



GOOLLELAL PRIMARY SCHOOL BOARD

MINUTES

Tuesday 22 October 2024

7 pm Goollelal Primary School Board Room

Item	Documents	Recommendations
<p><u>1. Welcome</u> Acknowledgement of Country Reminder of meeting protocols Apologies Conflicts of interest Correspondence</p>	<p>Letter from students Imogen, Amy and Phoebe</p>	<p>The Chair opened the meeting at 7:05pm. And welcomed all attendees.</p> <p>Present: Candice Patterson, Caitlin Merritt, Sean Browne, Chris Quelch, Paul Fuller, Kelly Egan, Rebecca Tinley</p> <p>Apologies: Vanessa Furlong</p> <p>Sean gave the Acknowledgement of Country. Chair reminded attendees of meeting protocols.</p> <p>Conflicts of interest: nil</p> <p>Correspondence: A letter was received from students Imogen, Amy and Phoebe requesting that we have a free dress day every Friday. Paul to draft a response acknowledging the request, will consider some additional free dress events each term, and allowing students to have input into a new faction shirt design.</p>
<p><u>2. Minutes of previous meeting</u></p>	<p>Minutes from 10 September 2024</p>	<p>The minutes of the previous meeting were endorsed by Candice Patterson and seconded by Kelly Egan</p> <p>The minutes were signed by the Principal and Board Chair.</p>
<p><u>3. Budget Update</u></p>	<p>One line budget statement</p>	<p>Budget spending is balanced, with income and outgoings roughly equal this year. Minimal spending is expected for the remainder of the year.</p>
<p><u>4. Planning for 2025</u></p>	<p>Proposed schedule of School Development Days Draft Contributions and Charges schedule Personal Use Items lists</p>	<p>Approval of the schedule of School Development Days was moved by Paul Fuller and seconded by Sean Browne.</p> <p>Approval of the Contributions and Charges schedule, and the Personal Use Items lists was moved by Candice Patterson and seconded by Caitlin Merritt.</p>



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<p><u>5. Community Representative 2025</u></p>		<p>A member of the community is identified and appointed by the board each year.</p> <p>In a previous meeting, Sean Browne was appointed as the community representative for 2024. Paul Fuller nominated Sean to continue in this role in 2025.</p> <p>The board unanimously endorsed this nomination.</p> <p>Sean Browne accepted the nomination.</p>
<p><u>6. NAPLAN performance</u></p>		<p>Results from this year indicate academic progress is being made and we are aligning closely to like schools. Goollelal is just above like schools in Year 3 Reading and Writing. Student performance is improving between NAPLAN tests, where year on year progress is clear between Year 3 and Year 5.</p> <p>The consistent, whole of school approach to teaching and learning is bearing fruit.</p> <p>As Early Birds is proving so successful in improving student achievement in reading, it was queried if a similar early intervention in numeracy could be considered in future.</p>
<p><u>7. Student Emotional Wellbeing survey</u></p>		<p>To Board reviewed the results from the recent Student Emotional Wellbeing survey. The survey results indicated most students have developed, highly developed, or very highly developed emotional wellbeing. However one quarter of students had emerging social-emotional wellbeing.</p> <p>The Board supported proposed actions, in particular the reintroduction of buddy classes and implementing a whole of school program to reinforce positive social and emotional wellbeing and behaviour.</p>
<p><u>8. Staff and Community Survey</u></p>		<p>The Board reviewed feedback from both staff and parent surveys.</p>



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		<p>Overall feedback was very positive, with parents and staff alike recognising the quality of Goollelal’s teachers and the high level of care shown for students.</p> <p>Board members also reviewed a transcript of comments provided by parents in the survey. The top strengths of the school were identified as: Goollelal’s academic programs, sense of community, teachers, communication and sense of belonging. The most frequent areas for improvement related to the school’s broader offerings (including extra-curricular, sport and specialist programs), extension opportunities, playtime, communication and student behaviour.</p> <p>The Board also reviewed and discussed feedback related to school leadership and the management of student behaviour.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Principal would share a summary of the feedback with the community in the next school newsletter.</p>
<p><u>9. Other Business</u></p>		<p>Reporting:</p> <p>Goollelal will be moving to generic comments for English and Maths and continuing to provide personalised general comments. This is above the minimum standard currently advised.</p> <p>The Principal was open to exploring other ways of providing more feedback to parents without unduly increasing teacher workload.</p>
<p><u>10. Close</u></p>		<p>Next meeting: Tuesday 19 November at the Kingsley Tavern</p> <p>Meeting closed at: 9:00pm</p>



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MEMBER TENURE

Name	Role	Current term ends
Sean Browne	Community	December 2024
Chris Quelch	Parent	April 2025
Candice Patterson	Chair Parent representative	July 2025
Caitlin Merritt	Parent representative	September 2025
Kelly Egan	Staff	December 2025
Vanessa Furlong	Staff	April 2027
Paul Fuller	Principal	Ongoing
Rebecca Tinley	Executive Officer (non-voting)	December 2024