

EMBLETON PRIMARY P&C GENERAL MEETING

OPENED AT 6.30pm

1.0 MINUTES

Resolution: The minutes of the last General Meeting dated 22 October 2020 were confirmed as a true and accurate record by Melissa Ross and seconded by Tanya Taylor.

2.0 GENERAL BUSINESS ARISING

2.1 PBS Matrix

Tara Fitzgerald (PBS committee chairperson) presented to the meeting the Positive Behaviour Support Matrix which is being developed for use in Embleton Primary. Tara sought P&C member feedback to ensure the matrix is best reflecting Embleton Primary. The PBS committee is also seeking assistance with graphic art design to go with the matrix.

Resolution: Feedback and offers of graphic design assistance can be forwarded to Tara Fitzgerald.

3.0 REPORTS

3.1 Principal's Report

- See attached

3.2 Treasurer's Report

- Current P&C bank balance is at \$18,329.18

3.3 Fundraising Report

- Financial summaries of the 2020 colour explosion, quiz night, and Christmas raffle were presented to the meeting.
- Volunteers needed for Term 1 upcoming events:
 - election day sausage sizzle on 13th March
 - running the food stall on Open Night 17th March
 - setting up BookFair in the library and assisting with sales 17th and 18th March

Resolution: Volunteers and assistance will be asked for on the P&C Facebook page. Please be in touch with Mel Ross (fundraising chairperson) and Lee Letizia (librarian) if you are able to help.

All known events were scheduled throughout the 2021 school year. Mel Ross will create a formal calendar and will email to all members. It was agreed that events should also be promoted via Class Dojo and School Stream.

4.0 NEXT MEETING

To be held Wednesday 24th March 2021 @ 6.00pm

5.0 CLOSE OF MEETING

7.45pm

Attachment 1:



Principal's Report 3 March 2021

Together we make a difference.

New Staff Principal: Felicity Dear

Kenneth Dawson – AIEO: Gooniyandi man from the Kimberley's. He is a very cultured person who speaks his language and practices his culture. He wants to share and learn from all of us too about education and our cultures.

School Numbers: 184 students (175 this time last year). We have 32 in K. Last year it was 22.

School Development Days

At our School Development Days on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th February the staff undertook professional learning about:

1. **Numero.** Numero is a Maths card game that is proven to boost mental maths ability and is suitable from 3 years to adults.
2. **Cars and Stars:** The comprehensive CARS & STARS Plus program consists of ten levels that allow you to identify and teach twelve reading and comprehension strategies, and improve literacy results. The program is divided into two parts: CARS (the assessment portion) and STARS (the instruction portion). The research-based Comprehensive Assessment of Reading Strategies (CARS Plus) Series helps you quickly identify which of the 12 standards-based reading comprehension strategies your students might be struggling to understand. Informed by this data, you can then provide students with targeted instruction depending on each student's individual needs by using STARS Plus. Using the results of the CARS Plus pretest, you target instruction on the essential reading comprehension strategies with the highly-scaffolded, five-part lessons in STARS Plus.
3. Staff discussed and reviewed are whole school operational plans in the eight learning areas: English, Maths, The Arts, Science, HASS, Technologies, Health and Phys Ed, LOTE.
4. We also reviewed and discussed EPS Digital Technologies and Sustainability Plans for 2021.
5. Staff shared ideas and expertise on our whole school Talk for Writing planning and 2021 data collection. **Talk for Writing** is a process that uses spoken activities to develop **writing** skills. Quality **writing** is created by first expanding and developing students' oral language skills and then teaching the necessary steps for exceptional sentence, paragraph and text construction.
6. **PBS** – We discussed EPS progress over 2020 and our next steps.

Fund Raisers

The Year 6: icy poles have started to be sold for camp fundraiser.

Buildings and Facilities: Painting on the outside areas. This has definitely beautified the look of the school.

We are looking into when we are due for an office upgrade as draft plans were completed by the Ed Dept last year.

AIRCON:

The 2020-21 air-conditioning replacement program was directed to schools with the greatest needs relative to air-conditioning systems nearing end of life and/or continuous failures with priority given to schools in the Kimberley and Pilbara.

Schools that remain a priority have been included for consideration in the 2021-22 program. I can request a routine maintenance (RM) update from the Department of Finance to see how your current system is functioning and what issues are being identified during RM.

Please bear in mind that before a school will be considered for air-conditioning upgrades from evaporative to split systems, your current system must be nearing end of life and/or have continuous failures. Your school must have the electrical capacity to run the upgraded system.

The 2021/2022 program will again focus on schools in the Pilbara and Kimberley, but if your school is able to contribute towards the cost and if a power upgrade is not required then your school can be considered for funding.

Regards

Richard Davie

Maintenance Coordinator