



Alkimos PS School Board- Meeting No. 2 of 2022

Minutes of Alkimos PS Board Meeting

Monday 9 May 2022 – 6:30pm; Webex/Teams

ATTENDEES:

Invited Attendees

Sara Sparks

Community and Representative

Bianca Marson Whit, Simon Cox, Karen Nociti, Jackie Snart

Staff Representatives

Susanne Cochrane, Tom Bagnall, Mel Papadopoff, Sarah Chaloner

Principal

Andy Gorton

1	Apologies, Welcomes and Previous Minutes	ACTIONS
1.1	Opening and welcome. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andy as Chair welcomed all and opened the meeting @ 6.30pm 	
1.2	Apologies: Mel Ravat	
1.3	Previous Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a 	
2	Agenda Items	
2.1	<p><u>Principal's Report – Andy</u> Today's low student attendance was noted. COVID is having an influence on this. Simon enquired if the morale of students was being affected by all things COVID. Staff members of the Board feel that our students are coping extremely well.</p> <p><u>2022 Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our total resourcing figure was noted. Sara explained how reserve accounts are accounted for, in response to Simon's question. • Susanne and Sarah briefly explained the purpose of the NQS Verification Visit, noting that this is reflective in nature. <p><u>School Activates</u></p> <p><u>School Grounds and Buildings Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah shared further details about the plans for a new play area, and explained the funding sources and the exciting news of the potential \$30K Federal Government grant. <p><u>Easing of Restrictions/COVID</u></p> <p><u>Public School Review Follow-Up</u></p>	

2.2	<p>School Budget 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sara led the discussion of this agenda item. Notable budget items were highlighted, including \$55K set aside for Agora air-conditioning, and \$40K for the new play area with its Science./Sustainability/Aboriginal Culture focus. • Bianca enquired about the current payment rate of Voluntary Contributions. • Sara also explained about why certain cost centre areas, such as Swimming, do not have a budget amount allocated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andy to email Board members to seek endorsement of the 2022 budget. • Sara to publish the current VC collection rate in the next newsletter (12 May)
2.3	<p>Funding Agreement 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andy explained for purpose of the Funding Agreement and why this had to be noted at a Board meeting. • Tom and Andy showed the One-Line Budget dashboard as part of this explanation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While not mentioned at the meeting, Andy will send the Funding Agreement with the minutes for Board Members' information and perusal.
2.4	<p>School Board Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andy explained that since Louise finished with Board, the Chair position has been vacant. • Andy further explained that in the interests of transparency and accountability, the Chair should be a Parent/Community Representative. • This will therefore require another Parent/Community representative on the Board (co-opted). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent/Community members with an interest in being the Board chair are requested to email Andy. • Parent/Community members who may know someone with an interest in being a Board member are also requested to email Andy.
3	General Business	
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bianca enquired about the progress of the school's Reconciliation Action Plan. Andy and Sarah replied that this was progressing but not at the rate we would like. As has been the case with many things, COVID-19 management has had an impact. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andy and Sarah will follow-up about organizing the Blanket Activity for the next meeting (or a future meeting).
4	Next Meeting	
4.1	To be advised, pending confirmation of Blanket Activity availability	
5	Meeting Close	
5.1	The meeting was closed by Andy @ 7.40pm	
6	Minutes Signed and Dated by Board Chair:	