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## 01 Nov 22 Board Summary Notes

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**Noel Derwort**

22 March 2023 at 10:34

To:

Good morning

A resend of the board notes from 01 Nov 22.

Warm regards

Noel Derwort  
TPS Board

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## TELOPEA PARK SCHOOL TEACHER'S MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

1 November 2022, 5.15pm-7.15pm

\*Welcome to Country: Noel Derwort

\*The Board welcomed Alexandra Mattinson as the new ACT government representative. Alexandra works with the Department of Education. We are pleased to have her work with us in this essential role.

### Principal's Board Report

#### Snapshot

Things are returning to normality. Day-to-day staffing is stabilising and excursions, camps, special days and end of year activities are being planned, staff meetings are face-to-face, and learning continuity has been maintained for students. Staff are happy that they can decide whether they wear a mask or not. We have been able to invite parents/carers in for events and programs and on 31 October re-opened the primary school gate to enable parents/carers to drop off and collect their children in the playground. In-line with the ACT Public Schools COVID Management Plan parents/carers are asked to only enter the school buildings when invited.

#### School Improvement

During week 2 of this term, we welcomed an external review panel to the school. On the panel was an Australian Council for Education Research (ACER) lead reviewer, a second ACER reviewer, and two ACT Public School principals. The reviewers evaluated the written evidence we provided and spoke to almost all staff, different groups of students, and approximately 30 parents/carers in an effort to get a balanced picture of where the school is currently at and what our improvement journey has looked like over the last five years. In listening to the findings of the reviewers, they managed to build a reasonable understanding of the school. The full report will be shared with the Board when we receive it, and a report will be placed on our website for our community to access. One item is that the school review panel invites the school to merge the best of French pedagogy and the best of the Australian pedagogy to enrich and improve our whole school teaching and develop a consistent model delivered across Telopea.

## **Enrolments and Infrastructure**

There is likely to be an increase of students in 2023, bringing our total enrolment close to 1700. In a recent meeting with officers from the Directorate, a potential installation of new classrooms was discussed.

Jason has started the process of reviewing enrolment procedures and criteria through distribution of enrolment related questions to parents/carers who have submitted applications for enrolment in 2021 and 2022. Recipients of the questions included primary and secondary parents/carers, as well as successful and unsuccessful applicants.

## **Pupil Free Planning Days and Semester Reports**

We had a pupil free planning day last week (Friday 28 October) and another is planned for Monday 28 November. As mentioned previously, the planning days recognise the increased workload teachers and school support staff are facing as a result of COVID-19. Our parent/carer community were supportive and the staff appreciate that they kept children home where possible.

## **La Grande Fete**

It is very exciting to have La Grande Fete returning to our community calendar on 5 November. It is shaping up to be a great event and after the COVID-induced interruption, we hope our community, along with the broader Canberra community, engage strongly. The school is grateful to the P&C for organising the event, in particular, members of the P&C executive who have given considerable time to make the event a reality. Thank you.

## **Provisure's Board Report**

Parental involvement in French panels - A big thank you to all the parents who volunteered to participate in the various statutory bodies, as an AEFÉ school.

Conseils de classe reports will now be sent with the students' quarterly school reports.

## **Telopea Park School project**

The first conseil d'établissement met on 20 September 2022 and gave its opinion on the proposed Telopea Park School project. The report is available on the French school website.

This was presented to the executive teachers, the management team and at the General Assembly to all the teachers of Telopea who were able to share their comments. It is currently being translated for presentation at the next board meeting.

## **Educational projects**

- The Journalistic Project which concerned the upper primary and year 7 ended before the October holidays. Several newspaper articles were published on the classroom websites. The students closed the project by attending a basketball game in Sydney.

- This project should be extended from the start of the 2023 school year with the creation of a "journalism club" for volunteer students in 6th grade and EFS year 7. It would be moderated by Ms. Renard and Mr. Besnard.

- The Yoga project, aimed at Kindy students, is still ongoing. It allows our young students to practice at least 30 minutes of sports activities a day, as recommended, and to start the day under optimal conditions.

Teloepa re-contact the college Baudouin in New Caledonia, to organise two possible exchanges (for year 6 and for year 9).

Florence would like to offer more varied options for families at Teloepa: She, Jason and some teachers were recently at a conference in Melbourne where they looked at some different models, governance and leadership practices. Further work and discussion to go from here.

## **DELF**

From 2023, in partnership with the Alliance Française, the Diploma of French Language Proficiency (DELF) can again be offered to our students at the end of 6th grade, at the end of year 8/9, and at the end of year 10. This offers EFS students the opportunity to obtain a certificate that recognizes their French language skills. The first exam session will take place in April 2023.

## **FLESCO**

French as a Foreign Language and Schooling (FLESCO) is a discipline in its own right, different from the teaching of French. It is intended to help non-French-speaking students understand the instructions, or vocabulary used at school. FLESCO is common in AEFÉ schools because the public welcomed is mostly non-French-speaking. As part of a convention, the Alliance française and the Embassy of France in Australia allows a young FLESCO teacher still in training to do a 6-month internship at Teloepa Park School. Thanks to this teaching, the "bridging" class should begin soon. About thirty students who have difficulties in class because of the French language, will be taken care of from Y1 to Y5. This will take place in a new classroom set up for the program and in small groups at a rate of 1 to 3 hours per week depending on the needs.

## **Tolerance Day – Tribute to Samuel Paty**

This Monday, October 18, 2022, the teachers of the Teloepa Park School participated in a tribute to Professor Samuel Paty. Our students from CM1 to Terminale, like all other students from France or belonging to the schools of the AEFÉ network, worked and exchanged on the importance of tolerance, freedom of thought, expression and respect for the opinion of others. Florence wants to thank all staff who organised event for this commemoration.

## **AEFE Management Staff Seminar – Hanoi 2022**

The LFAC Principal and the Primary Director participated in the annual seminar of management of the AEFÉ network – Asia-Pacific zone. During this seminar, several topics at the heart of the AEFÉ project were discussed, such as the care of students with special educational needs, projects related to sustainable

Development, gender and girl/boy equality, and the new French International Baccalaureate.

## **AAFEBs Seminar**

Brought teachers and management teams from all schools with a Franco-Australian binational program together over two days. These staff visited Melbourne schools, exchanged bilingual, pedagogical practices and governance. This opportunity was rich and constructive. Learning and outcomes will be shared with Teloepa's executive team and teachers.

## **PNC Report**

Lots of conversations about the fete and its organisation.

CO2 levels discussed.

Centenary ideas.

**SRC's Board Report**

Our Year 10 market day was a success! There was a variety of different foods and activities such as nachos, spiders, crepes, sausage sizzle, hotdogs and lollies as well as lots of games! Each CG raised a lot of money for the Year 10 formal. The day ended with Mr Holmes getting dunked with four buckets!

We have also had an RSPCA cupcake stall where cupcakes for students and pupcakes for pets were sold, raising money to help animals in RSPCA.

As mentioned in the last meeting, the school is having a colour run. Due to rain, it was postponed. High school will participate in the colour run this Thursday during enrichment (after recess). All students are encouraged to join in!

On Thursday the school will also be celebrating Halloween! Students can dress up as their favourite Halloween characters. The student who has the most interesting and spookiest costume will get a prize!


**General business**

The Board looked at and discussed the results of a survey sent to Telopea parents. Jason is analysing the findings with a view to improvement. "Why parents choose Telopea for their kids?" and "What was their experience of the enrolment process?". Further work to be done on analysing results, questions and criteria.

**Next Board meeting is set for 29 November.**

With kind regards, your Board Representatives, Mhairi and Sarah.



 We wish to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Ngunnawal people. We wish to acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and this region.

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