

Waverley College Parent Association Meeting

Waverley College Library

Term 4: Tuesday 8 November 2022

Minutes

Meeting commenced at 6.30pm

Minutes of previous meeting on 9 August 2022 accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

1. Acting President: Jade Stapleton: Business Arising from the previous meeting

Thank you everyone for attending. Consensus is parents prefer Zoom as 6pm is a busy time for all. Thank you Robyn and Emma for all that you do.

2. Business Arising from the previous meeting

- 120-year anniversary celebration coming up- please encourage all parents to purchase tickets. Acknowledge that some have mentioned that the Australia Day weekend will be at the same time.
- Encourage positivity and more parents volunteering (ie. basketball bbq, there has been run by one parent all season)

3. Director of Junior School: Gabby Smith

- Year 5 Orientation Day today. Year 6 attended Senior Campus for orientation.
- Inaugural public speaking has been successful. 2 Students to attend Independent schools finals.
- End of year celebrations confirmed- Raging waters and pizzas, mass at Mary Immaculate. Thank you to Anne and Daniella
- Wingara Update: Final designs have been sent to the finance committee for approval. This includes: Parcel of land behind junior school
 - Biodiversity corridor to the Waverly Cemetery and Bronte Gully.
 - Amphitheatre- to discuss final designs with cadets and old boys
 - Natural Creek Bed is staying, Students can learn to play in nature and get off technology.
 - Rock Climbing wall donated by Old Boys
 - Wooden structures, can be used for PDHPE and are flexible areas
- Science Labs- Syllabus has changed. A specialist teacher is to be brought in for hands on experiments.
 - New science labs to contain sinks with Bunsen burners, a teachers demonstration space with cameras for the boys.
 - Building to commence March 2023 for 5-6 months
- Spanish classes to be discontinued. Difficult to recruit staff. Looking into a language club for before and after school for those boys and families interested.
- Audrey's farewell.
 - Audrey has asked for a small farewell with only key staff and family. Greg Harris has written a speech. There will be an assembly for the junior school

4. Ecology Coordinator and Geography Teacher: Rebecca Sutcliffe

Has a background in investment banking. Came to Waverley College during her prac and chose

Geography. Originally started as students of the world group with the top 10 students in year 7 and 9. This is now evolved into the Ecology group where design plans are being discussed.

When first arriving at the Centenary Quad, hedges have been replaced with native plants. The Boys have had to learn to plan, seek permission and finance. During week 1 of term 4, Uncle Dean has helped the 40 students with planting day.- Sub Banksia Shrubs, native to the Eastern Suburbs. There are less than 10% left in the area.

Each plant came with it's own smoking ceremony and each boy is a custodian of a plant.

There are 4 plantar boxes, connected to the Catholic faith, faith of the children and faith of the school. There are mother and father plants. Mary, the mother and Edmund (Rice) the father.

The Gynea Lily represents today

Grass Trees represent our future

Looking at bringing in 10 000 stingless bees to make honey. These will also bring Native Birds.

Emma and Marketing dept. will create signage for each plant.

Uncle Dean will continue to come back to further the boys native plant education. The plants are all edible.

Both the History and Science depts. Will be a part of this.

RECYCLING:

There is a need for clothing, however, branded clothing cannot be donated to St Vinnies.

Waverley Council are assisting with a separate program.

School has access to Recycling bins for :

Hard Plastics

Paper and Cardboards

Organics

There are also caddys in the staffroom. Waverley Council have advised that FOGO (as per Randwick Council) will not be feasible until 2030 due to spacing requirements.

Currently there is a clothing hub in reception for wearable clothes, shoes, blankets, sheets and towels where the school receives 10 cents per kg.

This week is National Recycling Week. The senior leadership team and ecology team will be speaking at assembly.

The boys are not picking after themselves at lunchtime, so for the last 10 minutes of lunch, the older boys are wearing gloves and collecting rubbish in bags to show the younger boys. This will potentially continue into 2023.

There are Red collection area at Coles and Woolworths. The ecology team are brainstorming ideas of having a hub in Kenny quad and taking turns to deliver to the collection area.

Thank you to:

Waverley Council

Camille and Kirsten

Maintenance and Cleaning Team

Graham and Leadership Team

Marketing Team

Jade

5. Deputy Principal (Teaching and Learning): Elizabeth Watson

- **NAPLAN**

A lot of celebration as literacy and numeracy were above average across all 3 year groups.

Compared to similar schools, Years 5, 7 and 9 writing is all trending upwards. Over the last 5 years, there is a whole school program to bring a positive outcome.

Analysed data and Formative assessments show we are 10th for writing Paragraphing and writing cohesion, the writer toolbox will work and address to continue

Numeracy, trending upwards compared to other SSG schools

Gaps via formative assessment show:

Year 5: Spelling and punctuation

Year 7: Spelling, Reading and Grammar

Year 9: Spelling and Reading

- **Literacy Coordinator**

Mary Ryan- Literacy Coordinator

Helen Barrie- Academic Enrichment

Mary has been involved with the Deakin university reading research inferential. Looking to find out what texts our boys will engage with as well as looking t reading habits. This will inform the 2023 reading program. The Deakin survey includes 3 classes from each year group of years 7 to 10. Along with this we also have Allwell and Naplan data to analyse.

School based data shows we need to improve certain areas and engage with the boys. 5 years ago, writing needed drastic attention. Now reading is the focus and detail of strategy.

- **Track 1**

This software is collecting data for staff to across across EREA. There are 3 data analytics with a trial period of 6 months and a representative from each faculty. Staff can access Allwell data and compare to NAPLAN. This also provides an overview to heads of house and heads of department regarding pastoral care, absenteeism and flag if any intervention is required.

- **Student Based Tutoring Program**

Year 12 Prefect, Jack Preller has started a program for Year 12 students to help younger students with homework and assignments after school

6. Principal Report: Graham Leddie

There are current staffing shortages due to a few teachers leaving. Replacements are coming. Patrick Brennan is currently on renewal leave for the remainder for 2022 and some of 2023 as part of EREA.

EREA:

Peter Leuenberger, is NSW Director and CEO . Sam Hadjano is now Head of ERA Board.

Currently there are 7 EREA schools in QLD

9 EREA schools in NSW- these report into Melbourne where there are 55 EREA schools. With the new appointment, there will be a quicker response. Nothing else will really change except for staff

contracts.

BUILDING:

Architects, Town planners and surveyors have all been engaged.

We are looking at 12 new science labs and engineering spaces parallel to TAS and PAC area. All have been quantity surveyed.

The Science centre build will take 2 years and cost \$33 Million

There was a very serious level of assault incident involving year 7 and year 9 students at the school. Still ongoing. There is an appeals process via EREA this week. Graham has been here 6 years now and was previously deputy at another school for 11 years. He has a idea of what is acceptable and what is not. The end result was that a student was asked to leave.

Paul Dillon, Director and Founder of DARTA spoke to year 11 and 12. WE did request he speak to year 7 regarding vaping but he only engages older students. The school is looking for a expert.

David Cobbler has been engaged to outline pornography and consent

This week is Year 10 service week.

RETREATS:

Year 8 camps coming up in a few weeks

Immersion next year to Arnhem land and Timor Leste

Orientation took place today.

MARKETING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Year books are up to date

Wavelength 2 will be mailed out before Christmas

Back to Waverley Day on Thursday

120 year party on 27 January- the actual day the College opened

COVID 19- New strains on the horizon, currently 4 students and 2 staff affected.

Isolation is required only if you are sick.

7. NEW Business

Why are hats not compulsory in the senior school- at the moment it is a little difficult to police.

Meeting closed at 7.57pm

Next meeting February 2022