



Sep Board Summary Notes

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Noel Derwort

Good morning

Please see the 06 Sep board notes

Thanks

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TPS Board Chair

TELOPEA PARK SCHOOL TEACHER'S MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

6 September 2022,

5.15pm-7.15pm

*Noel's letter to the minister for foreign affairs and the minister for education was replied to and outlined NCF funding. With regard to the Australian representative on the Telopea Park School Board, the Department of Education has prepared a briefing for the Government on this matter and advice will be provided to the ACT Education Directorate and the school as soon as it is resolved. *Mel presented PBL and background information to the Board. She showcased our PBL framework based on further teaching this mindset in class & assemblies in working towards our whole school expectations around behaviour and learning. Explicit teaching in classroom. Stacey elaborated on the elements with her knowledge and expertise in this area. Jason also explained and elaborated on elements of PBL. The school's first step is to focus on non-classroom behaviour. Mel presented the non-Classroom Areas Matrix to the board who discussed it. Noel to share with the P&C tomorrow.

Principal's Board Report

Discussion about how the budget was set up at Telopea. SRA: School Resource Application. The French contribution is sent to the ACT education government as funding for salaries.

Snapshot

Staffing shortages have improved and the school has not had to implement the triage plan. To minimise risk, we continue to have online staff meetings and information about parent/carer visitors to school was published in the last Telopea Topics to help our community understand the restrictions outlined in the ACT Public Schools COVID-19 Management Plan. We continue to look for avenues where parents can attend the school for events.

Despite the challenges, we have been able to continue to run excursions across the school that enrich student learning and provide opportunities for teachers to extend students beyond the classroom.

French Funding

We received, signed, and returned an agreement for the French grant funding for this year and are extremely grateful for the ongoing commitment to the school and our bilingual learning program through both the French Government grant and the provision of a **Provisseure**.

Staffing

The School Leader and Classroom Teacher transfer rounds occur shortly. The school held an online information session for prospective teachers on 31 August. Our school advertised 3 executive positions for next year. Since then, Alisha Tooma has won a temporary position at the directorate. Further information on acting in this position to follow.

Voluntary Contributions

Since our last meeting we have sent out family statements in an effort to increase our voluntary contributions. Contributions have improved.

School Improvement

The school is preparing for our external review in Week 2 of next term. Prior to the review we will present statements of our progress in the context of the nine domains of the National School Improvement Tool supported by evidence samples. Kylie Louis has been leading the school's preparations and through cascading sessions with executive teachers and their staff, we are confident that we have enabled staff from across the school to have input to the domain statements and evidence, showcasing our improvement work over the last five years. The panel will review the evidence and then spend four days in the school observing and talking to staff, students and parents/carers to help get a holistic picture of the school and our improvement.

Enrolments and Infrastructure

In projecting our 2023 enrolments, it is believed we will see an increase in overall numbers. Jason met recently with officers from the Directorate to discuss the growth and potential infrastructure solutions to meet our needs.

Jason is working with the Enrolments area of the Education Directorate to get our enrolment information published on our website. The delay is a good indicator of the complexities faced in relation to aligning ACT Education Directorate policy requirements and AEFÉ requirements. Telopea is a unique school and unfortunately this means that standard approaches don't necessarily apply. Jason is committed to undertaking a review of our enrolment processes and criteria.

Parent Feedback Form

There has been a good uptake of the parent feedback form since starting it, many of those being positive. Thanks to Noel for his suggestion to include this as part of the form.

Single Focus Workshop

Jason thanked Board members for their input during our recent workshop. We looked at existing internal documentation and identified a number of these that would be beneficial to share with our wider community. We also spent time assessing some of our external documents.

Pupil Free Planning Days and Semester Reports

Planning days recognise the increased workload teachers and school support staff are facing due to COVID. The school appreciates the support of our families by keeping children home where possible.

Proviseure's Board Report

As part of the ACT's mobility, teacher transfer, and placement act, there are a few French teachers moving on in December. The French recruitment committee has interviewed candidates to fill these positions. During these interviews there were representatives from both primary and secondary to bring a double vision to the process.

We have a new teacher who will arrive in October to support the French team at school as a FLE teacher (French as a Foreign Language). This position is important for the students who don't necessarily speak French outside of school.

SRC's Board Report

Wear it purple day last week was a success! Many students wore purple and/or rainbow to support LGBTQIA+ community. There were many activities held to show our school pride such as food stalls and our fabulous fashion show where there was so much participation from students and teachers!

The school will be hosting a colour run soon where students will wear white shirts and as they run, colour will be splashed over them! As well as this fun activity, the students get to fundraise money and maybe even win prizes!

These last couple of weeks, the Telopea PE faculty have been represented in many school sports competitions such as soccer, athletics, and netball as well as our very own ping pong competition.

Year 10 has started planning for market day in week 10 where each CG will be organising a stall to fundraise. This money will be split with half of it going towards the year 10 formal and the other half going to a charity that the year 10s choose.

Last week, on Monday the secondary school had their very first ever book week! Students had the choice to dress up as their favourite book characters.

Next Board Meeting 1 November.

Kind regards, Your Teacher Board Representatives, Mhairi and Sarah.

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 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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