

ASPS School Council AGM: 26 March 2019

School Council President's Report - John O'Callaghan

Welcome to our School Council AGM.

It has been a privilege to be the President of your School Council for the last 12 months. School Council continues to play an important role assisting to set the future direction for our school along with maintaining oversight of its operation.

The Council continues the key focus of supporting the School's Leadership Team to enable our school and students to flourish whilst providing an appropriate level of governance that the community would expect.

I would like to acknowledge the commitment and contribution made by both the parent and staff Council members over the course of the year. Each member brings different skills to the work of the Council. This has resulted in many of the key initiatives identified early in the year now having been achieved, or planned to be achieved in the 2019 year. Thank you all for the significant time commitment you have made during the past 12 months.

I believe that in the 2018 year there was important work done by our School Council and the Sub Committees that will deliver long-term benefits to the school community. Some the key highlights from the year include:

The Council's Education and Policy Sub-Committee work on the development and maintenance of a comprehensive series of high quality policies for the school. New initiatives saw the completion of the master calendar and the communication framework.

One of Council's key roles is to approve and maintain oversight of the school's annual financial budget. We are not an overly well-funded school and our finances require careful ongoing management. The Finance Sub-Committee, chaired by Simon McCarthy, performs a key role in setting and monitoring the revenue and expenses of the school. The committee has worked well this year including; reviewing our parent fees structure, improving reporting to track revenue and expenses, developing a maintenance program to manage our infrastructure for the long-term and setting up a fundraising account to hold fair and other fundraising monies.

A School Improvement Sub-Committee was established in late 2018 and is working towards costing and then prioritising a program of works including; carpet and flooring replacement, toilet works, solar panels, hall heating/cooling and painting. This will be a major undertaking for the School Council over the next years and will deliver some key infrastructure to the school community.

The Uniform Shop and Canteen Sub-Committees have supported the financial and broader success of the school's two trading operations, which both generated a surplus in 2018. I'd like to thank the members along with all of the parents who volunteer in the Uniform Shop and Canteen.

Council has also monitored the execution of the school's Annual Implementation Plan for 2018 and development of the 2019 Plan. These Plans reflect what the school wants to achieve in the future and how it plans to get there.

I feel that I have learned a great deal about the teaching approach and benchmarking from the presentations throughout the year by our Staff members. Thank you to each those presenters for the time, energy and passion that you put into those presentations.

I thank each Council member for their contribution.

I also acknowledge the continued good work of the Parents Association who ran many successful community events that raised much-needed funds throughout 2018.

I would also like to acknowledge the Fair Committee and the very large number of people who commit time to the fair. The Fair Committee once again delivered a hugely successful event that raised circa \$80,000. These funds will be used throughout 2019 to deliver improvements at the school.

In closing, I'd like to recognise the Staff and Parent Members stepping down from Council and thank them for their contribution. I am very confident that our new 2019 Council will continue the good work over the coming years.

Thank you for allowing me to serve in the role of President for 2018.

John O'Callaghan

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