

School Council Meeting:

02.11.21 – 7pm online

Present: Talia Morgan (Principal), Luke Andrews (outgoing School Council President), Darshini Heaney (P&C President), Catherine Lavery (outgoing Secretary), Sarah Smyth, Tony Nolan, Sue Sutton

Apologies: Beck Myers, Sue Procopio, Judy Ross

Principal's Report

Return to school

- Moving from Stage 3 from stage 3 + (COVID precautions) next week from 8th Nov
- Errors in some of the news broadcasting today about the rules
- Talia sharing what we can do in stage 3
- Not much changing for parents and kids
- Main difference for school is that the whole grade can be outside for assembly
- Parents only onsite if helping with curriculum and double vaccinated but school do not require this at this stage of the year anyway.
- School not going below Level 3 this year (unless a positive case then back to Stage 3 +)
- Thank you to the staff and community for the transition back to school
- School supporting lots of families and students returning with anxieties etc
- School reports will be more basic and generic as it is difficult to account for home-learning

NAPLAN

- NAPLAN overview: Talia attended a 3-hour meeting today with other principals in the Network
- LCPS – way above the state average
- 4 year target – only 1 school in the network hit the target
- LCPS only 6 points off the target (approx. 650)
- Literacy target – only 1.4 marks off
- 4th out of 19 school in the Network which is positive
- Discussion took place with the 3 schools above LCPS to get ideas about how to improve which Talia reported as useful.

Canteen / School Hall update

- Opened at end of term 3
- Canteen going well – volunteers next year
- Official opening of that area next year hopefully
- Rotating use of the new area
- Yr 6 will have a chance to use that space before they leave
- Considering whether we need a COLA over the astroturf but we will monitor to see how hot the area becomes in the height of summer

- School Hall – have not yet heard who the Tender company is. They have picked a company but we do not have that news yet.

Additional discussion points:

- Still unsure whether uniform fitting for kindergarten can happen
- Talia reviewing the Dept website
- Year 6 farewell – Can only be onsite if you have a big enough site. LCPS do not.

P & C President Report

- Bookstall was arranged with Burns Bay Bookery - \$1600 worth of books for library
- AGM on the 9th November – Not much by way of expression of interest yet from parent community to join.

Canteen-

- Canteen relaunched
- Minor issues with Munch monitor due to internet ports but dongles now being used
- Data points being installed this week
- Canteen convenor – Becky Vlok will commence in January
- No other convenors for uniform shop/music committee
- Uniform shop fine to be led by Michelle for now (shop manager)

Music committee -

- Issues with the program
- Band conductor Gerald has resigned as moving away - Replacement identified
- Enrolment numbers consistent with last year
- Music tutor contracts being rewritten (insurance, child safety etc)
- Not going ahead with external company at this stage due to some concern from the existing music providers about it affecting the quality of the program
- Lengthy discussion amongst school council members this evening about the sustainability of keeping the contracts internal when there are various higher-level compliance and insurance issues at play (WWCC / insurance checks etc.) as well as concern about the workload for the P&C president, treasurer and others involved by keeping it all internal.
- Talia mentioned upcoming audits that may also impact on what is required from the contracts and insurances so this all needs to be considered in the future.
- Increasing band fees to take pressure of P&C funds
- Tutors to provide insurance details to school
- Asset register being reviewed by David and Michelle
- \$56000 left over from insurance to be available for equipment
- Purchasing music scores but waiting for hall before purchasing instruments

Christmas Trees and Puddings

- Pick up point to be at council chambers (risk management)

School Council President Report

Student Election Process

- We need stricter guidelines (e.g. one poster, one prop etc)
- Parents and teachers concerned with some of processes/behaviours
- It should not become a popularity contest or allow for financial discrimination etc.
- Speeches should be reviewed by Principal first
- This year elections will be via Zoom
- Teachers should have input as they have insight into those children who have leadership qualities and can help message appropriate responses and behaviour during the process
- We need to be mindful of the introverts and those who would not necessarily get up on stage to speak but can still be great leaders in different ways (e.g. buddy coordinators, library monitors etc)
- In relation to School Captains, consideration to be given to how we represent the school at special events – consensus that LCPS can look 'sloppy' at these events compared to other schools regarding uniform.
- Talia raised idea of school purchasing 12 blazers to be used on those occasions. All agreed this should be further explored.

Grants

- Ideas for grants come through from time to time to Talia from parents but school executive typically do not have the time to follow up on them
- Talia hoping to have a clearer process for investigating school grants. Maybe someone on school council might be able to have that as part of their role going forward.
- Add 'grants' section to the School Council agenda items.
- Talia and team have created a list of aesthetic ideas about how to improve the look of the school – Grants could help!
- Julie Owens – MP has a regular grants update on her website. Tony to investigate this.
- Further discussion to be had around grants and how we can keep on the pulse with what is available

School Council Election Process

- Luke and Catherine stepping down.
- If more than 2 nominations then we go to voting.
- Sarah has spoken to 3 people interested.
- Nominations closing on the 9th Nov.
- P&C also need members so anyone speaking to interested parents can describe the roles of both council and P&C

Any other Business:

Thank You!

Thank you to Talia and the teaching team for navigating a very difficult year. Thank you to Darshini and the P&C for working so hard to keep things going despite COVID restrictions. Thank you to the school council members for contributing parent perspectives this year and thank you to outgoing secretary, Catherine, and president, Luke, for several years of contribution to the school council.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Next meeting: Feb 2022 TBC

End of year dinner out: Date TBC – Luke to decide on venue and advise on date. Early December.