

## ASPLEY STATE SCHOOL COUNCIL

### This is a synopsis of the School Council Meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February

#### 1. Previous Minutes and Business Arising

- The success of the Science Specialist Teachers' innovation was spoken about. There has been great improvements in the results of science, so this initiative should continue.
- Feedback was requested on the B Connected program. There was a query on the possible disparities in class sizes in year 5 and if it was connected to this iPad program.
- The latest update of the council handbook will be sent out by the Principal.
- There was continued discussion around the feasibility of a consent letter being sent out at the beginning of each term to cover permission and payment for all activities, with the exception of excursions. This is being looked into.
- Chaplaincy – Currently the chaplain is employed for 2 days. The school would like to increase the days to three. A variety of fund raising events are being investigated to fund this initiative.

#### 2. Documents and Policies

- **Independent Public School Document** – This document was presented and highlighted that an evaluation of the IPS initiative will be conducted by the Education Department at the end of 2017 with a view to inform future planning.
- **Investing for Success** – The educational targets were outlined and the initiatives for 2017 and how they will improve student outcomes were presented. The Boost initiative (cycles of support) was explained.
- Any parents who had signed up to QParents will receive their report cards a week earlier than those who are not part of QParents.
- **Annual Implementation Plan 2017** - The plan was presented under the four major headings of our School Strategic Plan. There was discussion regarding the removal of the dental clinic.

It was agreed that the area between B and E block must be improved.

There was brief discussion regarding the IB program for primary years. There were concerns expressed about the program and a suggestion was made that all Council members visit John Paul College to continue to find out more about the International Baccalaureate program. At this stage there has been no decision to take up the program at Aspley.

The Annual Implementation Plan was approved in principle.

- **School Budget 2017** – It was presented, with a budget summary report and the revenue summary report. The school would like to take over all the funds from the hire of the school facilities. This matter will be discussed with the P&C executive when they are elected.

The budget was endorsed.

- The principal will inform the Council what other policies require review in 2017.

#### **4. Principal's Report**

- Council was advised that there are six classes that are oversized by 1. Where possible, these classes will receive some additional support.
- A letter is being written to the department requesting financial support for the improvement of our infant playground and to correct our drainage problems.
- The Council spoke about some complaints that the school had received so far this year.

#### **5. Future Meetings**

- Term 2            8<sup>th</sup> May
- Term 3            31<sup>st</sup> July
- Term 4            13<sup>th</sup> November

**Meeting Closed 9:15pm**