



**MINUTES OF P&C MEETING**  
**Thursday 5th August 2021 via Zoom Meeting**

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**PRESENT**

Mayank Gupta, Llanie Kelly ,Emma McDowall ,Lynne Crozier, Louisa Moynihan, Jeanette Cope, Nada Carapina Leanne Ambrogio, Blair Cornwell-Smith, Clayton Lee, Audrey Nelson, Susie Jacobs, Christine Ruf, Michelle Pomfret, Ashley Ruppin, Jane Godfrey, Samantha Hegvold, Aoife O'Connell, Myha Hoang, Preetia Panicker

**APOLOGIES**

Duncan Cooke

**PRESIDENTS WELCOME**

Mayank welcomed and thanked everyone for joining the Term 3 P&C meeting.

**MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING – 4 MAY 2021**

- Moved by Mayank Gupta
- Seconded by Louisa Moynihan

**REMOTE LEARNING UPDATE – Jeanette Cope Principal**

Jeanette Cope opened the session with acknowledging that the Teachers have been working hard , adjusting the learning programme where needed and contacting all families to offer support where needed.

The chosen remote learning platform is Seesaw for K-6.

The approach has been to take a slow approach to roll out the remote learning programme and to continue to refine . Class zooms will be introduced with more class interaction / sharing stories. In addition to Seesaw, take home packs including Readers will be rolled out in the coming week.

The focus of the remote learning is numeracy and literacy, writing and reading.

The system is to be flexible, so students are to complete what they can and choose a timetable that suits families. Parents/ carers are not expected to be Teachers, but rather are there to support their children with well-being, the most important. The school is there to support.

Attendance is marked as Flexible if they are at home learning, so it is good if the children can at least upload one task per day if learning from home. The school is to be advised if your child is sick or absent for any reason. If children go into school, they are marked as at school.

Additional activities in the remote learning programme are offered, but are not compulsory.

A reminder not to forget about Wushka, Mathseeds and Mathletics as alternate tasks.

The School are continually assessing , reviewing , planning and adjusting the home learning programme.

The Survey that was undertaken in Week 3 had 128 responses . The results were mixed which can make it difficult to assess, as in certain year groups 50% say the work is too much and 50% say its not enough. Most people said the workload was about right for K-1, other year responses were mixed with 50% said Yes and 50% said No.

Most responses in lower grades had positive responses to sending home packs home, but then this was mixed across the school. Overall, the use of Seesaw has been positively received. Although there were some issues with devices and technology, but please reach out to the school if there is need to loan a device. A reminder that teachers at school are not actually doing traditional classroom teaching. The children at school are on devices doing the same programme as children being schooled at home, with the same level of support at those being home schooled

It is acknowledged that there are at home behaviours that can be challenging.

A reminder that all devices should have latest versions , Seesaw 7.7.0.

The school is being cautious and planning with assumption that we will be in lockdown for the rest of the year, so are ensuring they are prepared for more home schooling. If we are still in lockdown in Term 4, the school feels they are ready for this if it arises.

They plan to have an increase in Zoom interactions for the classes.

Assessments are difficult to administer whilst home schooling , as it is hard to determine how much a child is working independently at home or receiving a lot of assistance from parents/carers ( not that there is anything wrong with providing help).

So assessments will be undertaken when the children return to school to determine where the resume again with the children.

Additional teaching aids are coming in the form of take home packs for K-2. Readers will begin to be distributed as well.

The older years appear to be coping much better and are more independent with the online learning programme.

Reading - CCPS library is available for book borrowing , distributing the weekly readers is currently being worked out. Wushka is also a great source for reading.

Zoom calls – Teachers are not allowed to do private zoom calls ( as per DOE guidelines).Group zoom calls cannot be recorded due to child protection. Teachers are pre recording messages/lessons rather than providing live, which allows for flexibility.

Reminder to be flexible with the tasks in the home schooling programme. If there is another way for a task to be completed then try that alternate. And a reminder that if your child can only get through some of the tasks, that is fine.

The P&C thanked the staff and parents for all their contributions in these challenging times.