

Minutes for School Council Meeting

Meeting 3

Theme: Community and Data

Date: Monday, 4 May 2026

Time: 4:30pm

Present:

Nick Stenhouse (Principal), Ian Pryor (Chair, Parent Representative), Amanda Jacobs (Deputy Chair/Secretary, Parent Representative), Tamar Sommerville (Parent Representative), Luana Gilman (Staff Representative), Mark Bain (Community Representative)

Item	Topic	Discussion / Notes	Decision / Noting / Actions
1. Opening of Meeting & Acknowledge of Country			
1.1		The meeting began with an acknowledgement of the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation, paying respects to Elders past and present.	Nil.
2. Apologies			
2.1		Jayde Conway	Nil.
3. Acceptance of previous minutes			
3.1		Chair requested Council confirm their acceptance of the Minutes of the previous meeting. Discussion occurred regarding improving accessibility of approved minutes for the broader school community.	Decision: Minutes of previous meeting were accepted unanimously. Action: Accepted minutes of previous meeting to be load onto school website by Principal.
4. Correspondence In/Out			
4.1	Offer of Sponsorship (Mazda)	Principal advised that a response had been sent to Mazda regarding their sponsorship proposal. The school declined participation due to alignment concerns with school advertising practices and	Noting: Council noted the correspondence.



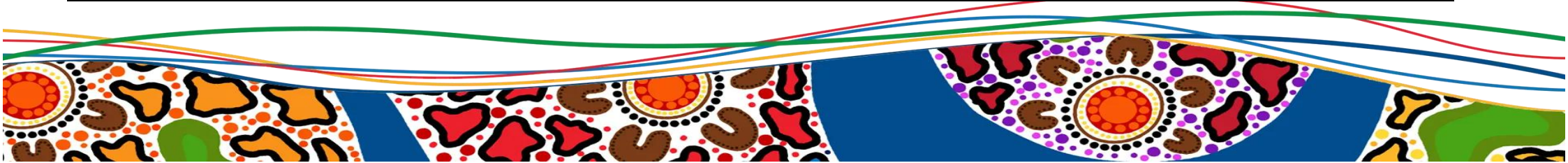
		sponsorship guidelines. A counter proposal was issued to Mazda. No response from Mazda on counter proposal.	
5. Actions from previous meetings			
5.1	Promotion and Engagement Strategy	<p>Council reflected on representation at the ANZAC Day assembly, noting strong attendance and positive community feedback.</p> <p>Wilson Rate Payers Association have expressed interest in sponsoring a book award.</p>	<p>Decision: Council supported book award opportunity.</p> <p>Actions: Council members to continue identifying opportunities for visibility and participation at school events.</p> <p>Mark to provide Principal with contact information for Wilson Rate Payers Association to discuss book award sponsorship in further detail.</p>
6. Governance			
6.1	Policy Review – Dress Codes for Students in Public Schools	<p>Council reviewed the Department policy and current Wilson Primary School dress code.</p> <p>Discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council's role in consultation rather than operational decision-making • Need for broader community consultation before changes occur • Ensuring affordability for families • Cultural inclusivity considerations • Alignment with school branding updates 	<p>Decision: Council agreed further consultation is required before any amendments are proposed.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct community consultation regarding dress code preferences. • Review current dress code documentation for equity and compliance.
7. Finance			
7.1	Finance Committee Report	<p>Principal presented the Term 1 finance report.</p> <p>Principal advised:</p>	Decision: Council noted the report.



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Department financial audit is scheduled • Current financial records remain compliant • Any audit recommendations will be presented to Council once received. 	Action: Principal to provide audit recommendations and school response plan at a future meeting.
8. Business Plan			
8.1	Discussion of Data Acquisition Requirements (Surveys)	<p>Council discussed the upcoming National School Opinion Survey and previous low participation rates.</p> <p>2024 response rate: 6.8%</p> <p>Strategies discussed to improve participation.</p>	Decision: Council agreed stronger engagement strategies are required. Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Configure survey platform access • Develop implementation plan to improve participation • Explore possible incentives for survey completion
8.2	Preliminary NAPLAN Results / Tier 1 Screening	<p>Luana presented preliminary achievement data. Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive improvement in grammar and punctuation results • Approximately 93% of students achieving in the strong category • Continued use of screening tools and tiered interventions to identify students requiring additional support 	Noting: Council acknowledged the positive progress and strong instructional consistency.
8.3	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Engagement	<p>Council discussed strategies to improve meaningful engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.</p> <p>Upcoming initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yarning session scheduled for 14 May at 2:30pm <p>Discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Importance of authentic consultation • Council representation at the session 	Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite council members to attend the yarning session • Jayde Conway to be invited as council representative/facilitator • Identify additional cultural community contacts for future engagement opportunities



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building stronger cultural partnerships • Identifying broader community connections and Elders 	
General Business			
9.1	Grants Subcommittee Update	The committee provided an update on grant opportunities.	Nil.
9.2	Awards Subcommittee Update	<p>Discussion occurred regarding potential nominations for staff awards.</p> <p>Council discussed the possibility of nominating an Education Assistant for recognition.</p>	Action: Sub-committee consider nomination for Australian Teacher Aide of the Year award.
9.3	Annual Public Meeting Planning / Invitations	<p>Council agreed to combine the Annual Public Meeting with the EduDance open classroom event.</p> <p>Discussion included inviting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local community members • Ratepayers association representatives • Key cultural stakeholders • Existing school partners 	Action: Principal to prepare invitation list and distribute invitations.
9.4	P&C Presentation	<p>Jemima Pryor, P & C President, presented an update on current P&C activities.</p> <p>Updates included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free dress day fundraising initiatives • BBQ events • Sports carnival support • Halloween disco success • Uniform shop operations • Canteen operations <p>Challenges identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer recruitment • Treasurer/accounting support 	<p>Noting: Council acknowledged the significant contribution of the P&C.</p> <p>For P & C consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve communication regarding second-hand uniforms • Promote volunteer opportunities to families • Explore opportunities for increased parent engagement at assemblies/events • Potential canteen equipment grant



		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communication regarding uniform availability	
	Close Meeting	Meeting closed at 6:05pm.	
	Next Meeting	4:30pm, Monday, 8th June 2026	



WPS Chairperson Signature

