



Wagaman School Council Annual General Meeting

Date: 7 March 2016 Meeting opened: 6:00pm

Present: Cathy Malla, Keogh Conboy, Michaele Armstrong, Maree Mappas, Michele Cody, Vicki Collister, Dane Russell, Brett Murphy, Suvi Higlett, Carmen Rautoka, Nardene Murphy, Dannielle Toka

Apologies: Peter Styles, Emma Darby, Jacqueline Cavanagh

Michele welcomed everybody and all introduced themselves stating their name and what they do. Michele went on to explain information on COGSO and the roles and responsibilities of School Council members giving a brief description on 'What School Councils Do- Roles and Responsibilities'. Michele explained that School Councils have financial responsibility for school funds and are the employers of casual staff i.e. support staff, garden and cleaning contractors etc. Schools operate on calendar year not financial year and audit is completed at end year to be presented at AGM in March.

Minutes of previous AGM tabled

Moved: Cathy Malla

Seconded: Vicki Collister

Principal Report tabled

Global School Budgets 'GSB' were introduced to schools late in 2014 with a small amount of training given to schools. 2015 was the first full year that schools had to become familiar with the GSB. The school autonomy model does enable more flexibility with staffing allocation and deployment. All school government employees' wages are held against this budget where Principals and Business Managers have to monitor the progress throughout the year. *Cash Budgets* are given to schools early January and July for items such as Power & Water, Maintenance of the school, Relief Teacher wages (replacing teachers when on leave). Wagaman Child Care Centre is owned by the School Council – we have a 99 year crown lease and the centre has been an enterprise of the School Council since 1992 gifted by the government at the time. It is the School Council's responsibility for the upkeep of the childcare centre. Rental income received annually is utilised as a fundraising enterprise. We also have The Brat Pack use the school site operating an Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) business five days per week plus all the school holidays which is another value add service and source of income for the School Council. Ten other schools utilise this child care service on a regular basis and as the landlords we and The Brat Pack have to meet National Quality Standards.

Last year the School Council approved the use of Council funds in bank accounts and earmarked various amounts for the purchase of a variety of items in the future, a new school bus for approximately \$100,000 is one item. The current bus the school has was purchased about ten years ago second hand. The school bus gets used on a regular basis and is a big saving to students and parents due to us not having to hire buses from outside sources.

In 2015 over \$120,000 was spent of School Councils' funds on a new play-space for Early Childhood students and was money well spent.

Minor New Works: Education Department – Infrastructure Division will be able to tell us in May if our school was successful with the Minor New Works application that was submitted earlier in the year. The wish list that was submitted included items such as a new covered in walk way adjacent to the grassed area along Block C & D, new ablution block in the Pre School, a new monster fan for the assembly area and new irrigation.

The **Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)** is a nationwide data collection of early childhood development at the time children commence their first year of full-time school. The Instrument collects data relating to five key areas of early childhood development referred to as 'domains', these include:

- Physical health and well being
- Social competence
- Emotional maturity
- Language and cognitive skills
- Communication skills and general knowledge

The AEDC domains have been shown to predict later health, wellbeing and academic success. the 2015 census outcomes will guide our improvement agenda in coming year/s.

Moved: Michele Cody
Seconded: Suvi Higlett

Treasurer's Report tabled in the form of the Auditor's Report for 2015

Moved: Maree Mappas
Seconded: Michael Armstrong

Nomination of Auditor for coming year:

Susanne Lee & Associates P/L for one year.

Moved: Maree Mappas
Seconded: Michael Armstrong

Election of Council members

Continuing members: Cathy Malla, Keogh Conboy

Members not continuing: Margaret Jensen, Lois Ramsay, Emma Darby

All other positions declared vacant.

Nominations received:

Nardene Murphy (self nominated) Seconded by Carmen Rautoka

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Dannielle Toka (Nardene Murphy) Seconded by Suvi Higlett

Jacqueline Cavanagh nominated as pre-school parent representative by Vicki Collister (to be confirmed)

Michaele Armstrong – continuing as Treasurer

Brett Murphy – continuing as Secretary

Teacher representation from:

Vicki Collister

Dane Russell

Parent Representatives

Carmen Rautoka

Dannielle Toka

ALL DULY ELECTED to the 2016 council positions.

Office Bearers:

Chairperson: Keogh Conboy

Vice Chairperson: Nardene Murphy

Secretary: Jacqueline Cavanagh (Minutes)

Brett Murphy (Agenda)

Treasurer: Michaele Armstrong (aided by Maree Mappas, Administration Manager)

First meeting of new Council: 18 April 2016 at 5:30pm

Council meetings to be held the 3rd Monday of each month in 2016.

Meeting Closed: 7:00pm