

# Kangaroo Island Community Education Governing Council



Kangaroo Island  
COMMUNITY EDUCATION

**Meeting:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019, Penneshaw Hotel 6.30

**Present:** Maxine McSherry, Lois Wilson, Sara Hourez, Silke Krause, Matt Linn, Eliza Cruse, Brad Henley, Jenni Harris, Craig Oates, Peter Philp, Leanne Woods.

**Apologies:** Emma-Jess Gray, Hannah Buick, Elyssa Kreher, Sarah Were.

Ratification of previous minutes	The minutes from the previous meeting were circulated to all members.  These were moved and accepted as accurate.	Previous minutes accepted.  <b>Moved:</b> Silke Krause <b>Seconded:</b> Craig Oates
<b>Business Arising</b>		
Parndana Bus Run	- Letter written and distributed.	
Index of Disadvantage	- Lois wrote to Chris Bernardi expressing concern at the classification given to KICE.	
Music Review	- Survey circulated and results collated and shared with GC members.	
<b>General Business</b>		
School Closure Dates 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dates for 2020 proposed</li> <li>- Beneficial for Health Service visits and Kindy, as well as parent community to have dates in advance to help with planning.</li> <li>- Dates proposed:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Last day of Term 1 (Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup>) Staff Training Day</li> <li>o Term 2: day after Queen's Birthday (Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup>) Week 7 Staff Training Day</li> <li>o Term 3: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September School Closure and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September Staff Training Day</li> <li>o Term 4: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November Staff Training Day</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Maxine to ensure the dates go in the first newsletter of 2020</p> <p><b>Moved:</b> Maxine McSherry <b>Seconded:</b> Lois Wilson</p>
Index of Disadvantage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A review will be undertaken next year in response to Lois' letter to Chris Bernardi</li> <li>- Transition funding will carry us through next year</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maxine has invited Dr Mark Witham to the island to gain further understanding of the complexities students/families face on the island.</li> <li>- The IoD level will be reviewed in 2020.</li> <li>- If the outcome of the review is not in our favour, there are further avenues we can explore</li> <li>- The main impact of the decision for KICE is reduced funding to employ wellbeing coordinators across the three campuses.</li> </ul>	
Music Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Significant number of parents responded quickly – this shows that music is important to the Island community</li> <li>- Summary of the survey circulated</li> <li>- 78% of parents said their child would like to play in a school band</li> <li>- 62% would like to see a KICE choir introduced</li> <li>- 30% of parents had children involved in private music lessons</li> <li>- R-5 students in 2020 will have one semester of Music through the Charanga program (and the other semester will be Chinese with a Fluent Mandarin Teacher) 50% of schools in the UK are now using Charanga (classroom music program).</li> <li>- Scott Ellson will be employed in 2020 to support classroom teachers who are exploring Charanga. Scott will also work with school staff to start building a singing program/develop a KICE choir. This salary will be paid for with funds reallocated from the Zoom Chinese lessons.</li> <li>- Vision for 2021 to enter the State Music Festival in Adelaide (Year 5-7 in choir)</li> <li>- Decision between lunch/lesson time/after school time for choir – or a mixture (key teachers and leaders will ascertain interested students and then determine best time for singing to occur)</li> </ul>	Support from Governing Council for new directions in Music and LOTE.
Parndana Buildings Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ross Treadwell (Head of Infrastructure in the Department) agreed that the Department for Education would pay for a Learning Environment Opportunity Study (LEOS) at the Parndana Campus in response to some concerns re the condition of some buildings on the site.</li> <li>- Matt and Maxine met with an architect last week who drew up some general first step plans in response to some feedback from students and staff about the campus needs</li> <li>- Futrue decisions to be made regarding what will be funding by the Department, by the LEOS and by school funds</li> <li>- Drainage needs to be sorted as there is still water under some of the buildings at Parndana regardless of us not having much heavy rain lately – this is a priority.</li> <li>- Big picture – quality buildings and good learning spaces for kids, quality over quantity</li> <li>- Building 6 and building 3 potentially could be demolished, rather than spending money getting those buildings up to scratch and the funding allocated to learning</li> </ul>	Action Maxine and Matt to work with DPTI and DfE to determine how to address the draining issue.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- spaces more frequently utilized.</li> <li>- Outdoor/indoor collaborative learning spaces are a high priority for teaching staff – panel doors and decks that could be used as breakout spaces, interspersed between the buildings was one idea being considered.</li> <li>- Improvements and updates that allow staff and students to be creative with the way that they work, rather than reconstructing everything.</li> <li>- Enclosing the ‘Spine’ to avoid the wind trap – undercover play space and a welcoming area</li> <li>- Next step is to do the earthworks required to sort out the drainage issue</li> <li>- This is a 10 year project, but a starting point</li> </ul>	
<b>Reports</b>		
Principal’s Report: Maxine McSherry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Distributed and discussed.</li> <li>- Highlights of 2019 shared.</li> <li>- Staffing 2020 information shared.</li> <li>- Thanks to Lois Wilson and Governing Council</li> </ul>	
Head of Penneshaw Campus: Leanne Woods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2020 class configuration will remain the same</li> <li>- 12 new Reception students starting</li> <li>- Local Communities Grant for Nature Playground application was successful - \$10000</li> <li>- Remembrance Day celebration at Penneshaw War Memorial</li> <li>- Lion King performances including Kindy – Year 9 students, thank you to Elyssa Kreher for her leadership and vision</li> <li>- Primary Maths Association Maths Challenge entry – James Mignone and six students from Year 4-7</li> <li>- Supporting Middle Years students to access facilities and a wider range of staff expertise at other campuses – a letter has been sent home inviting the families of Year 8/9 students to provide feedback regarding these plans</li> <li>- Year 2-9 students have been working with the Penneshaw Progress Association Penneshaw 2040 Visioning – students have participated in workshops to dream big and consider what they would like Penneshaw to look like in 2040, including creating artwork to adorn the stobie poles in the township</li> </ul>	
Finance: Jenni Harris	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finalise the Materials &amp; Services fees for 2020 – no feedback received – motions from meeting 5/11/19 to stand.</li> <li>- Polling letter to be sent home with students tomorrow with an SMS to parents to inform them, with letters to be posted to Year 10 and 11 students</li> <li>- To be returned to campuses (any) in person, email or post by the week before Christmas</li> <li>- Canteen concerns – to be discussed with canteen report</li> <li>- Setting up 2020 budget to work out opening balance</li> </ul>	<p>From 5/11/19 meeting Motion: The Governing Council moves that the M&amp;S Fees be increased in line with the cpi. The Governing Council moves that a poll be conducted of all families to determine if the total charges are</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cheque signatories need to be changed</li> </ul>	<p>legally recoverable.  <b>Moved:</b> Lois Wilson  <b>Seconded:</b> Brad Henley</p> <p>This meeting:  Motion: that the Governing Council will remove Alison Berden from the cheques and signatories due to her change in roles.  <b>Moved:</b> Lois Wilson  <b>Seconded:</b> Brad Henley</p>
Transport: Maxine McSherry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No transport meeting since our last Governing Council Meeting</li> </ul>	
Canteen: Eliza Cruse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2020 Review of the Canteen distributed</li> <li>- Canteen not meeting necessary profit margins</li> <li>- Reduction in hours – Karen decreasing from 5 to 3 days, Di reducing half an hour per day</li> <li>- Discussion around food costs and volunteers.</li> </ul>	Kingscote leadership to work with parent volunteers and student volunteers to develop canteen roster.
All reports received		<p>All reports received  <b>Moved:</b> Craig Oates  <b>Seconded:</b> Silke Krause</p>
<b>Correspondence</b>		
Parents Say	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Circulated</li> </ul>	
VET for School Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review of repositioning VET within Secondary Education in South Australia circulated</li> <li>- Document has been used at KICE in reviewing and planning for Year 10 students' Personal Learning Plan (first SACE subject)</li> <li>- KICE students will connect with Flinders University during Careers Week next year.</li> </ul>	
<b>Any other business</b>		
Student awards and opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parents would like to be kept in the loop about opportunities such as the Primary Maths Association Competition to encourage children to take part</li> <li>- Annual overview of all competitions / opportunities students can take part in – all year levels</li> </ul>	Executive Leadership to discuss compiling a KICE list of opportunities / competitions to communicate to parents (posters, newsletters, STEM builds)
Parent feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Amount of screen time accessed during relief lessons (a movie, etc.) – could have been due to novel study, or Activities Week?</li> <li>- When parents come to governing council members with feedback, please encourage</li> </ul>	

	them to also connect with the Head of Campus or Assistant Principal so any concerns can be followed up in a timely manner	
<b>Meeting close:</b> 8.20pm		
<b>Next meeting:</b> AGM Week 4 Term 1 2020		