

Carine PS School Board Report

1st December 2017

The Board Chair welcomed everyone, including a member of the community, who had come to observe the meeting. There were no disclosures of interest and apologies were given for absent members.

Finance Report: The Finance Report was provided with acknowledgement that Voluntary Contributions were up by 67% compared to 55% the same time last year. The Board noted that the increase from 2016 may be due to the reminder note sent to families. The school was now well into preliminary planning for 2018 with staffing structures etc.

ICT Update: The Front Office has implemented a new ipad sign-in process which is working well, with office staff supporting users and receiving positive feedback about its simplicity. Over the next few months, the school will be replacing smartboards in some classrooms with K4 LED screens. Staff reported that the images were very clear on the new screens and more conducive to student engagement. The DoE is continually upgrading the wireless system and Board members discussed the new 5G improved system being implemented across the country.

Business Plan and Delivery and Performance Agreement 2016-2018: · 2018 will be the Review year against the Business Plan and staff are preparing samples of effective teaching and learning, ready for the Review. Staff members are continually being guided by the Business Plan Focus Areas under each of the 4 Priorities and linking the Business and Operational Plans where detailed strategies are followed to improve student outcomes. In reflecting the "Commitment to Community Partnerships" Priority in the Business Plan, teachers discussed the very successful Year 5 Mother/Daughter talks with the School Nurse last week. There was a full contingent of mothers with their daughters and the feedback from the talk was extremely encouraging. The school will endeavour to engage the School Nurse again in 2018.

Planning 2018: Health - (Protective Behaviours): · A current DoE focus is on Protective Behaviours as part of the Health curriculum. Staff members have completed the Protective Behaviours professional learning online through the Portal and on the most recent School Development Day, collaborated in their Phase of Learning year groups to plan against the outcomes. A professional learning workshop has been organised for the staff on the School Development Day in January 2018, focussing on both staff and student resilience as a key message in Protective Behaviours.

Reporting to Parents 2018 - New Requirements: The Board was shown the Reporting to Parents documents for mandated reporting in 2018 in Technologies and The Arts. Technologies includes Digital Technologies and Technology and Enterprise. The Arts areas include Visual Arts and Performance Arts. The new STEM booklet, "Exploring STEM at Home" was made available through the DoE this week and is targeted at K to Year 2, providing activities and ideas for parents to support their children's learning and development. CPS pushed it out to parents via Connect.

Grounds Update: Block B Enhancement: Our school gardener is finishing off the garden, nature play area at the rear of Block B, following the refurbishment of the paving. This area is well used by students. Staff confirmed also that the shade sail area beside D1 is well used by students during all breaks and well worth the money.

Resignation of Board Chair: Board Chair, Claudia Renner, announced her resignation. Claudia, who was elected as a community member on the Board, thanked all Board members for their contribution and support since taking on the position in 2010. The Board thanked Claudia for her guidance and expertise over the past 7 years. A new Board Chair will be elected by the Board in 2018.