WONGAN HILLS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL
PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

AGM MINUTES

Followed by a General Meeting

WHDHS P&C Association

Monday 12th February 2024

Present: Lorrice Richards, Georgie Sadler, Peter Whitfield, Fiona Yeats, Mel Whyte, Kristie Frearson, Aleisha Coad, Karen Box

Apologies: Cherene Greenwood, Eben Hooper, Susie McGuire, Lorraine Lobo

PREVIOUS MINUTES

- The previous minutes from 23rd October 2023 were read out by Lorrice.

Business Arising:

Motion: That the minutes as presented are a true and correct record
Moved: Karen Box **Seconded:** Fiona Yeats **Motion Carried**

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

Chairperson's report presented by Peter Whitfield.
Thankyou to all the office-bearers of 2023.
Was a relatively quiet year, except for the catering ladies, who did a magnificent job.

FINANCIAL REPORT & FUNDING REQUESTS

Haven't had booked audited yet
3 accounts to manage.
Need to create calendar of jobs
Current balance - $19538.73

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report is adopted as a true and correct record.
Moved: Georgie Sadler **Seconded:** Mel Whyte **Motion Carried**

ELECTIONS – ALL POSITIONS VACANT

Election of Chairperson	Peter Whitfield nominated by Aleisha Coad	Seconded Karen Box.	Carried.
Election of Vice Chairperson	Vacant.		
Election of Secretary	Lorrice Richards nominated by Mel Whyte.	Seconded Karen Box.	Carried.
Election of Treasurer	Georgie Sadler nominated by Peter Whitfield	Seconded Mel Whyte.	Carried.
Election of Uniform Shop Coordinator	Mel Whyte nominated by Karen Box.	Seconded Georgie Sadler.	Carried.
Election of Catering Coordinator	Vacant.		

APPOINTMENTS – ALL POSITIONS VACANT

Appointment of Auditor	Eion Ganzer. Moved Karen Box, seconded Fiona Yeats. carried.	
Appointment of YouthCARE Rep	Karen Box. Moved Lorrice Richards seconded Mel Whyte. carried.	
Appointment of Delegates to WACSSO Conference	Mel Whyte & Kristie Frearson	
Appointment of Parent Representatives	Kindy	Raelene Goulden
	PP/1	Tamara Barney
	1/2	Lorrice Richards
	2/3	Kady Forsyth
	3/4	Sarah Murray
	4/5	Chantelle Freestone
	5/6	Kristie Frearson

7/8 Mel Whyte
9/10 Karen Box
11/12 Lorraine Lobo

End of AGM, Continuation with General Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Incoming

- WACSSO – Election of Councillor
- WACSSO – Tanya Gibson Resignation
- Fionas email

UNIFORM SHOP REPORT

Have been pulling uniforms that are not matching.
Faction shirts are still work in progress.
Need to do more samples from different suppliers.
Maybe look at school bags

CATERING REPORT

ILN – we had plenty of helpers, and everyone who said they would cook, delivered as promised.
Huge thankyou to Sian Whitfield & students from school
Need to get organised early.
Increase price per head comparative to getting catering outsourced.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

2023 was a very productive year, but at the same time significant research, planning and professional learning was undertaken to continue a journey of school improvement in 2024, that commenced with curriculum well before I arrived. Our focus is to build consistency of high-quality teaching practice, using whole school approaches wherever possible. Other priority areas include attendance and behaviour. The final draft version of our behaviour support policy will be presented to our Board for noting in Week 5. This will then operate as a draft, with a review in 6 months to iron out any areas that need addressing. There has been a thorough review of the curriculum programs we have in place through 2023, with the aim not of adding more, but replacing where required with evidence-based programs for staff to use that are not negotiable for certain phases within the school. Staff have completed training in Letters and Sounds and Restorative Approaches (both online and face to face). Daily reading has been reintroduced in a formal capacity across Koolbardi to Yaakan, supported by workshops for parents to ensure reading is being taught the best way. As a result of the first workshop Karen Marshall will also be releasing a short summary about the 'why' and 'purpose' for the reading strategies that are being used.

It was great to see the number of parents re-engage with the school in a number of ways during 2023. Ultimately, parent involvement benefits students. I hope to see that continue this year. I was down in Koolbardi but I hear we had a fantastic parent turn out on Day 1 helping students into their new classrooms, and lots of families with both parents present. Don't forget that confidential declarations need to be completed each year for anyone helping in classrooms. These are available from classrooms and the office.

The lack of access to primary health services is of great concern. That includes speech and occupational therapists, psychologists, psychiatrists, and paediatrician. These are now statewide issues. But it means, for example, that we have students in need of speech therapy, and it is impacting their ability to read and write. Whilst we do not encourage parent to seek diagnoses for every child identified with learning difficulties, it does better help staff to know and understand the needs of individual students and implement remediation strategies to support the student. Implementing strategies that have not been recommended directly by a specialist can in fact do more harm than good. Contrary to popular belief, most students will not end up being supported with disability resource funding, but the reports produced are invaluable for staff to be provided with targeted strategies for intervention and remediation that best suit that student's needs. We put forward a request to regional office in 2023 for our school to directly fund an extra day of psychologist time due to need, and this was supported. Based on need we will continue to receive 2 days a week of school psychologist time this year, without us having to pay for this. Coupled with our new school chaplain, this gives our school a much better range and time of student services staff to support students in 2024. It will also release Lesa to focus more on restorative practices and attendance as the chaplain will pick up some of the work that Lesa otherwise needed to do to support students.

This year we will extend our furniture changeover, with a focus on Nyingarn and Koolbardi. However, these will be quite

cheap compared to the other classrooms. We are currently coming up with exactly what we want. We will then present a proposal to P&C to co-fund.

I have already emailed Peter in regard to a number of planned projects for which we will be seeking P& C support:
Early this term: redo the wicking beds before we commence new plantings, too may are getting blocked up
No set timeline: a door on the shed in the garden so we can keep all our equipment in the actual garden area.
A cement bike path down at Koolbardi
Two large teepees just to the left as you come down the stairs to the mega playground.
The comprehensive plan we had for parent meetings this term did not eventuate due to some industrial matters getting in the way. I am keen for feedback from parents about how they found getting the powerpoint instead of having the meeting. The early term 2 1 on 1 parent-teacher meeting will include results from a range of assessments and IEPs where relevant. This will enable staff to for more specifically answer 'how is my child going academically'.
We will continue with both 1 on 1 parent teacher meetings as discussed last year. There are pros and cons having them early Term 1 as distinct from early Term 2, and I am curious to see how parents like where it is and the purpose it will serve.

General Business

Camp Fundraising

Asking for permission to start fundraising for camps. Activities will include Medical Students fundraiser, Moneyboards, Mothers Day stall, no objections.

Busy Bees

Give job lists and images so we can sort

Next Meeting Dates

The next meeting will be Monday the 29th of April, School Library, 7pm

Topic of Interest for next meeting - *Tbc.*

The meeting closed at 8.39 pm

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Chairperson

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Secretary

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Date