

# Kangaroo Island Community Education Governing Council



Kangaroo Island  
COMMUNITY EDUCATION

**Meeting:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019, Parndana 6.30

**Present:** Maxine McSherry, Lois Wilson, Sara Hourez, Silke Krause, Matt Linn, Eliza Cruse, Brad Henley, Jenni Harris, Sarah Were, Craig Oates.

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

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> Lois Wilson <b>Seconded:</b> Maxine McSherry
<b>Business Arising</b>		
KICE Facilities & Buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ross Treadwell is coming to assess the state of Parndana building 6 himself.</li> <li>- Two studies will be completed – 1. Is it possible to move the materials in that space to use in another space? 2. Does it need to be completely replaced?</li> </ul>	
Dental Clinic Fence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Has been fixed</li> </ul>	
<b>General Business</b>		
Department for Education Bullying Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “Connected: Within the School Gate and Beyond” Anti-bullying strategy has been released, it has been mentioned in the media.</li> <li>- 5 key principles flyer distributed to GC members.</li> <li>- These fit in well with our KICE Wellbeing Statement and our anti-bullying policy</li> <li>- It is affirming that what we are already doing many of the included components.</li> <li>- KICE Wellbeing team will be invited next year to speak to the group and answer questions</li> <li>- Most bullying we have at KICE is same age group, rather than older-younger and vice versa</li> <li>- Cyber safety is of biggest concern in Middle and Senior Years students</li> <li>- Statistics at the bottom of the flyer are state-wide statistics but the 85% of peers being onlookers when bullying incidents occur, which is concerning</li> </ul>	Maxine to forward full policy via email to all GC members.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bullying is all of our business</li> </ul>	
Year 10 Subject Choices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Every child across KICE should have the same opportunities</li> <li>- Streamlining elective options for Kingscote and Parndana Year 10 students</li> <li>- This year we trialed having students in Year 10 at Parndana and Kingscote spending a day per week at the other campus as a whole cohort for elective subjects</li> <li>- Offered 9 potential subjects as electives, some will only run for one semester</li> <li>- Parndana: Construction, Media Arts, Creative Cooking, Aquaculture</li> <li>- Kingscote: Material Products, Special sport/ Outdoor Ed, Food &amp; Hospitality, Visual Arts, Performing Arts</li> <li>- On top of this is still their English, Maths, HASS, Science but this program allows them to explore areas they are particularly interested in</li> <li>- Uses resources and spaces well (cooking facilities at Parndana)</li> <li>- What will the Parndana students do while the Kingscote students are coming in? Care group time, but timetabling is still underway.</li> <li>- The Design and Tech course has changed to give the students broader scope and opportunities</li> <li>- Great opportunity for students to link with their peers.</li> <li>- Media Arts students this year did a Swimming Carnival video – can we see it?</li> </ul>	Matt to discuss with Heidi and share with GC.
Waste Audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jo from the Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority and Grace from KESAB visited Kingscote Campus last week</li> <li>- Grace is still preparing the data from the audit.</li> <li>- Soft plastic packaging was the most common item found (small chip packets, muesli bar wrappers).</li> <li>- Discussed with the students how to reduce the use of these materials by buying in bulk and using reusable containers</li> <li>- Food waste also present in the yard bins so maybe this could be avoided with students eating lunch in the classroom and taking leftovers home with them</li> <li>- Also, large volumes of whiteboard markers and some classes were going to investigate how these can either be substituted or recycled as they cannot be recycled through the kerbside system</li> <li>- Overall, we were really impressed with the waste separation at the school (especially soft plastics, cardboard, paper and food scraps)</li> <li>- It would be great to encourage nude food day <a href="http://www.wow.sa.gov.au/nude-food.html">http://www.wow.sa.gov.au/nude-food.html</a> and Jo would be happy to work with you on this</li> <li>- The school is entitled to collection of 1 bin of each type per 50 persons on site (students, teachers &amp; support staff). Bins would need to be purchased – 140L general waste \$62 and 240L recycling and green \$67 each</li> </ul>	<p>Heads of Campus to explore putting a few food scrap bins out at play time.</p> <p>Nude Food Days to be further encouraged across KICE.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jo happy to assist in any plans we would like to put forward</li> </ul>	
End of Year Ceremonies and Governing Council representation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Last year Governing Council requested to be made aware of EOY events so that there could be GC representation.</li> <li>- A list presented of all upcoming events, if you are going to attend let Maxine know and they will introduce you where there is an opportunity (i.e. not at Middle Years Fun Run)</li> <li>- This will raise the profile of Governing Council members</li> <li>- KICE Graduation was not on the Parndana Campus or Penneshaw Campus calendar, but notes are going to be sent home to explain</li> <li>- Graduation is a formal KICE event in Week 6 for all year 7-11 students from other campuses to come to Kingscote as well as siblings of Year 12 students to attend</li> <li>- Long term plan is to get all KICE students to Graduation, potential venues being explored.</li> </ul>	<p>GC members to let Maxine know if they will be attending any of the more formal events so that they can be included in introductions.</p> <p>( Purpose raising awareness of who are GC members with wider parent group).</p>
Bus Review & Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 14 buses travelling each day</li> <li>- At least 1 per week breaks down</li> <li>- Finding bus drivers and training people up is challenging</li> <li>- Bus review was supposed to occur this week, but it has been put off until 2020</li> <li>- This is positive as this allows us to start 2020 with current structure and routes.</li> <li>- Biggest issue with buses is Parndana as all are at or over capacity – fortunate at this stage we have been able to manage.</li> <li>- Contingency plan for Matt or Tracey to travel in the CAP van to collect the remaining children on the run if the bus is over capacity on a given day. This is not ideal.</li> <li>- Communicated with parents at Parndana about changing bus runs and needing notice to travel on another note – impromptu phone calls requesting changes on the day are not possible.</li> <li>- Parndana being a high bushfire risk zone means we need an accurate list of students who are on each bus on any given day. Parents shared that 2019/20 bushfire season is predicted as high risk if not higher than 2007.</li> <li>- No funding from the Department to manage buses – which takes approximately 20 hours per week spread across two personnel, this is internally funded.</li> </ul>	<p>Maxine and Lois to write letter to Parndana bus parents as a reminder re bus protocols and reasons for limited flexibility.</p>
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Unable to secure woodwind teacher at the end of 2018</li> <li>- Unsuccessful grant application for the new SA Music Strategy.</li> <li>- Charanga classroom music program started this year in the Early Years</li> <li>- Review of our current music program to inform 2020 planning.</li> <li>- Proposed survey questions presented to Governing Council for feedback before sending out via Survey Monkey to parents.</li> <li>- Silke received feedback about music recently, so she will follow up with those parents to complete the survey when it goes out</li> </ul>	<p>Maxine to construct survey with the additional suggestions put forward by GC parents.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sam Gordon is the permanent instrumental music teacher for KICE.</li> </ul>	
Proposal re: new date for last Governing Council meeting (Dec 10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Requested date change from the proposed 3<sup>rd</sup> December to the 10<sup>th</sup> (Week 9)</li> <li>- Makes polling parents about school fees difficult – talked through how this could work (polling goes into the holidays)</li> <li>- Date change agreed upon</li> <li>- Suggesting this is at Penneshaw for our celebration dinner (funded) as Penneshaw has missed out on meetings this year.</li> </ul>	
<b>Reports</b>		
Principal's Report: Maxine McSherry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Report distributed</li> <li>- Welcome to Craig Oates, our new Governing Council member</li> <li>- Year 12 exams have begun and have been well supported by teachers with revision for exams, and students supported emotionally with fun activities happening throughout the last week</li> <li>- Range of on- and off-Island opportunities coming up: Year 7 and 9 camps, Canberra trip, swimming lessons, Lion King Production at Penneshaw, EOY award ceremonies</li> <li>- Staff Training Day (November 18<sup>th</sup>) will focus on a review of 2019 School Improvement Plan and start planning 2020 School Improvement Plans.</li> <li>- Parndana Campus hosted the Commissioner for Children and Young People</li> <li>- Youth Space opening in Kingscote that the Year 11 Integrated Learning students coordinated</li> </ul>	
Head of Parndana Campus: Matt Linn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New staff member Karla Sugars replacing Jane Weatherspoon while on leave in the Kindy</li> <li>- Sienna Putland successful in winning the Country to Canberra leadership competition, meeting CEOs and other leaders – only two in South Australia were chosen, and only 18 chosen out of hundreds of entries.</li> <li>- Sophie Were was a recipient of the Fred Hollows Award.</li> <li>- Parndana hosted the Commissioner for Children and Young People and the Commissioner for Kangaroo Island, good opportunity for students to share their viewpoint</li> <li>- Subject selections for Year 10 are exciting (as mentioned in minutes above)</li> <li>- T20 Cricket and Sports Day were both a great success</li> <li>- Thanks to parents who were able to accommodate the date change for Sports Day, the weather was much better</li> <li>- Leon Bignell has been very generous with his time, and getting involved in school life – is coming to get involved in the Year 10 elective program next week</li> <li>- Parmies award is next Friday 6.30-8pm – on and off-Island entries – a great night out and opportunity to see student films</li> </ul>	

<p>Finance: Jenni Harris</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Report distributed</li> <li>- Kingscote Canteen is not currently making a profit, which is a requirement of the Department (must at least break even)</li> <li>- Consolidated accounts going along ok, non-budgeted income presented in report</li> <li>- Bought two new photocopiers this year, as one at Penneshaw and one at Kingscote were needed. One more to be purchased for Parndana in next year's budget</li> <li>- More school card recipients this year – income levels have increased for student eligibility</li> <li>- Motions for debt collection, one family debt for \$517 waived by the Principal for social justice reasons</li> <li>- Set Materials &amp; Services fees for 2020 – Department School Card will increase by CPI 1.4% - will propose that we increase our fees by the same amount</li> <li>- Letter to be sent to all families asking for approval for the new school fee amount, and data examined at the next meeting</li> <li>- Letter to parents about the reason for increasing fees was useful last year – repeat this process in 2019</li> <li>- 30 days given for fee due date – post on Facebook or global text to make people aware that it is on its way via post</li> <li>- Received notification from the Department about Resource Entitlement Statement for next year – implications for next year's budget</li> <li>- Parameters we will be looking at in 2020 budget is wages being up to 95% of the RES, at least 4.5% of RES as closing balance. EL priorities (ICT infrastructure, facilities – buildings and playground equipment, Charanga Music – T&amp;D for teachers and support in classes, student travel on- and off-Island, staff submissions)</li> <li>- Hoping to start with a balance of about \$900,000 (below 2019 start but above what was budgeted)</li> <li>- Projected Resource Entitlement Statement for 2020 is \$9,810,000</li> <li>- RES is based on Week 2 Census enrolments</li>   <li>- Kangaroo Island has been moved from a Category 5 to a Category 6 on the Index of Educational Disadvantage: based on percentage of Aboriginal students and student mobility, and education, occupation and economic resources of parents</li> <li>- Raise a letter from Governing Council about our concerns about being moved up the scale, taking into account the isolation, lack of resources, and socio-economic circumstances of parent cohort</li> <li>- Is it on landholders or parents of children at school?</li> <li>- Send a letter, and if a negative response take it to the next step.</li> </ul>	<p>The Governing Council approves the write off of 3 family debts from 2017,2018 totaling \$2552.85 due to current School Card eligibility. The Governing Council approves sending to debt collection 12 families with debts of \$3567.78  <b>Moved:</b> Sarah Were  <b>Seconded:</b> Craig Oates</p> <p>The Governing Council moves that the M&amp;S Fees be increased in line with the cpi after consideration of parent and caregiver feedback. The Governing Council moves that when the M&amp;S Charges are approved a poll be conducted of all families to determine if the total charges are legally recoverable.  <b>Moved:</b> Lois Wilson  <b>Seconded:</b> Brad Henley</p> <p>Governing Council moves that the budget parameters as detailed in the finance report be approved for the draft budget 2020.  <b>Moved:</b> Sarah Were  <b>Seconded:</b> Silke Krause</p> <p>Governing Council to write to Chris Bernadi expressing our disappointment and that we would like our geographical location to be taken into consideration in the Index of Educational Disadvantage.  <b>Moved:</b> Lois Wilson  <b>Seconded:</b> Craig Oates</p>
<p>Transport: Maxine McSherry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Detailed above</li> </ul>	
<p>All reports received</p>		<p>All reports received  <b>Moved:</b> Lois Wilson</p>

		<b>Seconded:</b> Brad Henley
<b>Correspondence</b>		
Dental Support for Children	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Moved to next meeting</li> </ul>	
KICE Uniform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New uniform options presented to students for voting, results were very close</li> <li>- Rugby Jumper design set away and an initial amount purchased for sale at the start of 2020.</li> <li>- Students have requested the same material for the plain blue shirts as the sports shirt – a trial run would be good, see how they sell and what the price is</li> <li>- Stick with blue as white stains in this material</li> </ul>	Maxine to speak with Jas about the silky material shirts.
<b>Any other business</b>		
Feedback from Regional School of the Year Award celebration (coffee & cake at Kingscote)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Not many people in attendance</li> <li>- Feedback from some parents was that they weren't sure what to do when they visited the classes.</li> <li>- Another idea to present high quality work in the STEM building (like the Knobel Prize at the Global Market)</li> <li>- A whole of KICE celebration would be more exciting</li> <li>- Perhaps an expo added on to the Parent Acquaintance Night</li> </ul>	Maxine to share the feedback with HOCs.
Bark chips at Kingscote MY Playground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The playground bark has been in a mound for some time at the Kingscote Campus. Parent asked if help was required to get it moved.</li> </ul>	Maxine to speak with Dennis and Peter and see if help is required.
iPads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Younger students accessing YouTube on the iPads of older students in the STEM building at lunch time in an adjoining room</li> </ul>	Maxine to ask Peter to remind STEM building yard duty teachers and to explore what they are viewing.
Canberra Trip	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Congratulations to the Canberra students who have raised approximately \$1500 so far through various fundraising activities</li> <li>- Kingscote Campus Quiz Night on Friday night was fun and well attended</li> <li>- Photo of all Canberra students to go on Facebook</li> </ul>	Matt to get photo of students on Facebook
<b>Meeting close:</b> 8.30pm		
<b>Next meeting:</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm at Penneshaw Hotel		