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## Minutes

**Tuesday 22 August 2023, Opened 6:35 pm**  
**Baldivis Secondary College Board Room**

*Our Parents and Citizens Association aims to improve the academic, social and emotional outcomes of students regardless of a student's ability, race, gender, religion or socio-economic status.*

*All members should remember to:*

- ⇒ *Be punctual*
- ⇒ *Be prepared*
- ⇒ *Listen without interrupting*
- ⇒ *Speak briefly*
- ⇒ *Criticise the ideas not the person*

### 01. WELCOME AND PREVIOUS MINUTES

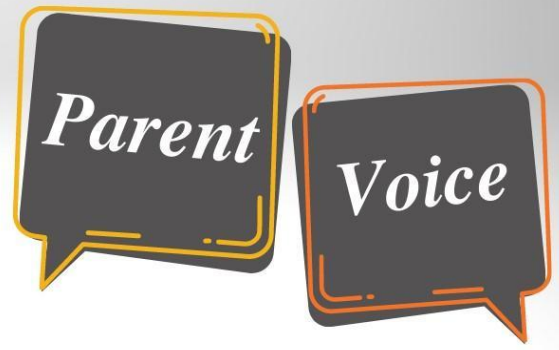
**Welcome to country and opening remarks** (Chair) Renae Fussell

*I would like to begin by acknowledging the Whadjuk people of the Nyoongar Nation, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, and pay my respects to their Elders past and present. I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.*

- a. **Present** Darren Luscombe, Winnie Cheong, Juliah Chinengwere, Juan Li, Shyanne Makowhavemahihi, Sarah James, Kat Lothian, Alison Parolo, Yolande Roux
- b. **Apologies** Nil
- c. **Approval of Minutes – Not discussed**

### 02. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Not discussed



## CORRESPONDENCE:

### 3.1 Correspondence In

Not discussed

### 3.2 Correspondence Out

Not discussed

## REPORTS

### 4.1 Treasurer's Report

Provided, not discussed.

Received \$0

Outgoings \$1,672.06

Bank Balance \$25,483.46

### 4.2 President's Report

#### - Introduction

The WACSSO Conference 2023 brought together educators, parents, and community members to discuss critical aspects of education, parent involvement, and community programs. The conference emphasised the importance of strong schools and collaboration between stakeholders to create a better educational experience for students.

#### - Key Highlights:

#### - Community Programs and Parent Involvement

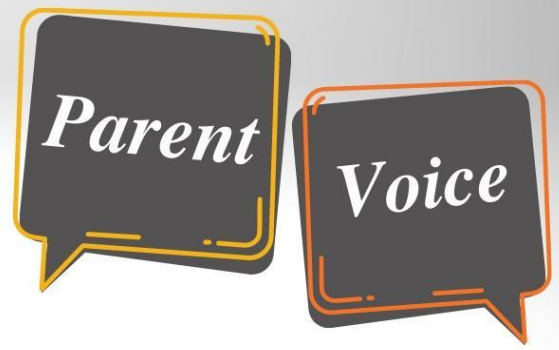
The conference highlighted the vital role of parents in the success of Parent and Citizens (P&C) associations. Collaborative efforts between parents, teachers, and community were recognised as essential for fostering a strong P&C and enhancing the school community.

#### - New Teacher Training and Retention



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The conference acknowledged the commencement of 639 new teachers in training. There was a significant focus on new teacher training and retention strategies to ensure a positive and supportive environment for educators in their early career stages. The recent change in Teachers Australia to a two-year master's programme was also noted.

- **AGM**

- **Refer to book for motions passed**

- **Swimming Education with Vacswim**

Vacswim's emphasis on swimming education was highlighted as a crucial focus, contributing to student's safety and well-being.

- **Student Council and Working Subgroups**

The Student Council shared insights about working subgroups and diversity within the student body. Their contribution highlighted the significance of student engagement and input in school-related decisions.

- **Strong Schools and Community Building**

The conference reinforced the idea that strong schools have a positive impact on the overall community. The correlation between robust educational institutions and community well-being was explored.

- **Well-Being Education and Student Engagement**

The conference introduced the concept of well-being education, emphasising the importance of keeping students engaged and helping them discover their passions. Supporting and fostering student engagement and helping them discover their passions. Supporting and fostering student interest were identified as crucial aspects of their overall well-being.

#### 4.3 Principal's Report

- **Welcome to country**

- **News**

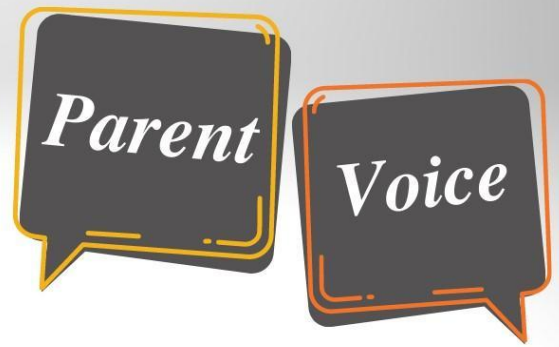
NAIDOC week assembly was in the week 25 July 2023 - 27 July 2023.

Year 8 families were taking part in activities that emphasised the importance of country.



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Finance committee meeting was on Friday and requests was discussed to put forward to the P&C.

1. Arts department and music performance uniforms \$2,000
2. Moan Culture Group Polo school colours 48pc +-\$200.00
3. Virtual Babies
  - Program upset stomach
  - Updating programming
  - Reprogram to work with new software\$2,000.00
4. Wireless guitar system easier to plug in and play \$2,000.00
5. First aid training
  - equipment for training

- **Discussion and questions**

Storage and equipment and update costs has the continued cost been considered?

The school has a repair and replace budget and it has been accounted for.

The babies caught us out, we missed one upgrade and now need to be sent away for reprogramming.

Principal Alison is very proud of the students with the proposition put forward as most were earmarked to improve the environment for students and were very sensible requests.

Some of the requests were

- Block 8 -9 doesn't have a lot of undercover area, there is only one spot. There is no spreading opportunity. This request has been approved by the school and won't be put forward to the P&C for funds.
- Additional seating areas. The school will get someone out in October. Only seating is required, no tables needed. The additional seating in the undercover area will come out of the school's next year budget. The seats will go on the space concrete wall on top of the concrete walls. This will cost between \$20,000.00 and \$33,000.00. And these will be added over time. The school is opting to go for a very durable material that looks like wood.



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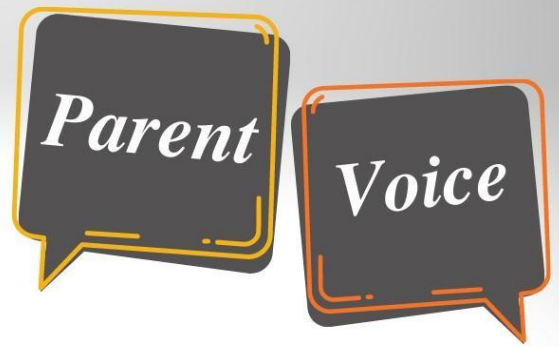


- Restoration of sustainable garden fenced off - no need to be fenced any more. School to put path and seating and this is estimated to be completed in 2024.
- **Other News**
  - STEM Centre is almost complete
  - Uniform Update
    - House Colours
    - Thys Edd Designed the house colour and aboriginal designs
    - The circles represents people coming together in one place
    - Teams that go out have the same sport shirts to present the school
    - There was a hold up with the artwork.
    - Students will be able to wear the other shirt still, no need to buy new ones; it will be phased out.
  - Public School Review
    - COVID got in the way, the review was held this year. Principal Alison is keen to hear from the committee.
    - There were 6 domains
    - The P&C is a valuable part of the process
    - Some members are required to visit the school and talk about their experience, ask questions. It is important to get representation.
- **Activities**
  - NAIDOC Week
    - Decorated cake and biscuits
    - Guest speakers
  - Miyawaki Forest Morning Tea
    - Way of planting
    - Japanese method of planting
    - Healing country
  - Wearing purple day
    - Received emails accusing of indoctrinating kids.
    - School wants to make everyone feel included and safe.
    - A lot of kids dressed up.
  - Book week



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Author anthology

Put short stories together.

Friday everyone can dress as their favorite book character

- WAGSMS
- YOHFest 8 September 2023
- Student Polyfest 14 October 2023

Opportunity for P&C to have a presence +- 3,000 participants

- Telethon tries for kids

Get sponsored to score tries \$17,000 received. Last week launched.

26 teachers are running to raise money. Teachers and kids will go to present to the telethon.

- Year 12 Farewell 22 September 2023

## - Updates

- Toilet Update

Upgrade 2 Blocks Duty Area C

Gazet Senior Block Toilets

Seniors are not doing damage to the toilets

New mirrors and paint

Installation of Vape Detectors that is linked to the server.

Concerns regarding if the vape detectors will have any effect were raised.

President mentioned that news from the WACCSO Conference has indicated that Vape may be worse than normal smoke. Most want to stop but can't.

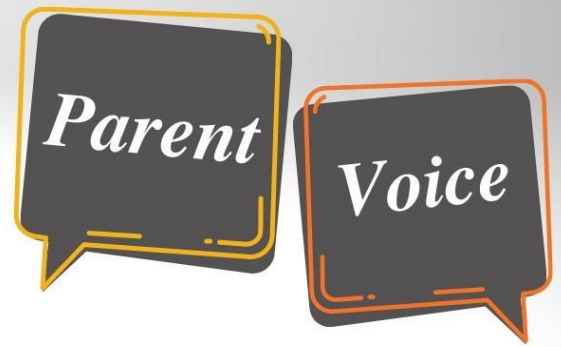
School can have sanctions in place but if someone is addicted a change in behaviour is needed. Children give in vape if caught with it. The current strategy is to sanction if found with vape but they will also have to do an online program.

One member mentioned that it is illegal to vape. It is regarded in the same light as drugs. Will the school treat this accordingly?



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It was mentioned that the language is not exactly the same.

A butterknife is still a knife, and this should be stipulated to the children that it is still illegal. Parents shouldn't be in possession of it in the first instance.

- Rugby was good.

It was a close game but unfortunately didn't win.

## 5.0 General Business

- Connect isn't showing reports

Principle Alison mentioned that Go Compass has finally been agreed on and this will replace connect.

- 100 CCTV Cameras will be installed and only be used for investigation purposes.  
This is to help cull behaviour

## 6.0 Voting

- Approving proposals

All the proposals put forward will be a good thing for the kids.

The president put forward all the proposals for a vote.

All in favour - all

All opposing - none

**06 CLOSE at 8.10 pm**

**Next Meeting 16 October 2023**