



Neutral Bay Public School

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SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING **Wednesday 21 April 2021 8.00 am** **School Library**

Present:

Christine Comerford, Alice Lai, Kate Murray, Victor Tan, Helen Wilson, Rachel Thompson, Jillian Skinner, Jess Keen, Jen Carew, Sharmila Soorian.

Apologies: Poppy Moir

Minutes: Alice Lai

MEETING OPENED by Christine Comerford at 8.08 am

- Acknowledgement of Country

AGENDA 1: PREVIOUS MINUTES

- The minutes from March 3rd meeting were approved by the Council and will be uploaded to the NBPS website.

AGENDA 2: VISIT FROM SHARON SANDS AND DAN HERBERTSON

- Update by Sharon Sands from Department of Education
 1. **COVID intensive learning support funding:**
 - Funding is generally based on the Family Occupation and Education Index (FOEI) which ranges from 0 to 300, the higher FOEI scores indicating higher levels of need. Neutral Bay received the minimal funding.
 - First semester is the first implementation of funding roll out, Department will have a period to review and evaluate the process after the semester ends.
 2. Update on North Sydney schools - The School Strategic Improvement Plan is released. This has been a huge effort on the schools and staff members coming out of COVID. The Department will leverage these plans to drive collaboration with schools outside the area.
 3. Mrs Judy Goodsell will continue her secondment at least until end of term 2. Sharon confirmed that Victor Tan has autonomy as Relieving Principal. The Council expressed their gratitude towards the work that Victor Tan has done to date.
- Update by Dan Herbertson from School Infrastructure NSW
 1. School upgrade business submitted last year is currently with Treasury. Budget to be held in May.

2. Asset Management – Department of Education has agreed to minor touch ups to the toilets located near the senior library. SRC will also lead initiatives to paint the doors and the mural.

AGENDA 3: JOHN BYRNE from OOSH

- Existing team of 36 staff; current enrolment at 530 (~150 before school, ~300 after school).
- The team is trialing new initiatives this term with the aim to improve communications and enhance engagement with parents.
- John to report back at the beginning of Term 3 on the success of the trial and whether new initiatives will be rolled out permanently.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- **2021 – 2024 Strategic Improvement Plan** has been published and is available on the school's website
- **External Validation process** to commence in 5 weeks. This is an opportunity for schools to discuss their judgement about their practice and the evidence that underpins them – with a panel of peers.

UPCOMING MEETINGS FOR 2021

- Term 2 post External Validation Process TBC
- Term 3 and going forward: Week 4 of every term

Council meeting closed at 9.01am.