



ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, QUEENS PARK

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 21st November 2022

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting opened at 7.00pm. Prayer led by the John Rose.

2. Present

38 attendees as per the attendance register.

3. Apologies

Telle E, Anna Tarle, Claudia B, Vanessa, Amanda, Luca Z, Laura Giovianzzo, Fr Peter, Jenny Palermo, Raquel Giovainazzo.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of last Board Meeting – 15th November 2021

Minutes were circulated to the school community on the school website in Term 1 2022

Accepted: Rich Weatherill

Seconded: Celeste Della Posta

5. Chairperson's Report

Good evening, everyone and welcome to the 2022 Annual Community Meeting of St Joseph's School. My name is Mary Waikari and I have had the honour of serving as the Chairperson of the School Advisory Council this year. I'd like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today, the Whadjuk Ngoongar people and pay my respects to Elders past, present, and emerging. On behalf of the School Advisory Council, I would like to thank you for attending tonight and for your support of our school community.

The role of the School Advisory Council is to bring the voice of the community into the school and contribute to building a Catholic culture,

and to support the principal and leadership with an advisory role in the financial management of the school. This year, in line with the new constitution, we met once per term – the first meeting taking place via Teams due to covid. The School Advisory Council has worked closely with John Rose on several major projects, striving to improve and benefit the school. On behalf of the School Advisory Council, I would like to thank John for his continued hard work and effort throughout the year.

The derelict house near the kindy carpark was demolished at the beginning of last year. After some re-zoning delays, this area was converted into a staff carpark in 2022, which has definitely helped to ease the congestion in the mornings and afternoons.

In the middle of the year, the carpets in years 4, 5 and 6, and the vinyl in the middle classrooms were replaced. The carpets in the downstairs classrooms (Years 1, 2 and 3) will be replaced in 2023. This fresh update looks great and the vinyl in the shared spaces is much more user friendly.

One other project that is currently underway is the plexipaving of the sports courts. Not only will this update look great but will be a much better surface for the children to play and compete on.

The P&F have been responsible for more great fundraisers this year, as well as the morning teas, and coffee drives. These events all contribute to the school's wonderful culture of community and togetherness, whilst raising much needed and valued funds for a variety of causes. Their \$10,000 contribution towards Home Readers and Literacy Pro this year is very much appreciated. Thank you to Kirsty, Stu and all of the P&F for all of your hard work throughout 2022. We look forward to the Family Fun Night on Friday. I am sure that the addition of amusement rides this year is going to be a huge hit for everyone who attends.

To the staff of St Joseph's School, thank you for another wonderful year. We recognise and greatly appreciate the hard work, love and care that you show all of the children at our school. On behalf of the parents, I thank you!

Thank you to the Advisory Council members' of 2022 – Father Peter and Laura Giovinazzo (our Parish representatives), Cathy Turner (Secretary), Jacob Delfos (Treasurer), Kirsty Gill (P&F representative), Rich Weatherill, Tanya Ellis, and Lynn Tomlinson, and Bec Bowen who also attended meetings. I would also like to acknowledge Catherine Milbrandt who was a member on the School Advisory Council in 2021 but left the school at the end of last year.

Tonight's ACM is Jacob's last as a member of the School Advisory Council. Jacob has served for six years, two of those as Treasurer. On behalf of the School Advisory Council, I would like to thank Jacob for his valuable contribution over the past six years.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Christmas. Enjoy the break and thank you again for your attendance tonight.

6. Principal's Report

I would like to thank Fr Peter for his spiritual leadership. Thank you, Fr Peter, for over 40 years' service to the Queens Park Norbertine community. On the 9 December there will be a mass to celebrate 40 years' service as a priest in Queens Park. This is a very rare feat, and I would like to publicly thank Fr Peter for his long commitment to our school and the parish.

We have had our challenges in 2022 as we have transitioned from our borders being closed, isolation periods changing and now living with COVID. I would like to thank our whole staff for adapting to various conditions but always having the needs of the students as a priority.

I would like to say thanks to our leadership team which in 2022 we had Ms Bowen and Mrs Tomlinson who have supported the St Joseph's community. Thanks to Bec and Lynn for your expertise and wisdom, it has been greatly appreciated by everyone.

In 2022 St Joseph's again comfortably performed above the Australian Standard in all ten areas assessed in NAPLAN. This is a credit to all staff from PK – Yr 6 and to all students and families.

In 2022 the School Advisory Council looked at major capital expenditure items in the carpark which was recently completed. These extra bays have reduced congestion and will be particularly beneficial during construction of the overhead rail line in 2023. We have planned to complete plex paving the basketball courts which will now be partially completed in 2022 and finalised in 2023. In 2022 new carpets were laid in Yr 4-6 with Yr 1-3 classrooms being completed in 2023.

I would also like to recognise and thank our administration staff who have had to continue to be agile with COVID.

Our teachers for 2023 at the moment will be.

PK

Ellie Costantino

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Bec Bowen & Dani Scott

PP	Katrina Malcolm & Helen Petch
Yr 1	Celeste Della Posta & Andrea Lewis
Yr 2	Tania Valenti & Anna Tarle
Yr 3	Fran Drummond-Hay & Aoife Cooksley/Dorothy Rodrigues
Yr 4	Judyline Vales de Menezes/Melissa Edmunds & Olivia Palermo
Yr 5	Emma Reid/Tenneille Eoannidis & Lynn Tomlinson/Amy Williams
Yr 6	Jamie Burns & Danielle Devereux
Literacy Coordinator	Emma Reid
Italian	Bruna Fiorentino
Learning Support	Gemma Tsang/Viv Ward
Library	Dorothy Rodrigues
Art	Rose McGrath
Science	Kerrie Cogger
PE	William Harris
PA	Ellie Costantino

We are still finalising our roles for all our dedicated educational assistants.

At the end of last term, we were fortunate to have a Professional Development Day with Pasi Sahlberg, a renowned globally educator who talked about the benefits of play. He will be talking to our parents this Thursday from 2-3pm. We are looking at enhancing our play, particularly in our Year 1-6 classes. In 2022 we commenced our journey with Ben Saulesman, CEWA Numeracy Consultant, to continue staffs pedagogy development.

I would like to thank our P & F for their vibrant work in continuing to develop a sense of community and fundraising activities. Thanks to Kirsty, Belinda, Melissa, Anita and your sea of helpers that help make our P & F what it is. I would like to thank Kirsty for putting your hand up and taking on this onerous role. We are all looking forward to the Family Fun Night this Friday!

To our School Advisory Council Fr Peter, Mary, Jacob, Rich, Cathy, Tania, Laura, and Kirsty. I have appreciated your insight, support and wisdom throughout 2022. St Joseph's is in a good place financially position due to previous and current Board's sound administration. I would like to thank Jacob who has been on our Board and Council over the last six years and most recently been our Treasurer. Jacob is always thorough and thoughtful, and we will miss his insight next year.

In 2022 are saying goodbye to some amazing staff. Thanks to Liz Rowles who worked as our IT Technician for over ten years. Liz is greatly missed, and we wish her all the best with her grandchildren and caravanning. Thanks to Annemarie Hoyne for six years' service to the students of our school. Annemarie was our literacy coordinator who always had our students at heart. Thanks to Mary Coates who has worked as a classroom teacher, an Assistant Principal and librarian over five years at St Joseph's. Mary has great insight and will be missed by us all and I thank Mary for her leadership skills, particularly through COVID. Jackie Connolly will be taking some long service leave in 2023 and continuing as a relief teacher in 2023. We thank Jackie for her ability to step into any role to support our students. Thanks also to Narelle Pyne, Kaliya Tribbeck, Keighley Malcolm and Emma McHardie who have worked at St Joseph's in 2022. Your enthusiasm and passion for the students will be missed.

To the students of St Joseph's, it is our privilege to serve you. You are the reason we enjoy our jobs so much and we have enjoyed supporting you.

On behalf of the School community may you and your families rejoice in the birth of our Lord this Christmas.

7. Treasurer's Report

Please refer the attachment "AGM 2022" for the Treasurer's Report under Financial Results.

8. Confirmation of Council Membership

Jacob Delfos is retiring after 6 years on the Council. Mary Waikari, Cathy Turner and Rich Weatherill are renominating. New nomination received from David Anderson and Dean Gorey.

The 2023 School Advisory Council consists of:

Mary Waikari – Voted for further 2 years

Cathy Turner – Voted for further 2 years (finishing in November 2023 due to Erik graduating in 2023).

Rich Weatherill – Voted for further 2 years

Tanya Ellis – Continuing from 2021

David Anderson – Voted for 2 years

Dean Gorey – Voted for 2 years

Ex Officio Members

Fr. Peter Joseph – Parish Priest

John Rose – Principal

Laura Giovinazzo – Parish Representative

P&F Representative – Kirsty Gill

9. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 7.45 PM