Board Update: Headlines from the October 2022 Meeting

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

This was 7th meeting for the school year, and unlike last year, we were able to meet in person. Because an October meeting generally has a lighter agenda, it was a good meeting for the new Student Rep to attend for the first time. Having received a resignation earlier last month and notifying the school community of our plan to fill the vacancy by selection unless we received enough support for a by-election, we started the meeting with selecting Nick Hewlett back onto the Board.

This month we had an update on the Multi-Sports Turf project along with our usual items. The summary is:

- Jock updated us on the Multi-Sports Turf project. We have paid our next amount owed, as the building consent has been received and it looks like work will start on the 27th of November, with a 4 week build for the roof.
- It was good to see that the student elections could be held this year, and we welcomed Avé Culpan onto the Board.
- The usual Principal's Report was discussed by Tony, with many items highlighted that are happening at the school. A few points in further detail are:
 - With the proposed school funding for next year having been received, Tony had a look to see how the new school rating system (equity index) may have affected our school funds. At this stage it looks like we will receive more than we have so we will be considering how that is best utilised across our school.
 - We discussed staffing for 2023 with staff now considering their positions for next year (those thinking of a career change, retirement, moving elsewhere).
 - The SLT are reviewing the best way to set classes to ensure the best outcomes for all the students and evaluating the pilot of the new numeracy and literacy standards (coming in for 2024).
 - There is a paid union meeting (PPTA) on 29th November so school will close after Period 3 (12.30pm)
- The Health and Safety Report was received which discussed a Worksafe audit that had been scheduled for the school regarding the Hard Materials learning spaces. While we had some items that needed to be attended to, the feedback was that our systems were in a far better state than many others.
- The Financial Report was tabled, and some time was spent on this to give the new Board members an understanding of how the report has been designed to assist them with the financial management and the sort of things to be on the lookout for.

Our next meeting is currently scheduled be held Wednesday 23rd November 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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