



**Wales Street Primary School**  
**Summary of School Council minutes**  
**6 December 2017**

**Meeting No:** 8      **Time:** 7.06pm      **Duration:** 1 hr 38 min      **Location:** Staff room      **Minute taker:** Secretary      **Time keeper:** Chair

<b>Meeting objective:</b>	To provide governance to the school and advice/recommendations to the principal, as the employer's representative, about matters related to the long-term planning and operation of the school
<b>Present:</b>	Fiona Clarke, Jenny Deeble, Michael Greenwood, Pina Ioannidis, Robyn Owens, Royce Monk, Phillip Papastamatopoulos, Susan Rennie, Lucy Thornton, Christian Woodcock
<b>In attendance:</b>	Michael Hann, Cameron Schmelitschek, Tracy Houston,
<b>Apologies:</b>	Justin George, Sue Losada, Maurizio Tagliano
<b>Chair:</b>	Lucy Thornton

	Item	Action
1.	<b>Minutes of the last meeting, dated 25 October 2017</b> Notification of amendments to minutes (adjusted date and meeting number). Respectful Relationships Day to be held December 15	
2.	<b>Business arising from the minutes</b> School Council approved the increase in fees for SAC, to take effect from commencement of Term 1, 2018.	
3.	<b>Financial reports to date</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General discussion covered student numbers for 2018 and impact on deficit, and improvement in current family contributions collection rate.</li> <li>• Operating Statement and Balance Sheets as at 31 October 2017 tabled and approved.</li> <li>• Indicative Budget 2018 tabled and approved.</li> </ul>	
4.	<b>FASE updates</b> Great Ideas Grant applications tabled for review and approval.	
5.	<b>Michael Hann – playground and open spaces presentation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school has been looking at opportunities presented by the current master planning process to incorporate 'nature play' into our open spaces. Michael Hann joined the meeting to</li> </ul>	

	<p>discuss the theory and evidence supporting the importance of nature play opportunities in schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential scope to fund the development of these areas with FASE funds.</li> <li>• School Council, in conjunction with Michael Hann and the FASE team, are looking at running a series of workshops beginning involving families and staff.</li> </ul>
6.	<p><b>Strategic issues</b> Nil</p>
7.	<p><b>Reports</b> <b>Principal's Report (presented by Christian)</b></p>
8.	<p><b>Other business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Council extended thanks to all sub-committee convenors and members, who volunteered their time and efforts to these endeavours over the past year. Acknowledged the contributions of our longstanding members, Linda Cooke and Anne Marie Duncan.</li> <li>• Approved the early finish time on the final day of school for 2017.</li> </ul>
9.	<p><b>Correspondence</b> None presented</p>
10.	<p><b>Meeting closed:</b> 8:47 pm <b>Next meeting:</b> Wed 21 February 2018, 7pm</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building relationships</li> <li>• Doing what we say we are going to</li> <li>• Being active listeners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being open minded to change</li> <li>• Being considerate of others</li> <li>• Nurturing a positive environment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Setting goals</li> <li>• Being flexible</li> <li>• Sharing ideas and information</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being enthusiastic</li> <li>• Being organised</li> <li>• Reflecting on what we do</li> </ul>
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