

AVELEY SECONDARY COLLEGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE:	Tuesday 07 November 2023
TIME COMMENCED:	5.30 pm
LOCATION:	Aveley Secondary College, Conference Room
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Stephen Pestana (Principal) Bev Day, Jarrad Stewart-Olsen (Staff Representatives) Michelle Anderson, Matthew Harvey (dialing in externally) (Parent Representative) Cameron Fairbrother, Richard Moore, Michelle Del Nero (Community Representative) Community Guest – Jessica Shaw MLA
EX-OFFICIO:	Anne Gilchrist (MCS Ex-Officio)
MINUTE TAKER:	Sharon Edmonds
APOLOGIES:	Parent Representatives - Shane Larson Community Representative - Student Representatives – Natalia Vega Mena, Aiden Barallon
PREVIOUS MINUTES:	Moved: Cameron Fairbrother Seconded: Jarrad Stewart-Olsen

ITEM & DISCUSSION

Apologies, Noting of Minutes, Business Arising

- Synergy Rebate and charges

Principal's report – handout

- Focus for this term has been on Graduation for Year 12s and staffing has been dominant.

Enrolments

- The Sem 2 census numbers was 1479 on books 1521
- Next year the school is expecting around 1550, might be higher
- High numbers of enrolments with more students moving into our community
- Retention rate data Year (10-11) - 79% Year 12s not included

Staffing

- Staffing continues to be a challenge.
- Opportunities, promotions, closer location for staff movement
- The school is managing to backfill with quality staff

Naplan

- Comparison data to like schools results as expected

Behaviour

- The number of suspensions has decreased
- Exclusions – three significant impact on staff and students
- Graph indicates the types of suspensions have changed Green - Misconduct (not following rules)
- Last year fights and assaults were the largest
- Vaping is an indirect link (selling / buying / students abused by this)
- Toilet problems - mobile phones / vaping
- Threats / intimidation and aggression towards staff was approx. 40%, the percentage has decreased in comparison to last year. The school is taking all measures to manage behaviors effectively, it's a long-term process. Strategies are in place to manage this; teachers are trained to check the behavior of students

Attendance

- Attendance data is better than like schools

Compass

- Seqta did not win the tender. Compass is the new Managing Information System to be introduced in 2025, but ASC has opted to implement in 2024
- Testing and trialing with staff will begin in 2024
- Parents will be able to access reports / parent teacher online / attendance data / excursion / payments. It's an effective mode of communication

College Board 2024

Board Nominations

- Expression of interest - Local councillor / parents would prefer to be involved
- Students on board by next meeting
- Based on nomination - four members as term of reference

- New terms of reference two years / three years
- Jarrad suggested parent representative to reapply. Applicants can get a shorter term two years and new people term of three years.
- School survey tool to run elections
- Cameron gave an idea of having two categories by agreement
- Matt proposed a recommendation only for next election as a non-survey approach for some two years and other three years as a recommendation by the school commission board, with a valid reason for using a different approach is useful for meeting out requirements
- This non survey approach as a tool was accepted by the board for future elections

Board Meeting dates 2024

Term 1 – 1 Meeting Week 5

Term 2 – 2 Meetings Week 3 & 8

Term 3 – 2 Meetings Week 3 & 8

Term 4 – 1 Meeting Week 5

- Michelle suggested board documents to be sent prior to the meeting and the financial summary report can be presented at any time, even if they are not completed before the board meeting
- Documents like the contribution and charges, if has to be passed by the board should be provided
- Matt commented it's important to identify which of the board meetings has particular outcomes and meet requirements for the school. e.g. presentation of budgets / elections - the focus, view and what needs to be prepared for the board
- Michelle recommended an email can be sent for discussion and consent of the board members

Results Overview 2023

- Year 12 - Total 161 students
- Median ATAR predicted is 81.8%, Sem 2 result is similar to Sem 1. Might be inflated. This is just a speculation
- 55% of Cert 11 participation rate
- Ed support - 27 students, WACE achievement is 83% removing Ed support internally 92% achievement rate
- Like schools' prediction 81% - 83%
- Based on the classifications schools e.g. separate schools for Ed support linked to the way school set up

- If we get close to 81% as expected when compared to other schools will still be good
- Next year real numbers and more data information close to our predicted numbers

Staff and Student Wellbeing: The Resilience Project

Spotlight Award

- Spotlight award to appreciate ASC staff each week and 2 awards are given from each department.

Resilience project

- Stephen thanked Bev for the implementation of this project
- Launched two weeks ago for teaching / non-teaching staff and students to be launched in 2024
- Video presentation available for staff, books and journals are also purchased for staff
- The resilience project is about Appreciation / Gratitude self-reflective journal understanding positives to negatives in three weeks. Mindfulness is a behavior around technologies which can also be positive tool to students
- Positive comments from staff
- The resilience journal is ongoing modules for schools, student services is looking at introducing it

Student Voice nominations

Student Voice

- Student voice is a process where students get to commend their teachers. It's collected and passed on to staff. Teachers get a sample of the commendation.
- It's a process of letting teachers know, how students commend their teachers and nominate them. A very positive approach
- Michelle commended on the positives of this process on teachers, students are eloquent and the comments are fantastic

Student Engagement: Insain

Insain

- Is a program to reach students through engagement program
- The author is reliving his own journey and using that as a model for the program to connect and build on goals
- 60 students to apply into the program - 25 students to be selected
- Evaluation for the 1st cohort and data to be provided for the program
3/4 cohorts once a term next year, to target range of students and identify their goals

Community Update: Welcome Jessica Shaw to the Board

Jessica appreciated the graduation and applauded the 1st batch of students - It was a beautiful event and briefed the members on the development of the new youth centre and pool

Ellenbrook Youth Centre

The Ellenbrook Youth Centre is opened.

- It's been incredibly well attended, 100s of students are attending the centre each week
- The City of Swan wants to expand the offering to raise awareness amongst school boards as the school holiday programs are amazing. The feedback from students is good
- Debbie Mackay who runs the program is encouraging parents / board to visit the centre and get a bit of a tour.
- They are open to hosting people and talking to high schools on what they can do to compliment what the school does

Ellenbrook Pool

- Relocate the recreation centre next to the train station, better location to the pool and easy access to students
- The 1st stage - 25m indoor pool and two basketball court, 50m outdoor pool with stadium, child splash with water slides, hydrotherapy pool
- City of Swan is assisting in the 2nd stage of the project - Indoor sports complex with four courts
- Parliamentary enquiry for Autism and how the school system deals with Autism and children with different needs. The parliamentary enquiry is going to see what the recommendations are, the Minister of Education has invested in addressing this issue
- The federal govt has handed out its enquiry for ADHD
- Minister has a ban on vaping, it's a significant issue in schools, good standing will be removed from the students caught vaping. Ban to school balls and camps to change those behaviours.
- Slight configuration of schools that fall under the electorate, redistribution of schools across the area.
- Jessica offered and insisted to assist with any fundraising projects at the school

Crossing on the Broadway

- Jessica lodged a petition with WA police and is waiting for an application from the school to complete the work, but Stephen mentioned until the road work has finished the school cannot progress with the application
 - Michelle checked on the crossing situations are ready for the school to access but until the road works are completed, this is an important issue to be addressed
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- Jessica offered her full support as a priority once the application is completed from our end
- Also mentioned the new Community hub in the pool area - large function space, commercial kitchen, storage, and meeting room for the community in the future
- Matt made a suggestion on the crossing on the Broadway - instead of a crossing putting a pedestrian over pass. This will promote a 24/7 separation between pedestrians and cars. Jessica thought it was an excellent idea.
- Michelle thanked Jessica

2024 Billing

Anne presented the contribution and charges for 2024 and new costs for Year 11 and 12 and ESH subject costs.

2024 Contributions and Charges

- Yearbook costs increased to \$30.00
- Certificate courses cost increased and RTS Cert costs to \$80.00
- Ed support costs include Life skills for only participating students
- VET courses new cost included \$150.00
- Grad Costs ESH - \$90.00
- Yearbook - increased to \$30.00
- The Board approved the changes for the Contribution & Charges 2024.including new ESH charges.

2024 Additional Charges

- ATAR student lockers \$20.00
- Sports Elite Excursions / Camps - \$210.00
- The Board approved the new changes to the additional charges.

2024 Booklists

- Resilience project journal has been added on the booklist for every year group - \$20.00. The school will supply the journal.
- Michelle queried the board on the usage of iPad amongst ASC students. Some. parents are not happy on the outlay of something they don't use. Bev briefly mentioned that an audit has been done on students using iPad. The lower school students are using it more in comparison.

- Michelle also mentioned sports uniform being included under the personal item listing for all year groups. Item to be removed and enquired on the usage of the SD card by all students.
- Student calculators was another point of discussion
- Year 11 badminton racquet to be removed under the parents to supply listing
- Parent to supply categories on the booklist to be removed for ESH
- The Board approved the 2024 booklists for all years

Finance Report

- Handouts

AOB

Stephen thanked the board members for 2023.

Meeting Closed: 7:20pm

Chair Signature



Next Meeting: 2024 Term 1, Week 5 – Tuesday 27 February 2024

