

Kangaroo Island Community Education Governing Council



Kangaroo Island
COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Meeting: Tuesday 17th March 2020, Parndana Campus

Present: Maxine McSherry, Matt Linn, Brad Henley, Scott Ellson, Silke Krause, Jenni Harris, Eliza Cruse, Cornel Trifu, Flynn Spouse, Craig Oates, Sarah Were

Apologies: Hannah Buick, Poppy Stanton, Emma-Jess Grey, Sara Hourez

Ratification of previous minutes	The minutes from the previous meeting were circulated to all members. These were moved and accepted as accurate.	<p>Previous minutes accepted.</p> <p>Moved: Maxine McSherry Seconded: Brad Henley</p> <p>All in favour.</p>
Business Arising		
New parent representative on Governing Council	Scott Ellson nominated and ratified as a member.	<p>Moved: Silke Krause Seconded: Craig Oates</p>
Letter being drafted re: Index of Disadvantage	Brad and Maxine in the process of writing a letter to Chris Bernardi about the change in the Index of Disadvantage to cancel the review and re-instate us as Category 5.	
Reports		
Principal's Report: Maxine McSherry	<p>Governor of South Australia visited KICE. He spoke with staff and students. Students had the opportunity to share what they have been doing to support the bushfire response and recovery process on KI.</p> <p>Wellbeing support for children for bushfire recovery support: CAMHS, Headspace, Uniting Communities. Unsure who is coming and who is seeing which students, etc. has been somewhat problematic. Have put forward a request for a 3 day per week support person on the island to be based between Parndana and Kingscote to support students when they need it, rather than reactively.</p>	

	<p>15 young people are involved in Recovery Meetings (environment and wellbeing committees), as well as building and painting bird boxes, etc. Young people are getting a voice at the grassroots level.</p>	
<p>Head of Campus: Matt Linn</p>	<p>Report tabled. Great start to the term considering devastation over the holidays, keeping momentum for learning going – positive class experiences. Transitional staff helping at Parndana to support staff who have been on leave. Early Years Swimming Carnival and Athletics Day were both positive and competitive. Cross-campus elective system (Media Arts, Food Processing, Creative Cooking, Agriculture, Construction at Parndana and Visual Art, Hospitality, Outdoor Education, Design and Technology at Kingscote). Penneshaw Year 8s and 9s have been accessing elective subjects at Parndana. Both great transition opportunities for Year 10 and 11 at Kingscote in future. Benefitted from the ADF presence in the community. Interviews and investigations took place. Many teachers as Reservists were keen to be involved in the school community. Sheoak Tree Planting took place outside the office to commemorate the Army's time on Kangaroo Island. Governor General of Australia visited Parndana last week. Year 10s shared similarly to the Kingscote students' presentation to the Governor the week prior – student involvement in bushfire recovery (cooking meals at the Sports Club and Parndana Pub, helping at the relief location, etc.). Gifted Parndana Campus a Government House keepsake to be housed in the Front Office. Approved to get new carpet and lino in the camp building, due to the CFS response over the holidays. Quite ashy/dirty. Unprecedented number of bookings were scheduled for this year, which COVID19 has put a dampener on, however hopefully these will be rebooked later in the year. LEOS applications are at the next stage, seems to be moving forward.</p>	
<p>Finance: Silke Krause – Jenni Harris</p>	<p>Finance report tabled. Pleasing to see that the changes put into the canteen has been successful so far. Running above budget at this stage of the year. Non-budgeted income (\$35000) is all due to bushfires. SSO support, donations in from various companies and organisations. Funds recently donated from BNI (Business Network Initiative) which will go towards playgrounds. Many donators have opted to have funds spent in a particular way (Student Voice initiatives, wellbeing of students, etc.) so funds are tied to those activities, not helping with technologies due to potential COVID19 school closures. Year 12s ran canteen at Athletics Day (approx. \$900 net). Prior debts have started coming in, potentially due to school fees not being collected this year. Debt collections may be halted at a government level this year due to COVID19.</p>	

	KICE have a choice between Department and Independent debt collectors.	
Canteen:	No report. No meeting yet this year. Students helping in the canteen has been positive.	
Transport:	Transport report tabled. Flinders Chase bus stop had been causing some anxiety for parents due to bushfire damage. This is now rectified. Parndana preschoolers will now be able to utilize booster seats for excursions. 2-way radios on buses could be enhanced – application sent to get a mobile aerial booster for increased communication on excursions. \$1700 per bus. Bus drivers are now paid by the minute, on a new national Award. Bus Drivers currently have to undertake First Aid and RAN training – under the new scheme they will be paid for those trainings (have not been in the past), but will receive less income overall.	Maxine to share previous quotes of aerial boosters with Scott Ellson to do some further research.
All reports received		All reports received Moved: Craig Oates Seconded: Sarah Were
Correspondence		
Parndana Campus received cards and letters from Colorado and New Zealand	Cards and letters shared.	
General Business		
Corona Virus School Response	Letter sent out to parents at the beginning of this week outlining school response in terms of excursions/assemblies being cancelled, hygiene and emotional support for students, and school closure response in the case of someone being diagnosed within the school community. Outdoor Education Camp is currently underway, decision may be made to bring them home on Thursday instead of Friday, to support community wellbeing. Maxine spoke with the GPs at the Clinic today, who believe there should be an encouragement to keep children at home where possible for isolation. Maxine will be checking with superiors within the Department tomorrow. Packs have been sent home to students who have been exempt due to family immunosuppression issues, etc. so that students can access work at home. Teachers are beginning to forward plan for 2 weeks in case of closure (how could the classroom work be	All notes sent home to parents need to be sent via PDF so they can be opened universally.

	<p>accessed remotely).</p> <p>Webinar held yesterday afternoon with the Minister of Education, Premier and Assistant Chief Medical Officer that essentially communicated they are trying to get the timing right for school closures.</p> <p>Some events will be postponed rather than cancelled, e.g. Year 12 formal, school-based excursions, etc. however SAPSASA is out of our control.</p>	
Australian Education Award	First round of application has been submitted to again be considered for the Australian Regional School of the Year Award.	
Information Technology	Concern brought to Maxine early this year about electromagnetic energies. Have accessed an independent expert (EMC from NSW) report and KICE is well below acceptable limits.	
Any other business		
iPads for students	System of iPad usage in Year 6 (being able to take them home) to be confirmed at Executive Leadership tomorrow.	
Student wellbeing	<p>Strategic plans are underway to support 'wobbly' student wellbeing at the moment.</p> <p>School culture focus (care, respect), Harmony Day and National Day of Action Against Bullying as well as a strong teaching and learning support (Janet Pillar and Sue Pattingale mentoring teachers).</p> <p>Derek McManus (ex-police officer) runs workshops about mental health and wellbeing, and resilience. He has done some parent workshops with the community on KI. He will be returning to do some more work with the island.</p>	
Meeting close: 7.44pm		
Next meeting: Penneshaw, Tuesday May 19 th (Week 4) at 6.30pm		