The School Board convened on Friday 4\textsuperscript{th} December 2015 and as it was advertised that the meeting was open to members of the school community, it was pleasing to welcome our visitor. As agreed, this report is the first to be regularly placed on the school website for public information.

**One Line Budget Report:**
Anne advised that the school budget was on track, providing the Board with a rundown of what has been achieved through the 2015 budget. These included:

- Contracting extra EAs
- Building refurbishments
- ICT upgrades
- Speech Pathologist initiative for Early Childhood

For 2016, funds have been set aside for special projects including:

- ICT
- Value adding initiatives to challenge capable students
- Extra EAs
- Early Childhood literacy

**School Review and Strategic Plan 2016-2019: Focus 2016:**
At the time of the meeting, the Focus 2016 document had not been released so this will be discussed at the next Board meeting. Board members were provided with a copy of the “High Performance – High Care” Strategic Plan for WA Public Schools 2016-2019.

- This document highlights a strong system sending a strong message of “We will.”
- With schools having contact with students for around 30% of the day and for 54% of the year, the school’s emphasis is on IQ and EQ and creating strong learning partnerships with parents.
- Mental Wellbeing is an important priority. CPS promotes a strong culture of belonging for all students, particularly those at risk. All the children relate to being “A Carine Kid” and understand the values we cherish. Quality teaching will remain a focus of our school next Business Plan.
- The CPS Business Plan will be aligned with the Strategic priorities of:
  1. **Success for All Students**
  2. **High Quality Teaching**
  3. **Effective leadership**
  4. **Strong Governance and Support**

- It was suggested that the link to the Strategic Plan should be placed on the school website and in the Newsletter for parents to become familiar with the intent and priorities and the Principal is to action this.
- The Principal showed the Board some examples of recent Business Plans from other schools already on their second plan and it was noted that the simpler the content, the more effective and measurable the targets. Board members are requested to look at other examples of Business Plans so that in 2016, the best model can be compiled for CPS.

**Summation of 2015:**
Following the School Review process where it was acknowledged by the Reviewers that CPS has been outstanding in meeting the needs of its students and community, the Board Chair affirmed that the school should celebrate its efforts and successes. Some highlights from staff include;
The implementation of the Visual Learning (HOTS) strategies where student learning is differentiated and accountability is high.

The Early Childhood Speech Therapy initiative which has made a notable difference in strengthening foundation literacy skills.

The collaborative culture which is evident in our school and was commended by the Reviewers during the exit meeting.

The Board Chair expressed that it is evident that opportunities are provided for all students to achieve, as reflected in our school vision statement.

One of our Year 2 students gave a demonstration of his learning using an iPad, impressing Board members who commended his efforts. The school looks forward to starting the new strategic planning cycle in 2016.

Department Fencing Project:
The DoE have a fencing roll out project to protect public assets. The school Administration has met with the fencing project managers this week who have also been working with the High School. Some points that were discussed included:

• The fencing the Department uses is black which is the least obtrusive colour and includes an attractive entrance statement at the front of the school.
• There is a consultation period and plans will be available to the school community in due course.
• CSHS Principal Damien Shuttleworth has requested that parents living opposite the high school who are concerned about the fencing to please approach him so they can be discussed.

Learning Area Reviews, Operational Planning 2016:

• The school staff has started compiling the 2016 Operational Plan.
• NAPLAN data has been analysed so as to inform school targets, especially where students are falling just below the top band.
• The Music Specialist has started teaching from the new Arts (Music) curriculum this year and it has been noticed that students are performing higher when sitting the SIMS aptitude test because of the explicit and sequential nature of the new SCSA Music Curriculum.

Other General Business:

An envelope was submitted for the Board’s consideration from a member of the school community with the request for the Board to read the contents and provide a formal response.

The Board Chair acknowledged that there may be a change of some Board members for 2016 and wished all Board members a Happy Christmas and thanked each for their contribution throughout the year.

The meeting closed at 10:00am and the next meeting will be Friday April 1st 2016 at 8:30am.