

ytTelopea Park School / Lycée Franco-Australien de Canberra
Parents & Citizens Association
Open Meeting Minutes
Wednesday 28 October 2020 6.30–8.00pm

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Item		Lead	Time
1.	Acknowledgement of Country, apologies (Mrs Blain Please Explain postponed), Chair's welcome and confirmation of agenda. General update.	Jenn F	5 mins
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accept apologies - Canteen feedback - World teacher day - Grants 			
<p>Welcome to Country.</p> <p>Good meeting with Canteen. Had a productive meeting, provided a report to Teresa. Feedback was generally good, some of it was negative.</p> <p>Grants – two not successful and one ready to submit the ACT Edu.</p> <p>Kerrie - not inviting parents into the school into meeting rooms, not having parents through the school, waiting to see for first 3 weeks of term 4. Kerrie will see what can be done on finding a searchable list so we can deliver to classrooms.</p> <p>World teachers day – gifting seeds with “thank you for helping me grow” – will take offline and try to find a good solution that supports teachers and staff alike.</p>			
2.	Meeting minutes – 29 July 2020	Larissa	2 mins
Minutes passed.			
3.	Principal's report	Kerrie Blain	15 mins
<p>Please refer to attached report.</p> <p>Flooding has happened and classes have been relocated to the library as a result of the roof repairs. The planning did not prevent leaks. One room had 300 litres of water on the floor and children's work has been affected. Kerrie has asked for a risk and safety report including structural engineers report before children return covering lead and asbestos. Library is completely on hold.</p> <p>Principal recruitment – still not advertised. As of 27 October it hasn't happened. The timeline to be in place by end of term is very limited. Some parents don't know Kerrie is leaving, by the end of this week Kerrie will send an email to all.</p> <p>New website coming and we are looking forward to seeing it.</p>			
4.	Proviseur's report	David Binan	15 mins
<p>Please refer to attached report.</p> <p>Will be part of the panel along with AEFE / French Edu representatives (??) for selection panel for Principal position.</p>			

Thanks to P&C for support during difficult year. There is distress and worry in France with the pandemic and our staff and families with connections overseas are worried. Staff returning to France are looking at a complicated and expensive return to France. Thanks for gifts for new French teachers. All new primary teachers are here and three secondary teachers are due middle of next week.

New class for special needs children coming for primary this week – a “bonus class”.

Working on staffing and funding around renewal of contracts, kindergarten etc for 2021. Numbers are growing particularly in year 7 – a natural increase due to kindy increasing several years ago, and still trending up despite students going elsewhere for secondary school. Every 4 years a review of binational happens, this is coming up in Oct 2021.

5.	“Mrs Blain please explain”	Kerrie Blain	15 mins
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - My son is in Year 8. Whilst at Forrest Primary he was studying Russian language privately for two years. At the commencement meeting for all Year 7 students at the start of last year I asked Proviseur Binan why Russian was, not only not offered at Telopea, but not allowed to be studied externally and counted as a school subject. His explanation was that it is "not an IB subject". Can you please confirm this, and if it is correct, explain why? How is a language spoken by so many people not included, ahead of others from countries where most people also speak good English. Has the Russian Embassy ever made any representations to the School on this topic ? We had to pick one from the School's languages, and then later drop the Russian, as it was too time consuming and confusing learning two at once. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It's not an IB subject but Narrabundah College doesn't continue the language and Telopea tend to collaborate with what Narrabundah continue through IB. In year 7 we have to have the correct numbers. Noone has asked before for Russian. There are some children going to Russian school on Saturday. Can look into Russian. Can't run classes with less than 12 students. - A couple of years ago there was mention of the set up Telopea Park School Foundation but then no further information. Can you please provide information of whether this was progressed? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The foundation is an association, it was incorporated last year. There is a committee that meets every term. The foundation has not been launched as yet, it was to be launched in term 2. By invitation by the last ambassador, Christophe Penot. The object of the foundation is to raise money for the school and there is a building fund or library, fund. - How does the school promote French and Australian Teachers working together? Are there any activities/program you run on a regular basis that promote the blending of the two cultures within the school environment? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All the teachers collaborate. Both primary and secondary, all gain information from each other. In primary teachers write curriculum together and decide together who teaches what. Strong professional relationships and friendships are formed. Encouraging relationships actively. ○ David – all staff receive a memo from Kerrie and David each week, work together on curriculum, share resources and workload. - What do you see as the biggest challenges for schools in the next 2-5 years? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This year was a total surprise to everyone in the community. Community of the school has become very important. Holding everyone together. The school is very important to Kerrie. The teachers make a difference, having excellent teachers and looking for them is a challenge going forward – cwill we be able to get the best teachers into Australia? Otherwise finding absolutely the best talent in teachers is ongoing. 			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The school growing exponentially and the Directorate is not keeping up with that growth. Another demountable going on the oval which was not Kerrie's wish. ○ The school is going extremely well, two national competitions our students have won, our students are on the world stage with IB. Our teachers are doing a great job. <p>- David – answer the need of every student. Trying to find the best education for every student individually. Every student has their own way to learn. IT tools, the future of education but we need to. New website coming.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anselm – are there any indications for a new school? ○ Kerrie – probably a new school that is k-12 but it's a long way away. Since 2012, the school has grown by over 400 students. 8 years ago, the estimate was 5 million. 		
6.	La fête - le pique-nique chez vous (Picnic hamper fundraiser)	Bernice	5 mins
<p>Payment is an issue. Does anyone have a contact for developing a payment gateway? Kate is looking at it over the weekend.</p> <p>EFTPOS machine being delivered back to Mary, Mary is back on Monday. We can plug CC details into the machine – this is a good option.</p>			
7.	ECA/ BASC	Louise	10 mins
<p>TKD started this week for the first time since term 1. Not too much interest in French language ECAs. Running a promotion for kindy to get some more students through but running at 50% loss currently. There was a school bag drop of fliers to encourage participation.</p> <p>Pick up and collection from ECA and ASC. The policy in place about parents not coming on site is only during school hours.</p> <p>Kerrie is in agreement that for after school hours, it is up to the P&C to manage on site and collection including those on site and . Until around 5pm, BASC will keep people on the gate. Will confidently move towards ECAs being fully operational from Term 1, 2021.</p>			
8.	Lost property & second hand shop promotion ideas	Bernice	5 mins
9.	AOB	all	10 mins
<p>Ric – board meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has been looked at, lead will be removed or sealed - School pickup. Would like to work with P&C in getting that into a better set up. Noel is continuing to work with ACT Gov and an additional site visit will be scheduled. Calls for ideas – blocking road, parent volunteers in vests moving traffic along when they park inappropriately, <p>Gemma – detailed a scenario of bullying that was not handled satisfactorily.</p> <p>Kerrie - Acknowledged that the ED sets the policies around bullying, will take this up with the ED tomorrow.</p> <p>Note: these minutes have been truncated for privacy and the general topic of bullying will recur on the P&C meeting agenda going forward.</p>			

Actions tracker

Item	Responsible person	Update
Traffic control around school / buses	Noel Derwort / Nitin	Ongoing. Bus update will come separately.
Google drive and webmaster	Kate Gauthier	
Breakfast / lunch clubs	Tricia Van Der Walt / Anna McGown	

Attendees

Jenn Foulcher	Kerrie Blain	Bernice McIntosh
David Binan	Larissa Lefevre	Subodhya Wijetunge
Anselm Enders	Gemma	Wendy Ho
Marsha Gomez	Tui Davidson	
Noel Derwort	Louise Hudson	Anselm Enders

Apologies

Penelope Andrews	Paul Buckley	Peter Claydon
Anna McGown		
Clair Bannerman	Celine Oudin	Shamus Moore

2020 meeting dates

Term1:

Wed Mar 4, 2020 – 6.30-8pm: PnC Meeting for executives (only) at Eastlake Football Club, 3 Oxley St, Griffith (02 6228 0999)

Wed Mar 25, 2020 – 6.30-8pm: PnC Meeting for parents (only) via zoom video conference

Term2:

Wed May 6, 2020 – 6.30-8pm: Open meeting at TPS Senior Staff Room with Principals attending

Wed May 27, 2020 – 6.30-8pm: PnC Meeting for executives (only) at Eastlake Football Club, 3 Oxley St, Griffith (02 6228 0999)

Wed Jun 17, 2020 – 6.30-8pm: PnC Meeting for parents (only) at via zoom

Term3:

Wed Jul 29, 2020 – 6.30-8pm: Open meeting via Zoom

Wed Aug 19, 2020 – 6.30-8pm: PnC Meeting via Zoom

Term4:

Wed Oct 28, 2020 – 6.30-8pm: Open meeting via zoom with Principals attending

Wed Nov 11, 2020 – 6.30-8pm: PnC Meeting for executives (only) at Eastlake Football Club, 3 Oxley St, Griffith (02 6228 0999)

Wed Dec 2, 2020 – 6.30-8pm: PnC Meeting for parents (only) at Eastlake Football Club, 3 Oxley St, Griffith (02 6228 0999)