

BOT Update: Headlines from the October 2020 Meeting

A full copy of the minutes of this meeting are available from the Main Office.

This was our 7th meeting for the school year. Because any meeting in October generally has a lighter agenda, we fitted in some “meaty” items to work through. It was just as well the number of items were low, as our discussion made this into one of our longer meetings of the year.

This month we covered the Charter Review feedback, 9 Policy/Procedure reviews, Multi Turf Update, Review of the Privacy Act 2020 along with our usual items. The summary is:

- We walked through and updated where necessary our policies/procedures on:
 - Community Consultation
 - Curriculum Self-Review
 - Reporting
 - School Review
 - Drugs
 - Alcohol
 - Behaviour Management
 - Complaints Concerning Students
 - Non-Violent School.

- David and Jock updated us on the Multi-turf project. Because we have determined that a turf with a roof would be far more valuable to the school than just a turf, work is being done on getting pricing and designs. We are targeting to be able to give the “go ahead” to this project, having received the extra information around roofing, at our next meeting

- Twelve months ago, we went out to our community to with a questionnaire to review our charter. We received over 200 responses. Our plan was to provide an overview of the feedback received, after its compilation and review by us and the Senior Leadership Team early this year. With the COVID19 “spanner in the works” this year, this was one of those projects that was delayed. We spent a reasonable amount of time at this meeting working through the overview of the review feedback so that we could get it back to our school community before year end.

- A reasonable discussion was held over the Property Report this time around, as the BOT has been asked to assist with funding the “F” Block upgrade. This is because a decision was made to use underspent capital (MOE) funding from our last capital budget to go towards this upgrade. There is a difference between what was available from the underspend and the quotes that have been received to do the upgrade. In principle, the BOT agreed it is not against doing the upgrade properly, we just required more information before committing fully. Tony and I obtained this extra information post meeting, so

the BOT, via an email motion, agreed to funding the extra on this upgrade so that it can be done over these upcoming Christmas Holidays.

- The usual Principal's Report, Health and Safety Report, Financial Report and last meeting's minutes were tabled (verbally) and discussed where necessary.
- Some time this meeting was spent discussing a staff request that was received through correspondence, which was a little outside the normal requests received. Being a "good employer" we wanted to give the request fair deliberation.
- The BOT had a discussion over the number of times we receive "late items", which most times is staff correspondence. They are late items because they arrive after the meeting pack has been sent out. The meeting packs are targeted to be sent out by the Friday of the week prior to the meeting so that the BOT members have enough time to read and assimilate so that the majority of our meeting time is spent discussing items. We have therefore requested that the staff are reminded of our timelines so that if they have anything, they want the BOT to consider, they work on the earlier date.

Our next meeting is currently scheduled be held Wednesday 2nd December 2020 at 6.00pm in the Staff Room. As is usual the meetings are open to all so if you are interested in what we get up to, do come along and see and hear what we do; you are most welcome.

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