



Floreat Park Primary School Board

Board Update - December 2018

Term 4 – Board Report

I am pleased to present my final report for the school year, and to reflect on a very busy and exciting twelve months for the School Board.

This year we commenced school operation against our second Business Plan (2018 to 2020) which was approved by the School Board in early Term 2. The school board formed a sub-committee in Term 3 last year to commence this business plan development. The sub-committee, headed up by parent board member Ian Gordon together with staff and parent members, prepared the business plan to align with our vision for the next three years. The end result was a collaborated effort between the school administration, board, students and community members. I would like to thank all our contributors for their time and dedication.

School Strategic Matters

In Term 1 this year, we welcomed three new parent members to the School Board. Our new members, together with our existing board members, brought fresh ideas and approaches in dealing with strategic school matters. Board members are also involved in the review and update of school policies which forms a part of our Board discussions and meeting agenda items.

The School Board holds two meetings each term. Each meeting agenda is set through close counsel between the Chair, Principal and Board Secretary. At each meeting there are standard items which form the ongoing responsibilities of the Board along with varying items for discussion. At each Board Meeting, the school administration provides updates of the school budget, present school academic and non-academic data, which are then compared with the targets set by the business plan. Standard items on the agenda includes, school's request for Board endorsement on a number of issues such as the students' personal items list and school development days.

Besides from the opportunities for the Board to work with the School Administration, Board Members also have the opportunity to work closely with teachers and the P&C Committee.

Board Members were invited to the school development day on 2nd November to participate in professional development activities, working alongside teachers and support staff on a range of ideas.

The P&C committee, the Board and the school has worked collaboratively together towards a solution for the crosswalk issues along Chandler Avenue. Currently there are multiple entry/exit points to and from the school on Chandler Avenue. As a result, this has created safety issues in crossing the road against heavy two-way traffic during peak times. We have been working with the Town of Cambridge

on an approach so we can make the crossing of Chandler Avenue safe for our community. I would like to thank Kim Lawrance for his initiative in this development.

Parent and Board Surveys

This year we collected data from two surveys. One being the bi-annual Parent Survey and the other is an annual survey completed by Board Members for self-reflection and performance monitoring as a team. The overall results of the Parent Survey did not deviate much from the results collected in 2016, with improvements on school leadership and teachers collaboration between year levels. Communication remains an ongoing item targeted for improvement. The school has officially rolled out the use of the CONNECT application, which will hopefully enhance the quality and quantity of communication between students, parents and teachers. I strongly encourage the community to refer to the recent [newsletter](#) and Flexibuzz messages for more information on this application before the commencement of the next school year.

Open Board Meeting

We had our open meeting on 23rd October and welcomed the school community to attend as observers. The School Administration presented the school's NAPLAN data for 2018 and informed on the plans for academic development. The attendance was disappointingly low. Board minutes for all of our meetings can be accessed from the school's [website](#) and members from the Board are also happy and available for discussions. If parents would like to submit an item to be tabled for discussion at the next Board Meeting, please email FPPSBoardSecretary@hotmail.com, we would love to hear from you and listen to what the community has to say.

Leavers of 2018

The year will soon come to an end and we will be saying goodbye to our Year 6 students who will be leaving the school. I particularly want to acknowledge our amazing bunch of Year 6 graduates who have made significant gains in their level of maturity, notably demonstrated in the areas of leadership and community service. On behalf of the School Board, we wish them the very best. We would also like to thank our leavers' families for the contributions they have made to the school over the years.

School Board 2019

My term with the School Board ends this year. I feel very honoured for the opportunity to serve our school community and contribute to the school's rich history. Over my four years on the School Board, I had the privileged opportunity to work with 3 principals, 5 deputy principals and a number of past and present staff and parent Board Members. It is evident that our school has undergone a number of significant changes over the last four years, and I appreciate the school community's patience and willingness to embrace the number of positive changes.

The Board made two significant endorsements this term. It is my pleasure to announce Emily Chee as the Board Chair commencing Term 1, 2019. Emily has

two daughters in junior school and has already served on the School Board for three years and is our current Board Secretary. I am also delighted to announce Su Wu will assume as Board Secretary in 2019. Su has two children (one in junior and one in senior school) and is a valued contributor during her first year on the school board. Congratulations ladies on your appointments.

I am also delighted to welcome Kim Batina as the 12th member of our School Board commencing in Term 1, 2019. Kim is highly regarded in our school community, and throughout her 5-year tenure with the P&C Committee, she is known to be passionately committed in the fostering of community interest in student matters.

Final Greetings

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the members of the School Board who generously contribute their time and expertise. Your efforts and dedication have certainly helped to make a difference in our school community and I am confident - the continuing contributions you will make in the years to come will ensure our school continues to provide the best educational opportunities for its children.

I wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and new year holidays.

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