GSK parent Facebook page.
- **Recycling opportunity update** – A letter was sent to Bunnings to try and donate 4 bins for the recycling project. Bunnings has committed to giving 2 bins to the school. Julianne has registered our school for Containers of Change, and we now have a working school bar code. Julianne has organised bags with the bar code attached so cans can be placed in the bag. Next step would be to get the bins and roster parents on to empty the bins at school. The bar code could be possibly emailed to parents if they would like to donate their own recycling cans to our school.
- **Events Calendar 2022** –
- **Mother's Day Stall** - Danica and Narelle (year 6 and Year 5) are in the process of organise the Mother's Day stall. Diana Newman is happy to liaise with Narelle and Danica.
- **Interschool Carnival** – Year 5 will organise cake stall and possible coffee van.
- **Winter Uniform for Kindy students** – Kindy uniform is too big, and sizing does not fit Kindy students. Parents currently have to have them altered. Linda has ordered size 2 uniforms but at this stage.

****Next Meeting will be in Person.**

Meeting Closed at 7.19 pm