



School Board Meeting - Minutes

Cowaramup Primary School

Time:	8.00 am			
Date:	28/03/2025			
Location:	Office meeting room			
Chairperson:	Gen Hodgson			
Apologies:				
Attendees:	Jamie Adair, Ben Warner, Amanda Rodda, Ryan Gianola, Brooke Anderson, Michelle Bretherton, Leesa Mathers, Gen Hodgson, Daniel Ferguson			
Time	Item	Summary of Discussions	Actions	Person Responsible
8 am	• Welcome to Meeting • Apologies, noting of minutes of the last meeting. • Chairperson to sign previous minutes. • Correspondence in and out, conflicts of interest.	Last meeting minutes agreed to and signed by Chair.		
	• Financial Report	Not available as schools get budgets next week. Election promise money query – nothing heard, unknown when/what will be received. New Education Minister	Welcome the Minister letter and subtly ask timeline	Gen
	• On Entry	Discuss results – positive outlook. Handwriting slight concern – discuss focus.		
	• Homework Policy	Survey feedback (99 people responded) – wanting to rebuild policy based on data. Research says homework isn't a big deal vs parents views. Build a policy around both. Home reading/daily reading - autonomy (parents are busy – need balance in households).	Make up draft policy and send out to the Board members.	Jamie

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		Online Maths – parents to maybe purchase own Mathletics if child is interested. Suggestion after doing six hours of school they shouldn't need to do extra work. Short sharp subjects ok – things they want to do. Assignments/projects bulk work to be done in class vs at home. Work intensely vs play. A little bit of homework, creates good habits, sets them up for high school. Days of homework sheets that are all the same, doesn't always work as everyone is different at different levels. Flexible statement/customisable – various households, various inputs. Who marks. Classroom discussions. Teachers receiving it back or not. If the child isn't engaging in the homework, what next. Next term will bring more clarification.		
	Operational Plans	Hyperlinks may not work. Everything has been discussed previously. Peggy lego is a handwriting program. Stepping Stones is Origo – Maths program. Cowie Academy of reading – Starts Term 2 - 8:15am start Library. Invited students, extra 30mins a week. Target Year 1 firstly. Working with Year 5/6 mentor. Eventually invite parents to have a look.		
	P&C Activities PA funding plans	Wrote letter to Lions, said no to PA system support. Wasn't considered needed as has siren. Up to government to do. School has \$25k. Quote approx. \$40k. Raise rest funds ourselves. Department silence. Funding possibly with awareness concerns. Donate accommodation possibility if from Perth. P&C fundraiser – possibly at Federal Election PA system has positive benefits, plus risk management. Not just bushfires, lockdowns, snakes, fires.	Funding possibility Contact Warren to do article on PA system Lions	Ben Gen
8.50 am	Close			