



Floreat Park Primary School

BOARD UPDATE

May 2016

We are nearly in the middle of term 2, and there's more than a few of us wondering the same thing – where has the year gone? It's a question the Board is also asking, as we head into new beginnings with a few changes. We'd like to welcome Emily Chee and Ian Gordon, both of whom have children in our early education years. The greatest of thanks to our outgoing and hard working Chair Marcus LeMessurier who provided invaluable guidance and leadership to the Board, and previously the School Council, for more than three years. And to Enore Panetta, who has resigned his term early on the Board due to a busy work and family schedule. Thanks finally to our current Board parent representative, Andrea Lam, who has taken over the busy secretarial duties.

The School Board meets twice per term and minutes are posted on the school's website soon after. To supplement these minutes, Board Updates will be issued twice a year and a Chair's report annually, in addition to our yearly open Board meeting, to give insight into the more significant strategic issues being focussed on.

ACCOMMODATION – As you walk around the school, it's easy to see how rapidly student numbers have increased over recent years. At just under 600 students, this is the biggest school population in our 65-year history. How to successfully manage this growth in term of classroom, playground and overall site space has been the subject of much discussion over the past three years with the Department of Education and State Government. Unfortunately, our pleas to plan for this in advance of the reality of increasing numbers and constraints on classroom and play space, have failed to realise the outcomes we felt were necessary. At our last meeting, the Board endorsed the formation of a School Building and Grounds sub-committee, which will lead the drive to improve our facilities and buildings in order to enhance the delivery of student learning programs, accommodate our ever increasing student population and provide attractive, engaging and well maintained school grounds.

PRINCIPAL SELECTION - Earlier this year the Board requested the Department of Education to defer the formal selection process for a new Principal during the recent State Government's freeze on recruitment as the position was unable to be offered as a permanent position. As the recruitment freeze has now lifted, and Principal Brendan Walker has clearly stated he does not intend to return to Floreat Park Primary School, the Board has this week written to the Director-General of Education requesting her to consider allowing the Principal's position to be formally advertised as a fully open and permanent vacancy. As we wait the Director-General's response, Michael McNerheney will continue as Acting Principal and we thank him for giving the school continuity of leadership during this time.

BUSINESS PLAN MONITORING AND EVALUATION – At the core of the Board's responsibilities in overseeing an Independent Public School (IPS) is the need to ensure we constantly monitor and evaluate our school's performance against the objectives and outcomes outlined in our three-year Business Plan. It is against these achievements we will be formally assessed next year. At our last meeting, the Board agreed upon a rigorous monitoring and evaluation tool, involving every member of the Board, that will constantly review and report back on the Business Plan's four key Priority Areas - Successful Student, Excellence In Teaching, Effective Leadership and Positive Relationships. This continuous cycle of review will ensure every aspect of our Business Plan is considered, challenged and amended where necessary to ensure we remain on track to achieve, if not exceed, our intended targets.

POLICIES – At the heart of every smooth-running school is a set of policies that set the parameters for school and school community engagement across a broad cross-section of responsibilities – from behaviour management, to allergy awareness, homework and attendance policies. It our Board’s clear responsibility to ensure the multitude of policies which govern the day-to-day aspects of school life are appropriate, workable and fair. Ongoing for the Board is the review and improvement of these policies, ensuring a parent and/or community Board member works side-by-side with an administration member to review our policies in the best interests of everyone involved.

At any time, should any member of our school community wish to clarify or question the Board’s involvement in any strategic school issue, your contact with any representative is always welcome or can be directed through the Board email at fppsboardsecretary@hotmail.com

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