Minutes



MacGregor State School Council

Date / Time	Meeting opened 6.32pm Wednesday 22 nd May 2019			
Location	MacGregor State School Staffroom			
Attendees	Susan Furze, Gary Davey, Alpesh Malde, Liam Exelby, Eleni Birbilis, Emma Piggot,			
	Renu Gill, Jo Dodd, Danielle Walters (Guest)			
Apologies	Yi Sui, Jing Mia			
School Council Secretary	Renu Gill			
Chair	Susan Furze			
Agenda Item	Discussion/Outcomes	Action Officer	Due	
			Date	
1. Welcome and Agenda items	Susan welcomed all members and summarised main items for discussion.		Done	
2. Guests	Susan passed on apologies. Danielle Walters (School Deputy) welcomed as a guest.			
3. P & C Update	Joe updated SC members. Key items:	Jo Dodd		
	Tuckshop: 2 staff completed Food Safety training.			
	Uniform Shop: Senior shirts well received. New trolley bags arrived. Survey being organised for new shirt design.			
	MOSHC: vacation plan has been agreed. Plans for rebuilding still under discussion. 'Bush Program' commenced (indigenous perspective) – 30 students go to local park every week learning about life in Bush.			
	P & C AGM: new members on P & C. Jo remains President with Anita Grady as Secretary.			
	Fundraising: report back from funds raised from MacGregorthon, Senior sports day canteen, Mother's Day Stall. Still awaiting final figures from Multi-drawer and Mayfest.			

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		P&C working on Mayfest Committee to avoid last minute workload, encouraging more parent involvement. Upcoming fundraiser events: Jnr Sports Day, Fun Run, Father's Day stall and School Musical. On behalf of School Council Susan thanked the P & C for all their hard work and support. Jo departed meeting early.		
4.	Progress on items	To be addressed in Principal's report		Done
5.	Confirmation of minutes from previous meeting and follow up.	All members have received an e-copy of previous minutes. Minutes moved 240419-05 Endorse previous meeting minutes Moved: Eleni Birbilis Seconded: Emma Piggot	ALL	
		Carried: Susan Furze Susan reported back from 'Promoting School by Design' workshop attended by Stephen, Susan, Eleni and Emma. To arrange for representative to visit to offer suggestions for engagement with community. Discussion around take up of newsletter. Gary reported that figures seem to suggest low take up of newsletter. Facebook has more contact. Newsletter currently being revised to reduce its content.	Susan Furze	
6.	Council elections update	Constitution unclear as to exact date of first meeting which impacts on end of each member's serving term. Gary, Liam, Eleni and Jing's positions due to be refilled end of August/September. Agreed to hold off on election until after next School Council mtg on 28 August 2019.	All	

7. Principal's Report

Gary presented (See Slides attached)

Enrolments: Currently 1354

Prep enrolments open for catchment. Non-catchment to open Wk 1 Term 3

New NBN cables currently being re-laid. Damaged in Drop and Go development which impacted heavily on school phones and contact. Should be up and running by Friday.

Drop and Go Zone working well. Busiest time during 3 -3:15pm. Speed zones to be sign posted.

Bin area has been lost. Regional Office to pick up cost for industrial bins on concreted area. No plumbing to water gardens at front of school. Ecomarines currently facilitating. No funding for plumbing. Susan proposed State grant submission. Agreed.

New Principle, Lee Gerchow, to take position from 3.6.19. Gary and Natalie to remain in their current roles until 7.6.19.

Air conditioning – 4 tenders received (see slides). Successful tender chosen. Instalments to commence June/July holidays.

Prep Transition – small team, with Gary, working with Regional office for MacGregor to become a lead school in prep transition.

P&C - Gary reported back P & C needs clear strategic operations as to role descriptions, function, responsibilities of elected members, as well as clear direction. P & C Qld to address.

Steve Francis Update: feedback from staff following first session not positive as staff didn't feel addressed SOS concerns. Following discussion with Steve, focus now changed towards build trust and relationships. Gary praised efforts of Leadership team, working together with Steve to ensure staff's concerns on agenda for Steve to work towards.

Visual representation of staff's feedback from last year's meeting to be forwarded to staff next week. Feedback to be sought from both parents and staff next week to help move forward.

Susan Furze

Gary Davey

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	Liam thanked Gary and the leadership team for their response. Commitment to concerns of staff clear with action plans implemented. Susan reinforced Liam's thanks. Reported back from Principal recruitment. On behalf of school community Susan thanked Gary for managing/running the school in interim. Recruitment process very bureaucratic. Took School Council's selection criterial from previous meeting which helped in process. Susan raised her concern with lack of diversity on selection panel, particularly when recruiting for such a culturally diverse school as MacGregor. Proposed writing to Grace Grace (Minister for Education) with these concerns. Agreed by School Council.	
8. Strategic Direction	Action items addressed in Principal's Report. Discussion as to other areas SC should be addressing. Alpesh raised critical items should be at top of agenda. Council members should also have all relevant documents for meetings. Gary – need strategic direction on P & C's role. Needs business plan. School Council needs to be more strategic in facilitating strategic relationships. Liam proposed SC contact Liz Foster (MSHS) who has expressed willingness to foster relationship with MSS.	ALL Susan Furze
9. Council Governance Training	Training before next School Council Meeting. Susan to contact QCPCA for one-day Saturday training.	
11. Next Meeting	28 August 2019	All
12. Wrap up and close	Meeting closed at 8:32 pm.	Susan Furze