

Wembley Downs Primary School

School Board Newsletter

At our August School Board meeting, it was decided a newsletter outlining our activities would better inform our school community of the role and function of your School Board.

So what does the Board do?

The function of all school boards is covered by Government legislation and includes both approval and advisory roles.

Boards make decisions with the Principal. The Principal also seek the advice of councils/boards so as to understand local community views. The Principal ensures decisions fit within Education Department policies.

The broad areas the WDPS Board contributes to include:

- A shared vision and set of values for our school
- A focus on improving learning outcomes for all students
- Budget, Business Plan, Annual Report and Performance Agreement
- Monitoring progress towards the achievement of goals
- Promoting meaningful parent and community participation and actively seeking the views of its school community
- Student Dress Codes and Behaviour policies
- Charges and Contributions

The council/board does not intervene in the control or management of the schools operation. This is the role of the principal.

Membership and meetings

Belinda Kuster – Chairperson

Megan McGuire – Vice Chairperson

Lincoln Day - Principal

Chris Van Maanen – Parent Representative

Alan McLaren – Parent Representative

Anna Cathcart – Parent Representative

Dave Mickler – Parent Representative

Michelle Leeming – Staff Representative

Merrilee Edgar – Staff Representative

The School Board meets in week 3 and week 8 each term. An advertised open meeting is held at least once per year.

August Meeting report

Car Parking The Board supported the focus on student safety and agreed proposed restrictions to vehicle movements in the front car park was an important step.

School Review WDPS will be reviewed as part of a new process of school review for Independent Public Schools. The review will involve a visiting Director and peer Principal who will visit and meet with a wide range of people in October. They will look at 1. How is WDPS going? 2. How do you know? 3. Where to from here? At the end of the two day process, a public report will be written to be put on the school's website or Schools Online and this will indicate the school is either *Effective* or *Needs Improvement*.

Board Functions Discussion regarding the effectiveness of the Board and the training modules available to ensure we are on track with our role.

Indigenous Flagpole The Board supports the installation of a flagpole to fly the Indigenous flag. The school is investigating this.

NAPLAN Results are due early September

Policy Updates

Behaviour Management policy is ready for implementation and was endorsed by the Board.

Workforce Management Plan is in the process of being developed.

Cyber Safety Policy The need for this was endorsed by the Board, as was the use of Ysafe as an organisation to support the school in this area.

Health and Well Being. A Health and Well Being Policy is being developed with work on both student and staff health and well being.

Your school Board is made up of a group of volunteer community members working with Principal and staff representatives. Whilst the Board does not control the operations of the school or its staff, it is a vehicle for community members to have their voices and opinions heard. If you ever have an issue you would like raised at the school Board level, please contact a Board member. It is also a good time to be thinking about whether you might like to serve on the Board for a two-year period starting next year, as there are vacancies every year. Keep an eye out for notification of vacancies for 2020/21.