

St Raphael's School Education Board
Tuesday 2 April 2019 at 7pm

Attending: Damian Howard (Principal)
Tina Colosi (Deputy Principal)
Lorraine Uzunovski (Lead Teacher – Walker Learning)
Pauline O'Connor (President SEB, PR & Communications)
Tracey Pace (Secretary)
Filippa Brugliera (Treasurer)
Gabrielle Wood
Lisa Mancini (Outdoor Learning Space Redevelopment)
Fiona Leggiero-Christoff (Outdoor Learning Space Redevelopment)
Nick D'Ercole
Simon Perrotta
Roan Plotz

Apologies: Fr Simon Grainger, Sally Di Martino, Cara Fonua, Andrew Aquilina,
Liliana Varvarigos, Gretchen Edwin, Jim Liaskos, David Lang

1. Confirmation of previous Minutes: Filippa & Roan

2. School Update:

Damian:

- Google + community.
Still open for educators. Damian to arrange alias emails for all SEB members via IT resource.
- Unfortunate resignation of Anna Cumuglia 1/2A.
- School continues to enjoy a positive reputation in educational space.
- Collating all the research and evidence that the teaching style works... for existing parents as well as prospective ones.
- STEM focus in Term 2.
- Outdoor learning space – early Term 3 for demolition. Conversation continues with landscapers and playground company. Continued thanks to Lisa Mancini and Fiona Leggiero-Christoff.
- Grant applied for Darebin Council for a “Reconciliation garden and Reflection space”.
- Year 1/2 space - repairs following rain damage is underway.
- Continue to utilise existing channels to communicate: website, Seesaw, SkoolBag
- Note: SEB parents reported some discrepancy in how frequently they are seeing Seesaw updates.

3. Treasurer's Report (Filippa): See attached

4. Lorraine Uzunovski – How parents can help support the Walker Learning Approach

- Learning set up is very deliberate.
- Looking to develop social, emotional, life skills.
- Children taught to research, make decisions, collaborate.
- Q. As a family, how do we help foster social, emotional, research, problem solving, life skills?
- Suggestions
 - Learning intentions – be aware of them and engage in conversations with your children about them.
 - Engage in student learning e.g. with the use of Seesaw

- Create oral language opportunities – as simple as sharing a conversation at meal times, allowing the opportunity to build on their skills to express/articulate what they are thinking/learning.
- Build cooperation and negotiation skills – let them experience failure, risk taking and opportunities where they have to share.
- Give children opportunities for open-ended (unstructured) play and experiences – let them get messy!
- Children love it when their parents get involved in “play” too.
- Give children responsibility – might include jobs at home, planning a family activity etc.
- Promote a love for literacy and language in your home – create a reading space, set an example, visit the library, make connections between reading and real life.
- SEB to consider how to broadcast this information to the wider school community.
- Questions raised on how Walker Learning is extended beyond the junior school – continual work in progress to reinforce education research skills of senior students.
- Raised the issue of expressing this type of information to parents at various points in their child’s education e.g.
 - Delivery of Walker Learning Approach to each new Foundation group;
 - Better explanation of the changes for children moving from Year 2 to 3;
 - Support and guidance on preparing Year 5/6 children for the next phase of their education.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, 7th May at 7pm

Treasurer's Report (for 5th April 2019)

Prepared by Filippa Brugliera (29/03/2019)

A summary of the funds raised to date in 2019 is shown below:

| EVENT | FUNDS RAISED |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| St Raphael's Kitchen - (x8) | \$1,424 |
| Elixir lunch orders (x 2) | \$189 |
| Welcome BBQ and Vintage Car Show | \$857 |
| Lunch Wallets | \$32 |
| Total raised to date in 2019 | \$2,502 |

The current bank balance (NAB Account held with Catholic Development Fund) is \$41,706.43

- Outgoings from 4th Mar 2019 to 29th Mar 19 were \$532.82
- Incomings from 4th Mar 2019 to 29th Mar 19 were \$371.80
- *Waiting on \$323.33 to be processed for outgoings (reimbursements)*
- *A further \$1190.55 on route to bank*

