

Minutes of 117th School Council Meeting for Jockey Club Sarah Roe School

Held Tuesday 10 March 2020

Meeting held via zoom.

Chair: Anna Cheung (AC) Minute taker: Sandra Feran

Attendees: Karin Wetselaar (KW), Belinda McLaughlin (BM), Holly Manning (HM), Karen Carmody (KC), Kim Anderson (KA), Simon Wood (SW), Sandra Feran (SF) Sudesh T (by invitation to observe with the potential of being Community Rep)

Apologies: Rita Au (RA), Alan Milliken (AM)

1. Minutes of previous meeting – Approved BM, Seconded SF

Actions from previous minutes- School Council members that were no longer receiving JCSR School newsletters have now been reinstated and receiving newsletters.

Teachers representative Jackie Newman withdrew her interest. Karen Comody has taken up the position.

2. Review of Principal's report:

Students have attended 3 weeks of school this year due to Covid-19. Staff has been working from home since 3rd February. Staff is now returning to school from 10 March based on Health and Safety requirements and guidelines.

NPDL – New Pedagogy for Deep Learning (update from BM)

Due to the Covid-19 there has been no time to connect with staff. There have only been 3 weeks of contact time between Christmas and Chinese New Year.

This time has been taken to review previous competency materials. Citizenship has been selected as the Global competency and Belinda is looking to implement in Term 3

BM and KC had been to an NPDL moderation session and reviewed skills to bring back to JCSRS staff.

EA access and Vocational Placement – a breakthrough with KGV; KGV have started to take access from Ruby Class. Students are accessing at KGV and 1 student at WIS. This is based on a fortnightly timetable.

Hanna has a full timetable and has a versatile, flexible and teaching style. KA questioned “proof of support” as this is essential for the Council to make a decision on how the next year of support is going to be supported and funded. Is the next meeting (June) early

enough for the School Council to have enough information to make a decision going forward for the next school year?

Action – KW to look at staffing budget and bring a proposal for this position for 2021.

Class suspension and home learning – links to supporting documents from Gold class and Ruby class were provided by KW. Steady structure of home learning provided. Feedback from parents via early survey. Teachers getting better at differentiation as weeks go by and thus Home Learning continues to evolve. EAs get involved with home learning via Zoom and becoming more efficient with new technology.

KW – Thank you to everyone for their time, effort and patience.

School events have been cancelled – No Camp, No Art Exhibition

KA – Thank you to staff from the School Council for support. Update – KW shared with staff at zoom on Friday 13 March

To come – Book Week (online) dress up with games and activities for students to participate in. There is more engagement with students when they can see teachers and fellow students on Zoom.

Staffing – Parent Funded EAs paid by JSCR School for the first 2 weeks of class suspension. From that time some parent contribution with two families unwilling or unable to pay. Both KA and SF supported this commitment. Consistency of support is vital to our students.

Action – Review and update at meeting on 10 June.

IEPs will be held via Zoom. Positive feedback from some parents regarding the VLE evidence available.

School placements – 3 transfers coming in, 1 from KGV and 2 from BHS with a further 4 spaces available from the waiting list.

3. Finance Meeting – no outstanding items.
4. Budget – with Rita away, BM, KW, Shirley Wong are working on the budget. Followed up discussions with Mike Watson and refunds for cancelled activities.
5. HR and Learning – No outstanding items.
6. PTA report by SW

Subsequent to last School Council, John Stewart from ESFC has agreed to buy the next school bus, and it will fall to ESFC to provide future buses. Specification for the new bus has been finalized. SW to follow up with where the bus order is.

With the social unrest in November, and the school closure in February and March, the PTA has agreed to reimburse all parents for bus fees. SW reminded us that we need to

be sensitive towards the wider ESF community as the JCSRS PTA are fortunate to be in a slightly unusual situation as compared to the wider ESF.

The PTA now have a float and looking to the school for worthy uses for the donation to the school. PTA to have a meeting as soon as possible to discuss.

7. AM report. KW shared the words of thanks from AM. No ESF report provided at this meeting.

8. AOB- Shirley Wong and Paul (bus driver) are turning 60. KW has asked for approval from the Council to extend their contracts for 1 more year. There was unanimous support from all members of the Council to proceed with the contract.

Close of Meeting: 5:05pm