



Spearwood Primary School

School Board September 2026 **MEETING**

DATE:	Thursday 10 September, 2026	CHAIRPERSON:	Elena Noema
TIME:	3:05 pm	Minute SECRETARY:	Lorraine Van Der Waarden (MCS)
ATTENDEES:	Marta Rotondella, Zoe Colleran, Nicola Longmire, Lorraine Van Der Waarden (MCS), Elena Noema, Phoebe Cork.		
APOLOGIES:	Jodie Bridges and Sonia Nelson		

ITEM / Led by	DISCUSSION/ PROGRESS REPORT	ACTION/TIMELINE
Welcome/ Marta - Elena	Kaya ngalak djoorabiny noonook djinanginy Kitj Boorn (Spearwood) kaadadjiny miya-p. Ngalak dandjoo Wadjak Noongar boodja-k. Ngalak kaadatj Noongar Birdiya koora koora, yeyi wer boordakan. Kitj Boorn (Spearwood) kaadadjiny miya-p baal yengkalang kwobidak djerap, dek wer moort. Hello, I'm happy to see you at Spearwood Primary School. We come together on Wadjak Noongar country. We acknowledge Noongar elders long ago, now and in the future. Spearwood Primary School is surrounded by beautiful birds, plants, and families. Spearwood acknowledgement was created as part of the Aboriginal Language project.	
1.0 Apologies, Previous Minutes & Business Arising/ Marta	1.1 Apologies 1.2 Previous Minutes tabled. 1.3 Business Arising 1.3.1 These minutes were checked and Signed by Parent Member – Sonia Nelson as Chair was unable to attend last meeting. 1.3.2 Jodie Bridges, Community member has sent apologies and emailed resignation. Marta sent a gushing thank you email for Jodie's many years on the Board and on the P & C and all she has done for the School.	Minutes are compiled by Secretary and signed by Principal and usually the Board Chair.
2.0 Financial Review: Finance Committee Minutes. / Lorraine	Pre Reading – 2027 Contributions and Charges, PEAC: Transaction to Semester Model, Comparative Budget 8, 2.1 Comparative Budget - Period 8 August 2.2 Finance Committee – No meetings or changes since last Board Meeting. 2.3 Voluntary Contributions and Charges. 2.3.1 2027 School Contributions and Charges 2.3.2 PEAC Changes	Noted with mention of 2026 Voluntary contributions received – Read from Comparative Budget Marta Proposed Voluntary Contributions and charges as scheduled Approved – by all members present

	2.4 Personal Items lists.	Lorraine proposed Campion student requirements lists to be approved with totals being accurately printed before submitting to parents Approved – by all members present
3.0 Principal's Report/ Marta	3.1 Principal's Report Tabled and Discussed at Meeting.	Note Friday assemblies will return in Term 4 There are now 4 community groups who hire the Hall – Spearwood Progress has moved. Current: Spearwood Weight Watches The Joys of the Women (Choir) Wonderful Wargames The Society of Creative Anachronism
4.0 Community Use agreements	4.1 Regular Community Users 4.2 Friends of the Community – Food based Charity. They donated to the school an iPad for the school for PE usage. The P & C have agreed to allow them to do the Sausage Sizzle for the Sports Carnival and run a Coffee Van. They will donate from the profits to the P & C after the Athletics Carnival.	Partnership with P&C sounds good
5.0 School Development Days 2027	Pre Reading – Proposed Dates 2027 School Development Day 5.1 The Department of Education has increased the Board selected School Development Days from 3 to 4 in 2027. This is for schools to increase Professional Learning (PL) with a focus on catering for students with disabilities in the mainstream for example Autism Spectrum Disorder and Multi-Tiered Support Systems. They will be creating at PL Hub and publishing this at the start of Term Two. 5.2 Discuss School Development Days and why the proposed Days in Red are recommended by Principal and has been discussed with staff. • The Compulsory three School Development Days remain the two days before school and the one day at the end of the year. The Days at the start of the year will have school planning including School Review Planning which will be in Term One. The end of the year can be traded off with extra meeting or professional learning throughout the year. • There are no Board selected dates in Term One. This decision has been made as with the two days at the start of the term, plus a long Weekend, Easter and a Day for Reporting there are more than enough interruptions in this term. • Term Two the first Board Selected day is the Friday before the WA Day long weekend. This gives families a four-day break. It also allows admin to use April and May to review the Professional Learning resources supplied by the Department at the start of the term to plan the day for Spearwood Staff to do PL.	Marta Proposed School Development Days Approved – by all members present

	• Term Three has two Board Selected Days. The first is the Network Conference. This saves thousands of dollars in providing professional learning for staff at no cost to the school. • The end of term three has been requested as a return to the 'Data Day'. This has been a standard for years. With the earlier test and data release date of NAPLAN it was hoped that the start of term three would be a useful data day but this proved to be not a case in 2026. Staff investigate all school data and student data for planning and review. • The Beginning of Term Four will be the last Board Selected Day for School Planning – Term Planning, Next Year Planning etc. • This last two SDD combined – end of term three and start of term 4, make the school holidays two days longer which allows for cheaper or safer travel with different end and start dates to terms. • The Second School Day for Reporting in Term Three for 2027 will be reviewed upon the completion of these meetings and in Week Ten and the subsequent discussion at School Development Day in Term Four. The decision on whether to have a Term Three Reporting to Parents day or not will be reported to the Board in Week Three Term Four.	
6.0 Evidence of Progress – NAPLAN Data	Pre-Reading Handout 26 NAPLAN Analysis 6.1 Discuss and explain this Analysis document. 6.2 Staff and Principal to - Answer Questions including comparing to like schools.	School showed good progress, strength on each year's increase. Panel Members were very interested and tabled multiple questions. Data shared. Results have shown strength since the school implemented Oxford Math Program and as teachers learn the program the better it is being utilised.
5.0 Induction – Reading Modules/ Marta	Pre-Reading Modules 3 to 5 Red Folder 5.1 Do Quiz Questions for last three modules.	Moved to next meeting
6.0 Next Meeting/ Lorraine	Term Four: Week Three Meeting 3:05pm Thursday 29 th October.	Noted
7.0 General Business	Any GB???	Nil
Signed and Date:	 Elena Noema- Chair	 Marta Rotondella - Principal
		4:16 PM
		Meeting Closed