Sheffield School Association Inc.

Minutes – Thursday 19th July, 2012

Venue: VET Room at Sheffield School

Time: 7:00 pm

Meeting organiser: Angela Craze

Meeting recorder: Angela Craze

Present: Ron Daly, Phillip Turner, Sharon Allen, Amanda Grey, Tim Dyer, Sophia Dyer, Dayna Grey, Allison Boutcher, Angela Craze, Kevin Rogers, Chris Puccetti, Michael Dunn, Kathy Young, Anna Maddick, Newton Maddick.

Apologies: Malcolm Moore, Kate Haberle, Elaine Deverell, Gillian Pratt, Jacqui McCarthy, Keeley Hurley,

Absent:

Moved: Kevin Rogers  Seconded: Chris Puccetti “that apologies be accepted.”
CARRIED

PRIOR TO OUR MEETING:

Representatives from the Bendigo Bank and the Commonwealth Bank joined our meeting to inform council members of school banking options. (See attachment 1 and 2)

1. Minutes of previous meeting: (21st June, 2012)

Moved: Newton Maddick  Seconded: Chris Puccetti “that minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.”  CARRIED
2. Business Arising:

- Homework policy (discussion to take place in General Business)

3. Correspondence:

3.1 In –

The Draft of ‘Enrolment of Students in Out-Of-Home-Area Schools’ was tabled.

- Malcolm attended a meeting earlier in the year regarding this.
- Tim sent back some feedback regarding this draft which was well received.
- The draft outlined details regarding students enrolling in schools which are in their zoning. Out of area enrolments will only be based on the following grounds:
  - Disability – where the school cannot provide
  - Illness/health
  - Specific needs in the curriculum
- If a student is being bullied, this would not be grounds unless a letter is presented from a psychologist outlining possible implications such as a mental illness.

Out – A card has been sent on behalf of the School Council to Malcolm wishing him well with his recovery.

4. Special Committees Reports:

4.1 Policy Group:

- The Policy Group have been working very hard to amend both the Homework Policy and the Decision Making Policy.
- The Homework Policy has been completed, and the group is now focusing on the Decision Making Policy. This should be ready to be tabled at council next meeting.

5. Standing Reports

Student

- On the 4th July we had three students, Pyper Page, Amber Mather and Ebony Simms from the primary section participate in the Symmons Plains Cross Country. They all ran really well, coming in the top 40 in their age groups.
- Also on the 4th of July we held our first 7-10 assembly for the term. DVD’s highlighted the wonderful times that the students had on Grade 8 camp and the 9/10 mainland trip. Our school was also present a number of certificates in appreciation for the funds raised for the Fred Hollows Foundation, Relay for Life, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the Samaritans Purse International Relief Shoe Box Appeal.
On the 6th July, Hayley Davies, Maddisson Lockett and Clodagh Simms participated in a climate change forum. This was held at Ulverstone High School where Prime Minister Julia Gillard attended.

Early Childhood Campus

- Kindergarten have completed their Kinder Development checks and have finalised their Parent Teacher interviews.
- P-2 teachers have been busy doing reports.
- Prep teachers have completed the AEDI (Australian Education Development Index). This is a census involving all children in their first year of full time school; it is carried out every 3 years.
- Launching into Learning has been very successful. Lynda Wallace runs 3 sessions being every Wednesday. Lynda does an amazing job.
- The first session involves 8 students who have been identified as needing early intervention. These students are supported by an extra teacher, teacher aid, physio-therapist and speech therapist. After recess there are 20, 0 – 4 year olds attending and after lunch about 20 pre Kinder students come for a play. So far this year, 70 families have participated in these sessions. Students and staff from all areas of the school are regular visitors to these sessions. This week’s theme has been music and several older students came and performed for the children.

Primary

- The NWPSSA 5/6 sport expo was due to be held on the 19th of July, but due to wet weather and some ground closures, the event was unfortunately cancelled.
- Report writing has been a major focus for teachers.
- Sam Gamble and Kurt Mason were selected to play in the Devon team for football.
- Lily Maddick, Pyper Page, Sarah Rayner and Rani Lockett were selected to play in the Devon team for netball.
- The Premier’s Reading challenge is well underway with many students choosing to participate.
- Classes have started practicing their dances for the dance festival which will be held in Ulverstone next month.

Secondary

- On Friday 22nd June the S.R.C held a casual clothes day for the Fred Hollows Foundation. $342.00 was raised.
- On Monday 2nd July the LC class visited Sheffield Senior Citizens and interviewed 11 seniors. We are hosting a luncheon on Friday 20th to present the mementos.
- On Wednesday 4th July we held our first 7-10 assembly for the term; students shared their work, we were treated to DVDs highlighting the wonderful times had by students both on Grade 8 camp and the 9/10 mainland trip. This was a lovely celebration of many student achievements. Our school was presented with
certificates of appreciation for the funds raised from the following organisations: The Fred Hollows Foundation, Relay for Life, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the Samaritan’s Purse International Relief Shoe Box Appeal.

- On the 6th July, three of our S.R.C representatives; Hayley Davies, Maddisson Lockett and Clodagh Simms travelled to Ulverstone to participate in a forum about climate change. Our Prime Minister Julia Gillard and Braddon Labor MP Sid Sidebottom also attended this forum. They were impressed with the ideas that the students offered in regard to reducing our carbon footprint.

- On Monday 9th July Esther Schroeder the World Vision Youth Ambassador visited to speak with students about her experience in Ethiopia. Our 40 Hour Famine will be held from Wednesday 15th August to Friday 17th. A “break the fast” lunch will be offered to all participating students.

- On the 11th July, 25 of our Grade 9’s attended ‘Try A Trade’ in Burnie. Students got to try three areas of interest.
- Scoliosis self-detection brochures were handed out to Grade 7 and 9 girls last week.
- On Thursday 2nd August, the SRC will host EC grade 10 socials.
- On Friday 3rd August, the SRC will host a Jeans for Genes day.

6. Sub-committee Reports

6.1 Chaplaincy –

6.2 Show Committee –

- The Show Committee met on Tuesday, 17th July.
- Roles and responsibilities were delegated.
- It is the Australian Year of the Farmer. They will be present at the school show this year which will be a lovely addition to the happenings of the day.

6.3 Farm Committee –

- The Farm Committee Meeting was held on the 26th June.
- There was a bonus given to the farm manager, Mitch.
- The state of the animals is really pleasing.
- Pregnancy testing has begun.
- The final milk payout figure for the 2011/2012 season was $123,294.80 producing 30,425 litres more than the previous season.
- Poppies will be grown this year. Spraying and ploughing was discussed.
- The farm is running at a loss due to expenses associated with the house.

6.4 On Line Access Centre –

- Meeting will be held on Monday 23rd July.

6.5 Junior Cattle Handlers Committee:

- Five students attended the Stud Beef Victoria Cattle Handlers Camp in Victoria last week and one attended the South Australia Junior Heifer Show.
- Both camps were held over four days and were held at the royal show grounds of each city.
114 participants, each with an animal, took part in the camp in Melbourne to learn more about stud grooming and showing, commercial beef cattle production and careers in the beef industry.

The South Australian Show with over 200 participants was run along similar lines.

In Melbourne, Thomas Febey was awarded the reserve Intermediate (Novice) Parader and also won the Lochclyde Agricultural Services Encouragement Award. This award enables him to attend the camp next year with Lochclyde paying his entry fee. The award was given on the grounds of being actively involved in all aspects of the camp.

Demi Bird was awarded the Champion Junior Parader. She also won a Junior Encouragement Award.

Dayna Grey was awarded Champion Intermediate (Novice) Parader.

Mitchell Grey was awarded the Gavin Wright Perpetual Trophy for a participant who shows exceptional effort in personal presentation and stockmanship.

Chelsea Rayner attended the Adelaide Show and came third in the Junior Judging Section.

6.6 Move Well, Eat Well:

- Our school has received our bronze accreditation again. This is valid until July 2014.

7. General Business

7.1 Homework Policy:

- The homework policy was tabled.
- This has gone through numerous stages: The working group, staff, parents, then council.
- The council were happy with the new homework policy; the hours seem plausible and workable. The policy is straightforward.
- Parents will be notified through of the policy through the newsletter and a copy will be placed on the school website.

Moved: Kevin Rogers Seconded: Chris Puccetti

“That the motion to adopt the Homework Policy as drafted and presented to the meeting be carried.”

Meeting closed at: 9pm

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 16th August at 7.00pm in the VET Room.
BENDIGO BANK DISCUSSION

Guests: Erin, Julie and Sammi

What they can offer:

- Student accounts would be fee free. They will only attract a fee if they use another bank’s ATM
- They will attract a tiered interest rate, beginning at 2%. This will increase with the more money that is in the account.
- Bendigo Bank staff will offer Financial Management classes (around 6); teaching our students about the discipline of saving
- The school would receive a ‘School Banking Handbook’, equipped with letters for parents etc.
- The students would be involved in supporting the Sheffield Community Bank and be part of the bank profits then being reinvested back into the community through projects, grants etc.
- An agreement could be made with both personal and home loans. It is possible to have a ‘finder’s fee’ where if the Bendigo Bank client went for a home loan, and is affiliated with the school, then $100 is automatically given to the school. This would work similarly with personal loans where Bendigo Bank would donate money ($25?) back to the school.

What will be expected of our banking representative? Ie. Parent:

- This process can be negotiated by the bank.
- The first option is for the parent to drop the passbooks off to the branch once a week, then the Manager will bring them back on the Friday as she is attending meetings here at the moment.
- The second option is for the Manager to pick them up on a Friday, then post the passbooks back to the school
- All money will be counted and entered by the Bendigo Bank staff.

Other information:

- Swansea, Bicheno and Geeveston are involved with school banking already
- On the Bendigo Bank website, under the ‘Community Snapshots’ section, you can see how Bendigo Bank supports community projects etc.

Contact:

- Sammi Cousens – Branch Manager for Devonport – 64 987705
COMMONWEALTH BANK DISCUSSION

Guests: Theressa and Karen

What they can offer:

- No fees on the account
- The interest rate offered is 4%. To be eligible for this, students will need to have at least one deposit per month with no withdrawals. If there is a withdrawal, then the interest rate drops to 0.01%
- Incentives are used to encourage students to save. Each ten times the students bank money, they get to choose a reward. This could be one of their banking characters, a watch, USB etc.
- There will be a 5% commission to the school each 3 months.
- Financial Literacy classes are available.
- The school would get access to grants which are available through the Commonwealth Bank.
- The branch would take responsibility for the account openings.

What will be expected of our banking representative? Ie. Parent:

- If the school banking was collected through the office, the parent would collect it from there.
- The parent could then use a computer either at the school or at the Commonwealth Bank in Sheffield to count the money and enter the information on the Commonwealth Bank website.
- Passbooks would then be submitted to the branch for cross checking then returned to the school office.

Other information:

- If the student does not have a birth certificate, the Commonwealth Bank is still happy for students to open an account. The bank is happy to honour the identification process that has taken place at the school. Students may deposit money, however when they wish to begin withdrawing, they cannot do so until a birth certificate has been sighted by the bank.

Contact:

- Theressa Parker – School Banking Specialist – 0457513199
- Karen – Sheffield Branch