

School Council Report – May 2016 – 7pm.

Parent Payment Policy Review – The review of this document was postponed as DET is releasing a new Parent Payment Policy this year and until the DET releases this the school we will hold over the review of our policy to ensure that we meet the requirements of the new department policy.

Principals Report

The NAPLAN logistics and process was reported to council outlining the 3 days of testing. The VET/VCAL situation was outlined for Term 3 with an associated plan for managing this change. Council was provided details on the roll out of the DET Google Apps for Education initiative outlining staff involvement and the plan to roll it out to Year 7 students in Term 3. The MTeach program was detailed to provide council an understanding of the schools role in this program. A brief outline of the Building works was given with questions raised about the project finishing on the completion date of June 16th. Council was updated with donations made to the East Timor Youth Centre of the 80 Lap Tops.

Education Sub-committee Report

A brief summary of both the Curriculum Day and Continuous Reporting were provided to council. The Victorian Curriculum implementation for 2017 was discussed with the majority of this discussion deferred until the presentation to council.

Facilities Sub-committee Report – Incorporating OH&S

A number of projects were outlined including : Completed Holiday Works, 100 Toilets Upgrade, Asphaltting of the 500's, Administration Report & reuse of associated areas, Shade Sail Grant and the discussions had during the meeting around the CCTV policy changes.

Finance Sub-committee Report

The Financial reports and budget reports were presented and accepted. No submissions were received by the Business Managers from KLA leaders to raise subject fees, so all subject fees in 2017 will remain the same. The Learning Walk funding was discussed with support of this program offered by council. School Council passed that the School Requisite Charges for 2017 increase by \$10.00 as per the recommendation of previous council. This means the SR charges for 2107 will be the following: Year 7 to 10 - \$145.00 Year 11 & 12 - \$155.00. School Council also approved the funding of the upgrade of the 100 toilets over the holidays.

Uniform Sub-committee Report

Several submissions from the SRC were discussed. The recommendations from the sub-committee to council were that point 19 of the school dress code remain the same and that Uniform policy regarding the Year 12 Jackets remain the same. Discussion on the Rain Jacket would be taken to Council.

Student Representative Council Report –

A meeting was held on Monday the first session was held with members from the Whittlesea community and the SRC were asked what the three most important issues were that they felt needed addressing – Their choices were concern around Tertiary fees & larger police presence in the local area.

In the second session local issues were discussed - Year 12 Commemorative Jackets, Homework club, Sports uniform – being able to wear it to school if you have sport periods 1 and 2 and not having to change before the class which the SRC believes would give the teacher more lesson time. These issues are to be raised with the Principal.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Duty of Care Policy – This policy was ratified by Council with the suggested changes.

CCTV Policy – This policy was ratified by Council with the suggested changes.

Victorian Curriculum/Curriculum Maps and Implementation Strategy – The Victorian Curriculum was presented and explained.

Doctors in Schools Program –The Doctors in Schools Program was presented and discussed. School Council were in favour of the school submitting an expression of interest for the school to be part of this program. The Principal will submit the application.

Uniform Issue – Rain Jackets - The SRC proposed that students be able to wear their rain jackets in Term 1 and Term 4 as well as Term 2 &3. There was a lot of discussion over this proposal at Uniform Sub-committee. The recommendation from Uniform Sub-committee was that the uniform remains the same and the rain jacket only be a winter uniform item, however, this issue will be sent back to the SRC for possible solutions to be formulated.

Survey to Year 7 parents - A proposal from a Year 12 student was submitted to council asking that a three question survey about what influences their choice when selecting a school for their child as part of his Infomatics subject. School Council read the survey and are more than happy for the survey to be sent out to all Year 7 parents through Compass on behalf of the student.

Meeting closed at 8.43pm