



Tuesday 17 October 2023
Inaugural Meeting

Start Time | 19:30

Meeting called to order by | Mr Phillip Nash | GPCC Principal.

In attendance | Andy Macken, Ben Ricardo, Diane Cannone, Jennifer Rangiawha, Kelly Gillen, Kirsty Young, Marie-Jean Richmond, Phil Taux, Sarah Mutton, Shaun Gibb, Simon Thomas.

Apology | Irene Wardle

Discussion | Mr Nash informed the PAG that GPCC has been working on multiple initiatives and frameworks to build the philosophical foundation on which the school is built and in conjunction with the learnings from the [Melos Foundation](#).

Mr Nash introduced the PAG to the works of Professor Martin Dowson – GPCC Director of Research and the school's academic in-residence.

Initiatives

Discussed by Mr Nash

Initiative 1 | [Education for Wisdom](#) by Professor Dowson

- Foundational thinking of GPCC philosophy, to provide shape and purpose to the school
- Professor Dowson has led workshops with teachers to apply the theories in *Education for Wisdom* and implement its practical applications
- Core explorations of Knowledge + Understanding + Wisdom

Initiative 2 | *GPCC Wellbeing Framework* (WF)

- Strong correlation between a student's wellbeing and academic outcome
- Work of past three years, now put together by Professor Dawson
- Falls under Mrs Jane McLarty's portfolio
- Grant secured to put on consultants to roll out the WF into the school
- Draws on contemporary research as well as Christian ethos and community values
- More of a philosophy document rather than a strategy

Initiative 3 | *GPCC Mission + Service-Learning*

- Framework to provide a platform for Christian families to help others in need
- Part of the school's graduate profile to serve the community
- Staff member has been selected to own it and create activities based around the framework, example: the Christmas Boxes initiative
- To be launched in early 2024
- Capturing the Spirit of Service



Initiative 4 | Academic Committee (AC)

- Purpose: to raise the academic standards at GPCC
- Opportunities: deliver alternative pathways for non-university students to excel, all the while ensuring implementation of GPCC's Graduate Profile
- AC meets every 2/52
- Rethink how we better deliver each subject area: teachers to break down the curriculum and submit documents to the AC to go through and develop an education framework that sets benchmarks and new academic opportunities
- Also, will rely heavily on data analysis – AC to look at data from each year's HSC questions and statistical outcomes and incorporate that in the following year's educational framework
- Data used to also monitor the academic progress of students individually via digital tracking to see dips and troughs in a student's learning as well as use the data to motivate high achievers
- To come: monitor wellbeing via a tracker, yet to be developed (eg: student surveys, self-monitoring and data inputting, teacher/parent observations, app data entry)
- Hopeful launch by end of 2024
- Basis of AC: anyone can achieve *beyond* what they think they can achieve

Initiative 5 | The Melos Teaching School (MTS)

- Address teacher shortage, or rather a shortage of teachers who want to teach
- In development: formation of an apprenticeship-model approach to teacher training
- MTS will offer a place for an apprentice teacher to be part of the school community offering one paid day per week onsite at contributing Melso Foundation schools
- Train, Mentor, Support throughout the student teacher's study journey
- Launch 2024

AOB

New Principal

- 15 applied, now down to the final two – to be announced by the end of Term 4, 2023
- PAG to meet new principal – potentially, Mr Nash to consider/confirm

Questions

- PAG member: what are ways of letting parents know about what GPCC is doing as far as academic opportunities, as some circles have raised concerns about GPCC's academic strengths

Suggestions

- Facebook, socials, podcasts, case studies
- Working on keeping track and records of alumni progress – potentially develop case studies

Construction works

- Admin building ready for deconstruction when Term 4 wraps up, then construction begins in the Christmas school holidays
- Top floor of the Library to be renovated potentially next month to create better facilities for IT and bring together all of Enrichment Staff in one place
- One classroom and two offices also temporarily relocated
- Summation: GPCC construction underway for next 15 months



PAG Chair and Secretary decided at inaugural meeting, tenure at least for this Term.

- New PAG Chair: Phillip Thuaux (PT)
- New PAG Secretary: Sarah Mutton (SM)

To Action

Publishing of PAG Meeting Minutes

- Secretary to take PAG meeting minutes, compile and email to Sue Parkinson, and CC Chair
- Sue to send to the Principal and arrange if discussion is required with PAG Chair
- Sue to email approved Minutes to PAG to approve content and make changes if required
- Chair/Principal to approve final copy pre-publishing
- Minutes to be published on a platform yet to be decided

Pre-meeting Agenda

- PAG members to email Sue Parkinson agenda areas of discussion ahead of next meeting
- Sue to compile and send to Chair
- Chair to go through with the Principal
- Sue email approved Agenda and Meeting Invite to PAG on Friday prior to Tuesday PAG meeting

Next meeting

- Date TBC with Sue Parkinson
- Note: PAG agreed to a Tuesday towards the end of Term 4, 2023 in accordance with Mr Nash's diary availability (and potentially the new Principal).

Meeting closed | 20:40.

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