Sheffield School Association Inc.

Minutes – Thursday 27th September, 2012

Venue: VET Room at Sheffield School

Time: 7:00 pm

Meeting organiser: Angela Craze

Meeting recorder: Kate Haberle

Present: Michael Dunn, Phillip Turner, Sharon Allen, Malcolm Moore, Kate Haberle, Tim Dyer, Sophia Dyer, Newton Maddick, Keeley Hurley, Allison Boutcher, Angela Craze, Kathy Young, Kevin Rogers, Gillian Pratt, Chris Puccetti, Anna Maddick, Elaine Deverell

Apologies: Jacqui McCarthy, Amanda Grey, Dayna Grey

Moved: Chris Puccetti, Seconded: Angela Craze “that apologies be accepted.” CARRIED

1. Minutes of previous meeting: (16th August, 2012)

Moved: Kathy Young, Seconded: Phillip Turner, “that minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.” CARRIED

2. Business Arising:

2.1 – Moved to General Business

3. Correspondence:
3.1 In –

**Nick McKim, Minister for Education and Skills:** re: National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program. A letter reminding us that the program has been designed and funded by the Commonwealth Government. The chaplain will be responsible for supporting the social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing of all students in our school, regardless of their beliefs or faith. We acknowledged that we are following the guidelines as set down by the Federal Government. No response to this letter.

**Amanda Grey:** Clarification of status of the Cattle Handlers. What is its position in regard to the School Council? Tim replied to Amanda’s queries. This reply will be used when communication with sponsors.

**Moved:** Chris Puccetti, **Seconded:** Elaine Deverell “that the inward correspondence be received.” **CARRIED**

4. Special Committees Reports: No reports

5. Standing Reports

**Student**

- Sports Presentation Night was held before the end of term. Many parents, friends, staff and students attended the evening. Individual and team achievements were celebrated as well as there being time to thank coaches, parents and officials for their ongoing help and support during the season.
- Also before the term break the Book Week assembly was held. Students all enjoyed the chance to dress up as well as many teachers.
- The grade10’s had work experience on their last week of term 2.
- Also in the last week the grade 5 students travelled to Hobart for their camp.
- The final day of term 2 was on the 7th of September and after the break students returned to school on the 25th of September and have now settled down to a new term.
- On the 3rd October, a national motivational touring group called Iron and Clay will be visiting Sheffield. They will be covering issues such as bullying, peer pressure and friendships. They will be holding an additional workshop on song writing and harmonising in the afternoon for music students. In the evening they will hold a free community concert in the Related Arts Building.

**Early Childhood Campus**

- The Dance festival was held on 21st August at the Ulverstone Sports Stadium. It was great fun and the students thoroughly enjoyed it. A follow up performance was arranged for parents the next Monday.
- The last assembly for term 2 was held on 22nd August.
On 23rd August the MADD night was held with great success.

The Book Fair was once again very popular. About $3000 was spent on books but this is not the final total.

Dress up assembly for Book Week was enjoyed by everyone. Costumes were amazing.

A student free day was organised for 24th September. The focus for K-6 was spelling.

Primary Report

August 28th – “Bugalug’s Bumthief” performance at Burnie Civic Centre for all primary classes. A great performance and a lovely day out.

August 29th – Book Week Assembly – Most primary students dressed up for the occasion.

4th–7th September – Grade 5 camp in Hobart. A few hiccups, but overall a great trip. Students represented the school beautifully, with most places we visited complementing them on their behaviour and listening skills.

Growing Up Program starts next week for 5/6 and 6 classes.

Iron and Clay performance next Wednesday 3rd October.

Aurora Footy clinics are happening next Friday.

8th–19th October – Swimming and Water Safety program will take place for grade 3-5 students at the Latrobe Pool.

Secondary

On the 4th August the Master Builders Association came to speak with the Grade 9’s about employment opportunities in the building industry.

On the 30th August the Secondary Sports Presentation Night was held.

PISA testing was completed with a selection of 15 year olds from Grade 9 and 10. An external examiner came to the school for the day, and students had to complete three different tests. The examiner commented upon our students’ behaviour and how personable they were towards her.

On the 23rd August the term 2 MADD Night was held. This was a great opportunity for students from right across the school to gain confidence and perform to an audience.

On the 20th August Grade 10’s visited UTAS Cradle Coast Campus. They participated in three classes and had an orientation of the campus.

During the last week of term (3-7th September) Grade 10 students had a week of work experience. This was a valuable experience for all involved.

6. Sub-committee Reports

6.1 Chaplaincy –

A meeting will be held on 18th October prior to the next council meeting.
6.2 Show Committee –
- Minutes of previous meeting were tabled. The next meeting is on 2\textsuperscript{nd} October.
- Minutes of 17\textsuperscript{th} July 2012 were tabled.

6.3 Farm Committee –
- Mich who is our farm manager has decided to stay on at the farm. This news was received very well.

6.4 On Line Access Centre – No meeting

6.5 Junior Cattle Handlers Committee –
- A group of Grade 9 and 10 students went to the Melbourne Show with Mr Barber. It was very successful. Madalan Page was 3\textsuperscript{rd} in her group. Kiarna Mason was in the top 6 for her age group.
- Breaking in week was successful and students were very committed to gaining the most out of the week.
- Burnie Show is coming up soon.
- Minutes of the meeting held on August 7\textsuperscript{th} were tabled.

7. General Business

7.1 Banking:
- The banks are very keen for us to make a decision about school banking. We need to consider the educational outcomes for students and the benefits of the bank in the community which would then reflect back into the school as we have a very significant role in the community. After a good discussion it was decided to go with the Bendigo Bank. Chris Puccetti will contact the bank and get the process started. It would be useful to have a timeline as this will ensure that progress is being made within the structure that has been established.
- Andrew Crowther from the Bendigo Bank has been in contact with Tim. He would like to make a presentation to the school of $500 towards books for the library. The bank is continually fundraising and this is the first presentation to the school. Tim to contact Andrew and see if he can come to assembly on the 10\textsuperscript{th} October. The board of the bank make the decisions and these are followed up by people from our local community who are involved with the Bendigo Bank.

7.2 School Improvement Reporting 2011:
- This report is based on 2011/2012 data so it is up to date. Literacy and Numeracy is based on NAPLAN results. These results will be discussed at Management Meeting on Monday and a report will be tabled at the next meeting. Student attendance report is not good but with a new computer system it is hoped that the collation of this data will improve. Student and parent survey results will also be tabled along with NAPLAN results at the next meeting. Overall our results are very pleasing.
7.3 Acknowledgement of Country:

- Anna and the Leadership class have researched this topic. It is hoped that this can be included in formal school functions. The acknowledgement was approved by Indigenous people in Latrobe. It is important for our students to recognise the reconciliation and culture awareness of Indigenous people.

**Moved:** Anna Maddick, **seconded:** Phillip Turner “that we as a council make a commitment to an Acknowledgement of Country as part of our formal gatherings in the school” **CARRIED**

7.4 Cambodia

- Anna spoke to the meeting regarding a school trip to Cambodia. A group of students from another school were interviewed on the radio following their trip to this country where they worked in a village in a voluntary capacity. Anna has been in contact with Angela Polden from Devonport High School to gather information on how this trip can be organised. Louise Ellings, who has spoken to our students on two previous occasions, has been to Cambodia 19 times and is very proactive in working in villages to make them safer and cleaner. Louise is willing to help out with the planning process here at school. It was resolved to take the next step in the organising process but to take it carefully to ensure all areas are covered appropriately.

  - **Moved:** Malcolm Moore, **Seconded:** Sophia Dyer “that the School Association endorse the proposal of a volunteers abroad program involving a trip to Cambodia and subsequent fundraising activities” **CARRIED**

7.5 Mural Fest: Chris Puccetti has asked if we would like to be involved in Mural Fest as a school. It was resolved to support Chris in his involvement in and commitment to this community event and the inclusion of our students and the school with this project.

**Meeting closed at:** 8.58pm.

**Next meeting will be held on Thursday 18th October, 2012 at 7.00pm in the VET Room.**