



WEST LEEDERVILLE
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Board Agenda and Minutes

Feb 15 2022 (informal meeting)



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Subject: Informal School Board Meeting Location: Webex
Time: 6.00pm – 7.00pm Chair: Mrs Derry Joyce
Date: Tuesday 15 Feb 2022 Apologies:

Attendance: **School:** Principal: Sheri Evans (SE), Deputy Principal: Michael McInerheney (MM), Teacher Representatives: Judith Curtis (JC), Rochelle Reeves (RR).
Parents: Derry Joyce (DJ), Richard Lilly (RL), Claire Hodge (CH), Cindy Kennedy (CK), Jarrod Dunning (JD).
Community: Robyn Gilfillan (RG)

Time	Item	Documents	Purpose	Led by	Recommendations	Minutes	Actions
6.	Acknowledgement of Country Welcome, introductions and apologies			Chair		DS	
6.05	Disclosure of interests			Chair		None	
Administration agenda items							
6.05	Principal Introductions and Briefing		Inform	Sheri Evans		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SE opened discussion. As we move into high community transmission in WA, the number of announcements in quick succession coming from the Premier and in turn, the Department of Education, are proving challenging for schools. Decision making has been complex and not easily interpreted into a school environment. An inconsistent response to directives by individual schools is creating some confusion and anxiety. Effective and timely communication of the decision making processes is a focus to show transparency. Addition of an 	

						<p>SMS message service has been added to our communication today. In addition to School Stream, this will allow expedient notification of changing situation to parents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proving challenging however, is that the level of trust in the school community is low at the moment, reflected by the high level of emails querying arrangements. • Several WLPS families isolated last week after being at an exposure site. • Discussion proceeded around how to address anxiety and mental health of students, staff and parents as we navigate this new COVID climate. Also, how to re-establish trust within the school community. • Board members recognise the load that the Principal and Associates are currently shouldering and are keen to support the staff. • The effect of COVID on mental health is a significant and looming issue. Even at this stage at WLPS, the strategies put into effect following Department of Education directives to minimise the impact of a positive case are placing a strain on the students, staff, parents and leadership team. • The Board spent some time on discussing how best to support our school community. • A suggestion was made for a Webex to be held with a panel of experts to speak and respond to questions. A multi-school approach would allow for the secondment of prominent experts from different fields to make up the panel. Consensus was that this could go a long way to addressing fear and anxiety and helping to build trust again. DJ & SE will liaise with regards to organising the Webex. 	
	General Business						
7.05						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Board member –an associate at Sci-tech with extensive background and qualifications in maths and science was put forward as an incoming Community Board member • Invitation is to be extended to join next Board meeting for meet 'n greet 	
7.00	Close			Chair		Meeting closed at 7.00pm.	