



Subiaco Primary School  
**Parents and Citizens Association**

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## **Term 2 Week 5 2026 Annual General Meeting – Minutes** **Monday 18 May 2026, 7-8.30 pm, Subiaco Primary School Library**

**Attendees:** *Jo van Gorkum, Heather McNeil, Laura Battison, Jackie Trimby, Natalia Esina, Christina Dismuke, Charlene Yates-Bishop, Lindsay Dodd, Cat Skreiner, Victoria Hewitson, Christopher Malins*

**Apologies:** *Genelle Cox, Katie Minchin, Geoff Lansell, Munkhzaya Dagvadorj, Sirisha Illa, Tamara Brestovac, Veronica Wilshaw, Rachel Feldhusen, Shan Carberry, Karl Sullivan, Cecelia Saunders, Sarah Senth, Sam Faulkner, Phil Grida, Chloe Senior, Rex Vines, Andrew Devitt, Catie Parsons, Cat Skreiner, Anne Finch, Eleanor O'Brien, Elizabeth Samson, Alice Potter, Alma Alsayed, Amanda Ireland, Louisa Frew, Emily O'Mahony, Jane Armanasco, Patrick Merrithew, Jacinta O'Shea, Mohit Sharma, Constanza Araya, Raed Al Khayrat, Jessica Wallwork, Tom Russell*

**Minutes:** Natalia Esina

### **1 Meeting Open: 7:01 PM**

#### Apologies, quorum & Conflicts of Interest

- Apologies above.
- Quorum confirmed as more than 8 financial members (as required by the P&C Constitution s25.2).
- No conflicts disclosed.

#### Confirmation of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of Meeting were circulated prior to this meeting.

**Motion:** That the minutes of the General Meeting on 30 March 2026 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record (subject to the amendment). **Carried**

### **2 Presidents' update**

#### **- Debrief of City of Subiaco Ordinary Council Meeting**

The President's Report was circulated prior to the meeting.

- Laura researched the school's land history. There's a history of school giving bits of land to the City of Subiaco over the past 130 years, and it is questionable to reclaim land currently used by the school given the expected population growth in the area.
- The P&C attended two Council Meetings, P&C acting on behalf of the wider community.
- Councillors heard our opinion and are willing to organise a meeting on-site to discuss our concerns in more detail.
- Question about extending the LP1 lease to school remains. Laura is going to write to Katrina Stratton (former Labor MLA for Nedlands) who now as the Parliamentary Secretary for the Minister of Planning and Lands.
- P&C's indirect engagement with the Department of Education via Jonathan Huston: Mr Huston has received a response from the Minister to his letter about concerns for our school's future. The response was vague and bureaucratic, simply stating that the student numbers are within limits and



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the growth is being monitored. The P&C is considering submitting our own letter, possibly a formal Freedom of Information request.

- Highgate school (~990 students) is in similar situation.
- Heather will have a meeting with DoPL representatives.
- P&C will continue to maintain the City's Councillors attention to that matter.

#### **Children's Crossing on Hamersley Road near Union Street**

- The works are due to start tomorrow, on 19 May, will be for 2 weeks
- Some parking bays will be removed, ~20 will be created.
- The position of a traffic warden is open, although there are concerns it will be filled quickly.
- Even without a warden, the designated crossing will significantly improve safety.

#### **Financial Plan SCC funds**

Late 2025, the P&C accepted an SCC grant of \$683,315.98, subject to the development of a long-term financial plan. In the interim, it is proposed to invest funds as follows:

- \$350,000 be invested in a 12-month term deposit with Bank Australia at 5.45%;
- \$250,000 be invested in a 12-month term deposit with ANZ at 5.1% (negotiated by Jo); and
- \$83,316 remain in the current ANZ savings account (1.1%) for daily operations.
- Estimated earnings are ~\$32,750 in the coming 12 months.
- *Jo*: We still have to develop long term plan as we're not a financial institution and not supposed to keep money for generating profit forever.
- Questions from new members re keeping money from SCC. *Charley* (with an experience working for non-for-profit orgs) advised about possibility of reinvesting.

#### **Financial Motion:**

- That the P&C approves the opening of a fixed term deposit account with Bank Australia. The authorised signatories are: Johanna Derks (president), Laura Battison (Vice President), Jacqueline Trimby (Treasurer), Natalia Esina (Secretary). A total sum of \$350,000 will be deposited for a fixed term of 12 months. **Carried**

### **3 Principal's update**

- Principal thanked P&C for considering school staff submissions for funding.
- *Subi Blooms*. The event has even bigger impact than last year and was featured in several newspapers and TV channels. Thanks to artist Emma Benichou for her help.
- *Creative Schools* and *UNLEASH conference* (15 May). Subiaco Primary was the only state primary school invited to the conference on learning environments in Australasia.
- Future planning. Upcoming discussions with DoE representatives will focus on population growth and the school's future needs.
- *Rupert St pocket park project*. Mrs Thornett's class (Y3) will participate in the art project led by the artists Sandra Hill and Jenny Dawson.
- The art teacher Rachael Robertson is available Mon and Fri for the workshops.
- End of semester reporting to parents is changing. There will be only one grade for Maths and English (no grades for all learning areas within the subject), general comment, attitude and behaviour assessment. School strongly encourages parents to book parent/teacher interview in case of any need (before school).



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- School Development Day (29 May) will be about MTSS – the system for identifying children in need and intervention.

#### **4 Treasurer's Report**

- The Treasurer's Report was circulated prior to the meeting.
- 2026 Voluntary Payments. We are yet to receive the voluntary payments from the school, due to recording issues. A timeline to rectify hasn't been provided. We have been advised around \$60,000 has been received by the school.
- Term deposits – discussed by Jo.

#### Upcoming (Due by 30 June):

- WACSSO Affiliation Fees (includes insurance coverage - Public & Products Liability, Voluntary Workers Personal Accident) & early bird discount
- Uniform Shop Stock Insurance
- Worker's Compensation Insurance

#### **Motion:**

- That the Treasurers report was received, reviewed, and approved. **Carried**

#### **5 Pool Coordinator's Report**

- Licence is valid for 2 years, and it was already renewed last year.
- Renewal of the RLSSWA agreement is in the early stages. *Rex Vines* supports communication with Ellie. Renewal Due by 30 June
- A meeting was held with the City of Subiaco representative (Cathleen) a couple of weeks ago. No need to reapply for a partnership with City of Subiaco this year. An agreement has not yet been finalised, but it is expected to be similar to last year's arrangement (grant amount \$7500).
- For future: The acquittal report.

#### **6 Events**

- Mum's Sundowner was held on 16 May at *The Little Things*
- We sold 72 tickets, and our generous sponsor Modern RE donated \$5000
- Estimate earnings are ~\$3000. Final numbers will be presented at the next meeting.
- Parent's Night – almost secured a venue and a date.
- *Jacinta* proposed to organise billy cart races (community members build carts and participate in a race; the tradition comes from Melbourne). The event needs significant community contribution and will be considered for the next year.

#### **7 Community Initiatives Fund**

- Budget of \$50,000
- For now, P&C received 18 requests totalling \$32,000, 12 of which were submitted by staff
- The requests include books for all year groups, sport equipment (from school and parents) etc.



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- Parent request for establishing a Wellbeing program. *Heather* noted that we already have such a program at school (run by Emma-Louise Harrisson)
- *Heather*: we encourage Y6s to submit ideas for funding
- Other requests from parents included pool toilet renovation and pool heating system installation
- Books for PP are costly (\$10,200) comparing to the books requests for the other year groups. This is due to the introduction of *UFLI*, a new spelling program for PP-Y2, which is especially intensive in the first year of learning (PP).
- *Cat*: Netball equipment request. Parents run classes for Y2-6. Most of the costs are covered by parents but Netball club asks for a new pump, 100 uniforms, balls and storage equipment. 61 students are currently participating.
- *Mr Clancy* asks for playground equipment replacement for K-Y1 – balls, ropes etc.
- Speakers, microphones and related cables requested for (1) assemblies and (2) sport functions.
- Request for a lectern with a school logo. The idea is to use it over years, carry it to out of school graduation ceremony etc. Cost is \$2,500. *It is suggested that this could be a legacy gift for graduates.*
- The school's operational budget is based on census numbers (670 back at the start of the year) and is not sufficient to cover the things requested from the P&C. Parents enquired if the School can provide transparency on spending. The Principal replied that the School Board has insights to the budget overview.

The President concluded:

- Ideas involving major construction works need further investigation and external advice before a budget can be estimated.
- Six ideas need further development, four of which could be allocated an indicative tentative budget.

#### **Financial motions under Community Initiatives Budget:**

- That the P&C approves the funding of Guided Reading Sets for Years 4-6 at a total sum of \$1,500. **Carried.**
- That the P&C approves the funding of Home Reading Books for Years 1-3 at a total sum of \$3,000. **Carried.**
- That the P&C approves the funding of Home Reading Books for PP at a total sum of \$10,200. **Carried.**
- That the P&C approves the funding of Reading Tubs (organisation storage) for Year 2 at a total sum of up to \$1,000. **Carried.**
- That the P&C approves the funding of cables, microphones and speakers for the School's PA System at a total sum of \$3,000. **Carried.**
- That the P&C approves the funding of a portable, wireless PA Speaker System at a total sum of \$3,000. **Carried.**
- That the P&C approves the funding of Playground Sports Equipment Upgrades at a total sum of \$5,000. **Carried.**
- That the P&C approves the funding of Netball Sports Equipment and Storage for the parent run Netball Club at a total sum of \$1,200. **Carried.**
- That the P&C approves the funding of ~25 Swim Vests at a total sum of \$1,000. **Carried.**
- That the P&C approves the funding of Musical Instruments for PP at a total sum of \$1,000. **Carried.**
- That the P&C approves the funding of a Lectern for Assemblies and Events at a total sum of \$2,500 – **for further consideration**



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- That the P&C approves the allocation of indicative tentative budgets to a wellbeing program (\$15,000), Signage and Promotion Materials for the School Values (\$1,750), art workshops (\$2,500) and a School Garden (\$3,000) – **for further consideration**

#### **8 Actions and Calendar Review:**

Next meeting date:

- 15 June (T2 Wk9).

Upcoming

- WACSSO Affiliation Fees - by June 30 - *Treasurer*
- Uniform Shop Stock Insurance - by June 30 - *Treasurer*
- Worker's Compensation Insurance - by June 30 - *Treasurer*
- Pool Insurance – Renewal due in May – *Pool Coordinator*
- Upcoming: Pool Operating Agreement with RLSSWA – Renewal Due by 30 June – *Pool Coordinator*
- Update Authorised Users with ACNC and lodge annual report - by June 30 – *Secretary*

#### **9 Other Business**

- One of the parents, *Christopher Malins*, presented an Open letter from Y4 parents about BYOD policy. It was distributed to the P&C members prior to the meeting.
- Concerns raised included the approximate \$600 cost to families, increased screen time, reduced social/play interaction, and limited evidence of educational benefit. A shared classroom device model was suggested as an alternative to individual iPads.
- *VP* noted that most parents share these concerns. It was also noted that Hannah McKelvie, former Chair of the School Board, has been a strong advocate for limiting devices use at school
- *The Principal* acknowledged receiving and responding to parent concerns regarding the BYOD program. School is currently reviewing and updating BYOD information and guidelines for families in line with Department of Education requirements.
- The school acknowledged concerns regarding technology use, but also notes the importance of preparing students for digital learning, including NAPLAN testing in Year 5 (fully on iPads) and laptop use in high school.
- Locker system at school is not considered for now.

**Meeting Closed: 8:53 PM**

**Next Meeting:** Term 2, Week 9, Monday 15 June 2026, 7pm, School Library