Sheffield School Association Inc.
Minutes – Thursday 21st June, 2012

Venue: VET Room at Sheffield School
Time: 7:00 pm
Meeting organiser: Kate Haberle/Angela Craze
Meeting recorder: Angela Craze

Present: Ron Daly, Phillip Turner, Sharon Allen, Amanda Grey, Tim Dyer, Sophia Dyer, Elaine Deverell, Dayna Grey, Keeley Hurley, Allison Boutcher, Angela Craze, Kevin Rogers, Gillian Pratt, Chris Puccetti, Michael Dunn

Apologies: Kathy Young, Anna Maddick, Malcolm Moore, Kate Haberle, Jacqui McCarthy, Newton Maddick

Absent: Jacqui McCarthy, Newton Maddick

Moved: Allison Boutcher Seconded: Chris Puccetti “that apologies be accepted.”
CARRIED

- Tim welcomed the council and welcomed Ron Daly who is the Acting Principal for term 2 while Malcolm is away.
- Ron explained Malcolm’s absence regarding his back injury and rehabilitation. Malcolm is expected to return for term 3. A card is to be sent on behalf of our council.
- Changes in roles for term 2 include: Carmen Pearce moving into the Assistant Principal role; Jamie Skirving and Angela Craze sharing an AST role at .5 each. The AST role will not be back filled at this stage due to a drop in student numbers.
1. Minutes of previous meeting: (16th May, 2012)

Moved: Amanda Grey            Seconded: Elaine Deverell “that minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.”  CARRIED

2. Business Arising:

2.1 School Banking:

• Chris Puccetti has discussed school banking with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. There was a meeting in term 2 with Malcolm in regard to how school banking would look if it were to be run at Sheffield School.
• It would be preferred to see around three parents take on the role; that way there is more likely to be continuity for the school.
• Bendigo Bank have also been in touch with Chris regarding school banking.
• Chris will follow up whether Bendigo Bank will meet with Ron.
• Chris will organise for the Commonwealth Bank to come and speak with the council.

2.2 Plus Schools Improvement Plan:

• Malcolm and Tim wrote a proposal last term for the refurbishment of the dairy with the aim of a cheese making establishment to be offered as part of Sheffield School.
• We received a letter back stating that we had not been successful in gaining funding however further rounds will be available at a later date.

2.3 – Policy Group meeting:

• The group met on Wednesday 20th June and began revising the homework policy. The old policy dates back to 1992.
• Discussions about how many hours of homework students should complete were had, however it was decided that our aim was for students to develop sufficient independent study skills that would help them with further education.
• A new homework policy has been drafted.
• Staff will view and discuss, then Tim will present it to a parent body. Parents include: Chris Puccetti, Amanda Grey, Phillip Turner and Allison Boutcher. Angela to email both the new and old policy prior to the next council meeting.
• The next policy group meeting will be held on the 18th July where the Decision Making Policy will be reviewed.

3. Correspondence:

3.1 In – Letter from Peter Garrigan, President of the Australian Council of State School Organisations Inc
This letter referred back to the findings of the Gonski review which have been handed to the Federal Government. It stressed the urgency for the government to provide a new funding model if all young people are to receive the high quality education they deserve. The current lack of funding is having significant consequences for students. There is a substantial gap between what students achieve in disadvantaged areas compared to those in more affluent areas. The gap is widening. The exact amount of additional funding schools would hopefully receive is still to be finalised. It is estimated that the increase will translate to an average of $1500 per student extra per year in public schools. The letter asks for support with this campaign. The public can register their support at the campaign website igiveagonski.com.au. People are also encouraged to contact federal MPs directly by sending an email, text, tweet or by placing a message on their facebook page. More information can be found at the Federal Government’s website: http://www.schoolfunding.gov.au

3.2 – Informal correspondence from the Sheffield Council

- Tim received informal correspondence from the Sheffield Council stating that they were unsuccessful in gaining funding for gym equipment.

Moved: Chris Puccetti Seconded: Phillip Turner “that the inward correspondence be received.” CARRIED

4. Special Committees Reports:

5. Standing Reports

Student
- The last day of term one was on the 1st of June.
- The 9/10 mainland trip was held from the 25th until 31st of may. All the students enjoyed themselves and had a great time.
- The grade 8s also had their camp on the 30th until the 1st of June.
- On the 25th of May was the Cancer Council Cuppa for Cancer Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea. The school prepared and delivered morning tea packages to some of the businesses in Sheffield and many of the residents of Dyer Court. They also held a morning tea in the Textiles room which many community members attended.
- On the 29th of May the primary cross country was held with Sheffield placing 2nd in
the B division.

- Then on the 30th of May the inter-high cross country was held.

- This Friday the SRC is hosting a casual clothes day for a gold coin donation. It is a fund-raiser for the Fred Hollows Foundation.

- School started back on Tuesday. Everyone had a great break and has now settled back in.

**Early Childhood Campus**

- All grade 1 and 2 students have been retested using the PM Reading Assessment Kit. Pleasing gains have been by most students. Pleasing progress has been made by our Prep students with a larger number now reading levelled texts.

- Students involved in our Intensive Reading Program have made steady progress. Twelve students have been involved in this program over term 1, with an average reading gain of 4.5 levels over the term.

- We celebrated the end of Term 1 with an activities morning. Children had the opportunity to complete an Aboriginal dot painting, create a piece of Autumn weaving, and construct and eat a fruit kebab.

- At our final student briefing, recognition was given to those students involved in positions of leadership and responsibility over the term. Of particular help have been a group of our grade one and two students who have volunteered their play time to be positive role models and helping hands in our Kinder yard.

**Primary**

- At the end of last term, 3/4 Richards won battle of the classes for the term. Their prize was a trip to the Bluff for a BBQ.

- On the same day we had grade 5/6 students attended the Inter-Primary Cross Country. We came 2nd in B Division, with Pyper Page coming 2nd for the grade 6 girls, Kurt Mason 8th for grade 6 boys, Amber Mather 7th and Ebony Sims 10th for grade 5 girls.

- We kicked off the term with moderation day on Monday. It was a valuable day for teachers to continue getting their heads around the Australian Curriculum.

- Students have settled in beautifully to second term. All classes seem very settled and work is well underway.

**Secondary**

- Sheffield students celebrated ‘Walk Safely to School Day’ on the 18th of May. The bus dropped students off at the recreational ground where they were met by teachers to walk safely to school.
On Monday 21st May there was a student free day where teachers met with those from Latrobe High specifically to moderate against the new Australian Curriculum. All teachers really valued this opportunity and this was followed up at another student free day on the 18th June where the same groups of teachers concentrated on task design.

The mainland trip was held from the 25th – 31st May. This was an opportunity for grade 9 and 10’s to experience highlights of Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney. Students were very grateful for the staff who attended and we were all very pleased to hear the positive comments.

In May, the SRC had a fundraiser for juvenile diabetes and raised $251.

Cuppa for Cancer was held in the kitchen this year with $1222 raised. This was supported by local businesses and 40 community members joined us for lunch. 160 packaged morning teas were also delivered to the community.

The Grade 8 camp was held from 30th May – 1st June at Camp Clayton. This was a fabulous time for the students to participate in many team building activities. All students valued from this and gained many new skills and developed friendships.

The high school cross country was held on the 30th May. Sheffield students did very well. Bronte Page finished 5th in her race and Madalan Page won the grade 10 girl’s race. Madalan Page was awarded the North West Coast Grade 10 Girls Cross Country Champion for 2012.

There will be a casual clothes day this Friday to raise money for the Fred Hollows Foundation.

Four students from Grade 8, 9 and 10 whose quotes were selected for ‘The Little Yellow Book of Natural Highs’ attended a lunch at Drift Café on Wednesday June 20th. This was supported by Youth and Family Focus.

Term 2 has started positively with students settled and ready for work. We welcome Mr Scott Simpson who will be taking Grade 10 English and SoH as well as Grade 8 Drama. We also welcome Jake Tammens back who will be covering Malcolm’s load while he is away. Ellen Parsons will be taking Grade 7 while Mrs Bransden is on maternity leave.

On the 21st June Grade 10’s participated in the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness program that was held at Camp Clayton. Sessions with an accident investigation officer and Matthew Woodbury who was in a major crash were of great benefit to our students.

6. Sub-committee Reports

6.1 Chaplaincy

Meeting was held on the 21st June.

Funding for the chaplaincy program will continue in spite of recent high court decisions which found that federal funding for this program was against the constitution. The government will find new ways of continuing this worthwhile program.

Esther our school chaplain has had a lovely term 2 and enjoyed time with the Grade 8’s whilst on their camp at Camp Clayton.
• Over $5500 has been donated by the community over the past few months. Pam McCulloch stated that there wasn’t another chaplaincy group in the state with that level of support.
• There will be a dessert and coffee night scheduled for 15\textsuperscript{th} October.

6.2 Show Committee –
• The next meeting will be held on the 10\textsuperscript{th} July.

6.3 Farm Committee –
• The next meeting will be held on the 26\textsuperscript{th} June.

6.4 On Line Access Centre – No meeting

6.5 Junior Cattle Handlers Committee -
• Cattle handling is due to start within the next couple of weeks.

7. General Business

7.1 Four terms:
The department have released student term dates for 2013 with the introduction of four terms.

Term 1: Monday 4\textsuperscript{th} February – Friday 19\textsuperscript{th} April
This will include the Easter break – Friday 29\textsuperscript{th} March – Tuesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} April

Term 2: Monday 6\textsuperscript{th} April – Friday 5\textsuperscript{th} July

Term 3: Monday 22\textsuperscript{nd} July – Friday 27\textsuperscript{th} September

Term 4: Monday 14\textsuperscript{th} October – Thursday 19\textsuperscript{th} December

Meeting closed at: 7:55pm

Next meeting will be held on Thursday 19\textsuperscript{th} July at 7.00pm in the VET Room.