Sheffield School Association Inc.

Minutes – Thursday 15\textsuperscript{th} November, 2012

Venue: VET Room at Sheffield School

Time: 7:00 pm

Meeting organiser: Kate Haberle

Meeting recorder: Kate Haberle

Present: Michael Dunn, Kate Haberle, Kathy Young, Tim Dyer, Chris Puccetti, Jacqui McCarthy, Sophia Dyer, Amanda Grey, Allison Boutcher, Dayna Grey, Kevin Rogers, Elaine Deverell, Phillip Turner, Angela Craze (7.25pm), Newton Maddick (7.40pm), Anna Maddick (7.40pm)

Apologies: Gillian Pratt, Malcolm Moore, Keeley Hurley, Sharon Allen

Moved: Kevin Rogers, Seconded: Jacqui McCarthy, “that apologies be accepted.”

CARRIED

Special Guests: Sandra How and Marlene Febey: re - Religious Education

Sandra spoke to the meeting about this program which is implemented in the Primary School. There is an 8 week block where grades 3 and 4 are allocated 4 weeks and grades 5 and 6 are allocated 4 weeks each term. The program includes looking at Bible characters. Daniel - values, courage and humility. Hezekiah – social justice, generosity, responsibility and excellence. Ruth – caring, compassion, loyalty, inclusiveness and belonging.

Material used is Religion in Life from the Council for Christian Education in Schools, published in Victoria. Members were asked to look at the material which is photocopied for the students. The teacher’s manual is used as a guide. Teams operate by the policy in the school. This is an open process where students are able to opt in or out of the program. There is flexibility in the scheduled time available during the week. Discussions will take place with sectional leaders in regard to 4 terms next year.
**Moved:** Phillip Turner, **Seconded:** Kevin Rogers, “that we approve the program for Religious Education in our school for 2013 as presented by Sandra How and Marlene Febey.  **CARRIED**

Tim thanked Sandra and Marlene for their commitment to the school and their willingness to continue the program. Sandra invited members to attend any classes if they would like to.

**1. Minutes of previous meeting: (15th October, 2012)**

**Moved:** Elaine Deverell, **Seconded:** Chris Puccetti, “that minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.”  **CARRIED**

**2. Business Arising:**

**2.1 – School Transition Fund:**

- There has been one discussion session between Railton and Sheffield School Associations. Interest in receiving funding for this program had to be in by yesterday. Railton is scheduled to close at the end of 2014. They need to be creative. We could form a bond with them and share resources as we are in a position to share a new structure. This could involve a K-3 campus at Railton or a 0-Grade 3 integrated program. Grades 4-6 could be at Sheffield with more opportunities here than at Railton. The grade 4,5 and 6 students would increase our enrolment in the short term and in the long term as extra students move into grades 7,8,9 and 10 also. We have the capacity to accommodate this. If we are proactive we can be up front with the Government and get money for the transition as they would see us as being creative and wanting to move ahead as a cooperative venture. They need to be convinced that it is in the best interest of the students with Railton being run as a second campus. The buildings at Railton are in need of repair but with a new child care centre being funded by the Kentish Council this money could be used to refurbish the school to accommodate a 0-grade 3 early learning centre. We have space but Latrobe is operating at full capacity. We have registered an interest with the Government and this will be followed by community consultation to see how it would work effectively. There are some models already operating but not in line with our vision. It needs to be designed to meet our needs and then a decision can be made. A principal will oversee both campuses but a senior staff member needs to be in Railton to manage the operations at the school. It is important to have a school close by for young children up to grade 3. This would be the basis for the proposal which is being discussed. There are some challenges ahead but a good step forward at this stage.

**2.2 – Cambodia Trip**

- Louise Ellings spoke to the meeting this afternoon and showed a video of her work in Cambodia. She presented some serious facts for consideration. Written applications need to be in by 23rd November after which students will be interviewed and then the successful applicants will be announced on Presentation Day. Louise will be
accompanying our students to Cambodia. As it is a very confronting experience, students will need to be resilient and mature to face the trip. Health, living conditions and food are the main issues. This would be a life changing experience for the students but a wonderful opportunity at the same time. The commitment to development in a village is huge as children as young as 4 years old work to survive and help the family. The school has proposed a three way split. The school will give $1000 per student. This would cover air fares, travel expenses etc. The school will fund raise to support a project which Louise will confirm after consulting with a pastor when she travels over there this month. Students will need to provide $1000 for other expenses. We will be seeking corporate sponsorship for $1000 per student. It is proposed to travel over on 30th November and return on 10th December, 2013. If the trip is successful we will look at making it a biennial event. At some time we will need a council policy for trips like this.

2.3 – Bendigo Bank:

- Sammy, the bank manager, has had meetings with Malcolm and it is hoped that school banking will start next year.

3. Correspondence:

3.1 In –

- Kathy Young – Letter of resignation as she is relocating to Hobart and retiring from her position in the library. Tim thanked Kathy for her time on the council and formally requested that council accept her resignation. Resolved to write a letter to formalise this process. A casual vacancy will need to be filled next year to replace Kathy.

- Elders Rural Services Pty – Information regarding sale of Elders Rural Services

Out –

- Anna Maddick – Letter to congratulate the teams that attended the Whirlpool Cooking Challenge, especially the girls that won the overall competition from schools around the state.

Moved: Allison Boucher, Seconded: Chris Puccetti that “the inward correspondence be accepted and the outward correspondence be endorsed”. CARRIED

4. Special Committees Reports: No report

5. Standing Reports
Student

- On the 26th October, students participated in their annual school athletic carnival. The participation rate was excellent and all the students enjoyed the day. In the end, Kentish came out on top, Roland finished second and Don in third place.
- Inter Primary athletics was held on the following Wednesday where students from the primary section were selected to represent the school in many different events. All students enjoyed the day and performed really well.
- The last social for the year was held on the 1st November. The theme was “Dress it Up” and many students attended. We were lucky enough to enjoy music performed by the band, The Pure Blonds.
- Last Thursday the school held its Remembrance Day assembly where some returned service men and women attended with the students. Wreaths were laid by students from the three sections of the school and a poem was recited.
- On the 9th November, the Sheffield School Show was held at the school farm. The weather didn’t go our way, especially with the pet parade but students still performed well in the ring.
- On the 26th November, InterHigh Athletic carnival will be held where many high school students will represent the school intrack and field events.
- On the 30th November, we have a holiday for the Devonport Show.
- On the 3rd December the grade 10 exams will be held.
- Grade 7 orientation day will be held on the 4th December.

Primary

- October 19 – The swimming and Water Safety Program concluded for grade 3-5 students.
- October 24 – P-6 assembly hosted by 1-2 Moore.
- October 25 – We had a visit from the Terrapin Puppet Theatre for their performance of “Boats”. It was an amazing performance and the audience was mesmerised!
- October 26 – The athletics carnival was a great day, with high student participation rate.
- October 31 – A group of primary students attended the North-West Primary School Athletics Carnival. The grade 5 girls won their relay and Ebony Sims, Kurt Mason, Amber Mather, Corey Mather and Piper Page have all been selected for the North-West team and will complete in Launceston on the 5th December.
- November 7 – Grade 6 students attended a session on Facebook with Nathan Want.
- November 8 - The Remembrance Day assembly was held in the secondary courtyard.
- November 9 – Classes trekked down to the farm for the Pet Parade, only to have the parade washed out!! We all huddled for shelter and waited for buses to come and collect us so we could return to school. That afternoon we had the fair in the undercover area. A great time was had by everyone and classes had put in a great deal of effort to set up stalls and activities. This year was the first time the Early Childhood classes also contributed to the fair.
- November 14 – 3-10 assembly.
Secondary

- On 23rd October, Jacob Sarkodee visited the school to present certificates to the students who participated in the 40 hour famine.
- On 24th October, about 78 students travelled to Ulverstone to see the Ulverstone High School Production of Oz. They thoroughly enjoyed the day, not only the show but lunch in Ulverstone as well!
- On 26th October, the Athletic Carnival was held. Despite a little rain at the end of the day, it was a fantastic day and all the students enjoyed participating in the events. Victory goes to Kentish.
- On 1st November, the school socials were held. The theme was dress it up so the students had fun getting attired in their best outfits. A band played for the secondary social and this was a first. It proved to be a great success.
- Remembrance Day service was held on the 8th November. Once again members from the local RSL Sub Branch attended. Students from the SRC conducted the service with students from each section of the school laying flowers and doing readings.
- The Sheffield School Show was held on the 9th November. It was a fantastic day despite a heavy downpour for about 20 minutes. Students had to be bussed back to school.
- A 3-10 assembly was held yesterday and it certainly acknowledged all the wonderful things happening in the school at the moment. A singing and dance group were amazing and many students were called to the stage to receive certificates for various achievements.
- An information session for students and parents was held this afternoon to discuss the possibility of a trip to Cambodia next year.
- Ten students and three staff members attended the one day workshop on suicide awareness run by CORES which is the Community Response to Eliminating Suicide based in Sheffield. This course is offered free to our school and we would like to acknowledge this contribution to the student support area of our school.
- Yesterday five staff members from Don College came to school to complete the enrolment process for our students who are attending Don College next year. Four parents came along to assist their children in making the right choice for courses next year.

6. Sub-committee Reports

6.1 Chaplaincy –

- A meeting was held on the 1st November where the final report was tabled. This report goes to the Federal Government. We are funded by the Federal Government, supervised by Scripture Union and needs to be under the School Council policy for Chaplaincy.

  Moved: Malcolm Moore, Seconded: Kevin Rogers that “we approve the appointment of a School Chaplain, Esther Wass, under the National Schools Support Worker and Chaplaincy Program” CARRIED

  Moved: Malcolm Moore, Seconded: Kevin Rogers that “The School’s Evaluation Report for 2012 be tabled and accepted with congratulations and special thanks to
Esther Wass for her dedication, loyalty and commitment to the school and wider school community”. **CARRIED**

### 6.2 Show Committee –

- The show was a great success although the downpour in the morning forced the cancellation of the Pet Parade.
- Our students performed very well and a detailed list of winners and place getters is listed in the Parent Newsletter which was sent home today.
- The dairy judge was excellent and will be considered again for next year. The beef judge did not give the students enough feedback which is important for their development in this field.
- The Hoof and Hook was successful with Dayna Grey winning the Hook competition. There is a new burger being introduced at Drift in Devonport using meat from the Hoof and Hook. Restaurants in Launceston are also purchasing and promoting our beef. This will be advertised freely and will be a bonus for the farm.

### 6.3 Farm Committee –

- A new manager has been appointed. Ken Jeffries will begin his new role next week.

### 6.4 On Line Access Centre

- A meeting will be held in the next few weeks.

### 6.5 Junior Cattle Handlers Committee –

- Minutes of the Meeting held on the 31st October were tabled.
- The team had a busy day at the Sheffield Show. Several of our team had a very successful day with their hoof and hook animals, handling classes and junior judging.
- On the 3rd November we catered for the Oz Foley Memorial Endurance ride which required breakfast, lunch and tea.
- With the extra catering jobs we have done, we have been able to do some refurbishment of our caravan. We have had stainless steel put around the BBQ area and the sink and also a new white board on one wall. We also replaced the fridge with a bigger one to give us more fridge space.
- We have also purchased a set of clippers.
- Handlers are all packed and ready to go to Scottsdale at 5.00 in the morning. Next weekend is Deloraine Show followed by Devonport Show the week after.

### 7. General Business

#### 7.1 School Improvement Report – No report

#### 7.2 NAPLAN

- Angela led members through the results of the NAPLAN testing.
- Spelling has been a focus in the Literacy Plan within the school over the past few years and will continue to be so.
• Our results are very encouraging overall.
• A copy of the School Summary Report was given to all members so that they could spend some time perusing the results as compared to Tasmania and Australia.
• A more detailed Summary Report printed in colour provided members with specific results from the 5 areas of testing and from each grade.

7.3 School Report

• Tim is writing a report on behalf of the council. He will table this at the next meeting.

Meeting closed at: 8.40pm.

Next meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY 5th December, 2012 at 7.00pm in the VET Room.