



# MEETING NOTES

## Global School Partners

### Annual General Meeting 2022

20 September 2022

6.30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at 13 Borrowdale Street, Red Hill, ACT

**Attendees:** Jann Carroll, Simon Carroll, Karen Achurch, Jenny VD Meeberg, Kathy Laudenbach, Paul McGinness

**Apologies:** Philippa Brearley, Christine Melican, Helen White, Glenda Wilkinson, Josephine Maunds, Drew Just, Alison Just, Julie Jobson

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1. **Welcome**  
The Chair, Paul McGinness, welcomed members, noted that a quorum was achieved.

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  2. **Details of Proxy Forms**  
Philippa Brearley, Glenda Wilkinson, Drew Just, Alison Just

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  3. **Conflicts of Interest**  
Nil

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  4. **Annual report**  
CEO, Simon Carroll, provided an overview of the annual report, points of note:  
In Kenya  
Tough year in Kenya, with food shortage and increased cost of living, plus extra school term added to catch up for 2020 school closures. Tough year in Australia, with schools not accepting visitors (such as GSP CEO) or doing activities to fundraise. Post-covid issues – after 3 years it is virtually a re-launch into Australian schools required in 2023. CEO decided not safe to visit Kenya in July/August 2022 (now that boarders open again) because of national elections in Kenya. CBC in Kenya enters new phase with Junior Secondary schools starting in 2023, which impacts all our Kenyan schools whether they are offering this or remaining Junior only.  
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Post-covid issues – after 3 years it is virtually a re-launch into Australian schools required in 2023, as many Australian children don't remember the GSP brand  
GSP has lacked visibility and traction due to pandemic precautions in Australian schools leading to lack of access etc  
Highlight: ONA Coffee partnership  
Financial highlights – managed to keep total income on par with previous years despite the challenges posed by schools, but the donor base reduced in number, with Sponsorship up and Projects down with funds coming from a few individuals and business partners.  
Conscia continued high level of sponsorship support  
A challenge occurs when children transition into secondary school and university which are both more expensive than our current sponsorship levels.  
In 2022 GSP was unable to secure funding of Young Womens, first aid, water sanitation programs.  
GSP did fund the textbook program, which should now be complete  
List of successful school projects shown in the Annual Report  
Expenses maintained at a low level with 5% admin, 95% to Kenya

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**5. Financial report**

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**6. Election of Directors**

Jenny VD Meeberg stood down on rotation made herself available for re-election. With no other nominations for the Board Jenny was welcomed back as a board member for new term

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**7. Other business or matters arising**

Chair expressed thanks to Simon and Jann Maricel from Bottles For A Cause (and Aspen Medical) is still operating their program at St Judes Primary. Kathy Laudenbach questioned where these funds are allocated and CEO assured her that these funds are credited to Surgeon Academy.

Discussion occurred about expansion of Bottles Fr A Cause into other GSP schools, CEO committed to reaching out to Maricel to check on her capacity. Pending her capacity, CEO will take to other GSP schools in Canberra.

Bottles For A Cause program is successful when a champion in the school takes ownership.

Jenny VD Meeberg asked "How many schools have dedicated champions?" CEO spoke through the list of Canberra schools and their level of engagement.

CEO to check with Maricel if Aspen Medical would replicate dollar matching for additional schools as they do with St Judes?

AGM closed 7.30pm

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**Additional Instructions:**

Questions are welcomed at any time