Sheffield School Association Inc.

Minutes – THURSDAY 17th MARCH, 2016

Venue: VET Room at Sheffield School

Time: 7.00pm

Meeting organiser: Kate Haberle

Meeting recorder: Kate Haberle

Present: Kate Haberle, Chris Puccetti, Ron Daly, Jamie Skirving, Balin Puccetti, Allison Hicks, Elaine Deverell, Susie Hinrichsen, Helen Rockliff, Bob Ashby, Phillip Turner, Russell O’Rourke, Clare Crowden, Carmen Pearce, Abbey Boucher, Catie Loane

Apologies: Allison Boucher, Neil Myers, Tammy Leslie, Emma Dobson, Nicole East, Lucy Crowther, Petra Wilden

Absent: Cameron Archer

Moved: Phillip Turner, Seconded: Allison Hicks, “that apologies be accepted.” CARRIED

1. Minutes of previous meeting: (18th February, 2016)

Moved: Susie Hinrichsen, Seconded: Allison Hicks, “that minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.” CARRIED

2. Business Arising:

- **Table Tennis**: As there are no tables in the school the offer of help will have to be put on hold. Resolved to write to the Hub for financial assistance. Jamie Skirving to follow up. It was suggested that we find out the cost of purchasing these tables.

3. Correspondence:

**Outward**: Acknowledgement of achievement and appreciation for involvement in the School Council

- **Don College: Special Awards** – Hollie Jackson, Sophia Dyer, Rachael Huett and Danielle Jones and Michael Dunn
  
  **Subject Awards** – Hollie Jackson, Sophia Dyer, Danielle Jones, Michaela Collins, Daniel Perkins, Elizabeth Alsop, Hannah Huett, Emily Smith, Malachi Hinrichsen, Bianca Eberle, Chloe Jackson and Dayna Grey

- **Lions Club Youth of the Year: Winner** – Hannah Huett, **Public Speaking** – Dayna Grey

  **Participation** – Jessica Temple

- **Staff**: Kathy Turnbull, Newton Maddick and Anita Richards
Students: Lillian Maddick and Ayden Grey
Parents: Nicole East, Ian Leslie and Amanda Grey

Simon Barber: Letter of appreciation for his involvement in the Cattle Handlers program

Moved: Elaine Deverell, Seconded: Balin Puccetti “that the outward correspondence be endorsed.” CARRIED

4. Special Committees Reports:

- Ron discussed the reconvening of the policy writing group to review current school council policies. People in Hobart need to be consulted for clarification of the Sun Safe policy. Bob, Elaine, Chris, Ron and Jamie to form this group.

5. Standing Reports

Student:

- On Friday 11th March we had our annual swimming carnival and those who attended had a great day. Roland won the carnival.
- Our first assembly was held on Wednesday 16th March for grades 3-10.
- Grade 7 students will attend grade 7 camp on Tuesday 22nd March.
- Next week all students and staff will have a short break as it is Easter.
- On Thursday 7th April Term 1 ends.
- Rowing – Lily and Abbey won the Under 16 State Final. Lily came second in the singles. A fantastic effort, girls.
- Cattle Handing: In the beef handling, Jack Febey won at the Wynyard Show and Jordan Burr won at the Chudleigh Show.

Early Childhood:

- LIFT was launched on Tuesday.
- 35 attended Launching into Learning
- Teachers attended a PD on Spelling

Primary

- The Inter-Primary Athletics were held in Penguin on March 16th. We had a large team of primary students in attendance, achieving great success. As a result we have approximately 8 students competing in the Twilight competition in Launceston.
- Grades 3-6 participated in the Sporting Schools Tennis sessions on February 24th and March 2nd. Students seemed to really enjoy this activity and a number of valuable skills were learned by all.
- The new play equipment seems popular and after the initial period, where classes were allocated times for access to the equipment, this new feature of our playground is being well utilised by students.
- The swimming carnival was held on Friday March 11th and was as popular as ever with primary students. Overall, student behaviour was excellent and they have been congratulated on this. Most students enjoyed the thrill and challenges of the competition and, for many, the waterslide activities were a highlight.
- The students in 5/6 Richards took part in a number of Science and Engineering challenges during a Discovery Day activity held at Devonport High School recently. This proved to be a highly engaging learning opportunity which was popular with students.
• LAC students are currently providing opportunities for primary students to participate in Sporting Schools Cricket programs. The students from 3 Hinrichsen and 3/4 Mainwaring/Laws have already participated in this program with the upper primary students taking their turn on Friday March 18th. By all accounts, the LAC students are doing a very good job with this.
• Teachers in the Primary area have also been busy with a number of activities besides teaching including:
  • Re-mapping of the current curriculum overview documents
  • Preparation and distribution of student progress reports
  • Attendance at several professional learning events including those run by Dr Thelma Perso (Numeracy) and notable Literacy writers Sheena Cameron and Louise Dempsey (Writing)
• In the coming weeks, staff and students are looking forward to Crazy Hair Day (24th March) Primary Assembly (30th March) Social (31st) and the primary Fair (7th April) followed by the Easter break.

Secondary

• The Swimming Carnival was held on the 11th March
• GRIP Leadership Conference was held in Launceston. 16 grade 9 and 10 students attended and found it very informative.
• A number of secondary students attended the Inter High Swimming Carnival.
• Sheffield boys attended a cricket day in Devonport and played several games against other schools with varying degrees of success.
• There was an Ag excursion to Powranna cattle sale.
• Primary school students attended the Inter Primary Athletics Carnival in Penguin along with a number of year 9/10 LAC students.
• Grade 7 students embark on their school camp next week.
• Grade 7 students completed the Mount Roland hike.
• The ECE, Primary and Secondary socials are coming up in the next two weeks.
• Crazy Hair Day on the 24th March will raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation.
• During the first assembly this week, the new SRC members will be presented as well as Class Reps and Bus Monitors.
• Two groups of students presented work in the 48 Film Competition in Launceston.

Railton:

• The Railton Campus has had a positive start to the year. Students have settled well into their learning. The campus has welcomed two new senior staff members (half our teaching staff) and this has been a smooth transition.
• Launching into Learning launched with a sizzle in late February; it was attended by 10 families (which we believe to be a record!) and has continued to be well supported each week. Positive feedback has already been received from parents about the program.
• Breakfast club has started again for the year and continues to be an extremely well utilised resource.
• Students from Prep to grade 4 participated in Clean up Australia Day on March 4th.
• Grade 3 and 4 students attended the swimming carnival last Friday and had a terrific day.
• The launch of LIFT (Learning in Families Together) occurred on Tuesday from 2.30-3.30. This was attended by a number of families who enjoyed an afternoon tea and spent time in their children’s classrooms.
• Nehamiah French was selected in the school team to participate in the NWPSSA Carnival, held yesterday.
• Scripture for students who have opted in will begin next week.
• We have a busy few weeks ahead with our students joining the main campus for Crazy Hair Day next week, Easter Egg Hunts and the first socials for the year on March 31st. The first assembly for the campus is organised for the last week of term.

6. Sub-committee Reports

6.1 Chaplaincy –
• Next meeting will be held on the 6th April.

6.2 Show Committee –
• No report

6.3 Farm Committee –
• The next meeting will be held on the 22nd March. David Cox is doing a great job on the farm.

6.4 Junior Cattle Handlers Committee –
• This will begin later in the year.

7 General Business

7.1 Years 11 and 12
• An announcement was made in the media identifying schools which will be offering years 11 and 12 next year. Information about this will be in the school newsletter. One model is to go alone and the other model is a coalition. It will be no different for us if we go on our own or as a coalition.
• It is not an option to stop our students from going to Don College.
• Janet Sims will work with schools to see what model will look like for us next year. Additional resources will be available depending on the number of enrolments.
• Students will be enrolled at Sheffield next year with a dual enrolment at Don College. There is scope for offering flexible learning. Video conferencing could be an option for pre-tertiary subjects.

7.2 Education Act – Draft Bill
• Information will be in the newsletter next week. The key changes are: to keep young people in education longer till 18 or to gain a cert 3 in a course of their choice. Children to start Kindergarten at 3 years and 6 months by January 1. This is more controversial.
• Period of time for feedback concludes on the 13th May. Staff to look at this, then present their ideas to council. Elaine, Kate, Susie, Bob, Ron and Carmen to form a group to oversee this process. Ron to email out some dates for a meeting.
• For more information, the Education Act Review can be seen on line. The website will be in the newsletter.

7.3 Science Area Re-development
• Work has begun.
• The corridor has been removed to allow for a larger classroom space.
• Hopefully it will be finished by the first week in Term 2.
• Sheffield was included in the $13 million that was set aside for schools. We were included in round 2 and were given extra money allocation. We can now do what was originally planned and won’t have to compromise on providing an excellent Science area.

7.4 Amendment to minutes

• It was stated in the minutes that Kathy Turnbull is AST. This needs to be corrected as Kathy is AP. My apologies.

Meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Next meeting will be on THURSDAY 28th APRIL, 2016 in the VET Room at 7.00pm.