



MINUTES
SCHOOL COUNCIL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 30th MARCH, 2017
AT WESTERN ENGLISH LANGUAGE SCHOOL
TOTTENHAM CAMPUS

1.0 ATTENDANCE:

1.1 MEMBERS:

Cuc Lam (Community), Colleen Bartolomei (WRECC), Heidi Yolette De Zilwa (Principal), Mary Spyropoulos (DET), Betty Huang (NWMRC), Lynn Moloney (DET), , Heather Weaver (AMES), Denis Margetic (Community), Claire Kelly (DET).

1.2 APOLOGIES:

Zwick (New Hope Foundation).

1.3 ABSENT:

1.4 VISITORS:

- The Principal acknowledged the attendance and dedication of School Council members in 2016.

2016 Annual Report to the School Community:

The Principal presented the 2016 Annual Report data to School Council members.

Achievement:

- WELS Assessment Tool (WAT) clearly demonstrates the progress made by all students from equivalent, interrupted and pre-literature backgrounds over 2, 3 and 4 terms of enrolment. Student progress by age, number of terms, visa categories and backgrounds is tracked.

Engagement:

- Positive Behaviour initiative is taking longer than expected as it's based around the curriculum.
- If students have a clear and inclusive curriculum, delivered by caring and well-equipped teachers, their chances of being disengaged are reduced.
- Induction program is in place for new staff.

Wellbeing:

- It was noted that the teaching staff working at all WELS sites are dedicated and have a genuine passion for teaching newly arrived students.
- The Assistant Principal, Mary Spyropoulos, received good feedback from CRT staff, applauding the purposeful and welcoming environment at WELS.
- Parent satisfaction summary is excellent.
- The recent student survey displayed very high satisfaction.

Financial Report:

- The principal presented the financial commitment summary for 2017. It was noted that the Financial Performance and Position statement is prepopulated by DET.

- Grants received enabled WELS to run a number of programs such as:
 - Positive Behaviour In Schools (PBIS)
 - Young Women's Positive Bodies
 - Stan Willis Trust
 - Ross Trust Take Two Grant
 - Footscray Swim Grant
 - Advance Program for Base and Wyndham Campus
 - VMC Community Kitchen Garden Grant
 - Saturday School Homework Program

Reports passed:

Accepted: Denis Margetic
Seconded: Betty Huang

MEETING CLOSED: 7:00 pm

Next meeting: 22nd March 2018