Minutes – THURSDAY 15th MAY, 2014

Venue: VET Room at Sheffield School
Time: 7:30 pm after the Community Consultation Meeting
Meeting organiser: Kate Haberle
Meeting recorder: Kate Haberle
Present: Kate Haberle, Tim Dyer, Ron Daly, Amanda Grey, Allison Boucher, Philip Turner, Kelli Parker, Bradley Huett, Chloe Temple, Jamie Skirving, Elaine Deverell, Chris Puccetti, Debbie May, Sharon Allen, Emma Wells, Newton Maddick, Ayden Grey, Lillian Maddick, Helen Rockliff, Nicole East, Cindy Dunlop, Trish Laws

Apologies: Anita Richards, Allison Hicks, Kathy Turnbull

Moved: Trish Laws, Seconded: Cindy Dunlop, “that apologies be accepted.” CARRIED

Tim welcomed Trish Laws who has accepted a casual vacancy due to the resignation of Melissa Dudley and Helen Rockliff and Nicole East who have accepted casual positions for two years as parent members.

1. Minutes of previous meeting: (16th April, 2014)

Moved: Bradley Huett, Seconded: Chris Puccetti, “that minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.” CARRIED

2. Business Arising: Nil

3. Correspondence

3.1 Out –

- **Graham Scattergood** – Letter of appreciation for his support and that of the Mersey Rowing Club.
- **Jeremy Rockliff, Minister for Education** - Letter outlining our response to the invitation to consider applying for the inclusion of Years 11 and 12 at the Sheffield School

In –

- **Melissa Dudley** – Letter of resignation from the School Association
• **The Fundraising Group/School Read-A-Thon** – Information regarding participation in a Read-A-Thon as a fundraiser in the school.

**Moved:** Kelli Parker, **Seconded:** Lillian Maddick, “that the inward correspondence be received and outward correspondence be endorsed.” **CARRIED**

4. **Special Committees Reports:** No report

5. **Standing Reports**

**Student**

- Term 2 started last Monday.
- We had a Mother’s Day stall on Friday where they sold lots of goodies for the grade 5 camp fundraiser.
- NAPLAN testing has been going on for the last 3 days with grades 3, 5, 7 and 9 participating in the tests and their brains turning.
- On the 16th May grade 7 and 9 boys have immunisation.
- 21st and 22nd May, school photos will be held.
- The Sheffield rowing team came 4th in the Junior School Girl event. The team also had a feature on the ABC news on Saturday and that was very exciting.
- Grade 8 camp will be held from the 28-30 May and we are all getting excited. Lilly Maddick gave an overview of the camp and the variety of activities that students will be participating in.

**Early Childhood:**

- We finished term 1 with a Moderation Day. Kindergarten teachers and TA’s attended a time of PL and sharing at Latrobe Primary School. Prep-2 teachers spent the day moderating in grade teams at Port Sorell Primary School. Staff from Andrews Creek, Latrobe Primary and Sassafras School was also involved.
- 1 Allen and 2 Moore had an excursion to the Arboretum on Tuesday. Students were engaged in a variety of activities.
- We have started term 2 well. Students are settled and the staff is looking forward to the weeks ahead with report writing.
- It is pleasing to report that most students are looking great in whole school uniform.

**Primary**

- Before the holidays, all staff attended a professional learning day at various locations with staff from our cluster schools. This day was highly beneficial in the moderation of student work samples.
- Students and staff members returned to school refreshed and ready for term 2 after the Easter/term break.
- Our grade 3 and 5 students have participated in NAPLAN testing this week.
- On the 22nd May students from 3/4 Dowie and 4/5 Laws are going to the Arboretum for Arber Week. The children will engage in many activities including potting and planting.
- Students are practising for the Production which is working on the theme of pirates.
Railton

- Students have returned from holidays refreshed and ready to go. Julie McCarthy and Malcolm Von Steiglitz have worked very hard to restore our library back to a workable space and we have really appreciated all of their extra work and effort.
- Grade 3 students have just completed NAPLAN and found the testing situation a challenge, having never completed NAPLAN testing previously.
- School staff met with Gillian Robnik during the holidays. Gillian is kindly donating one of her murals to us. It is a privilege to be given such a kind and generous donation that will significantly enhance our environment.
- The Steering Committee overseeing the amalgamation process met together and most of the actions from the agreement relating to the amalgamation have been met, which is a great achievement for those who have been involved in this process from the beginning.
- Students are well on their way to filling our first school ‘bucket’. Students are recognised when they fill someone else’s imaginary bucket by kind words and actions. Students have responded very positively to this program.
- Bec Smith held her first Building Blocks afternoon for children and their dads, grandads or other significant males. It was a great success and saw our GP hall filled with people of all ages playing with Lego. This program will run for five weeks. Bec also took a small group of students to the Sheffield farm and they had a fantastic time.
- Grade 3/4 students took advantage of the lunch stop at Railton on the Wednesday of the Targa competition. The class made their way into town to see the cars up close.
- All in all, a great start to term 2.
- Building plan – The old structure is to come down. Students have written letters with suggestions for this area. P&F have suggested an outdoor classroom. Swimming pool is at a standstill at this stage. Looking at possibilities for the future to come up with a model that will work for us as a school. We need to look at the swimming competencies of our students and discuss this important issue at a later date.
- The question was asked about students from the Sheffield campus going to Railton and sharing in a variety of areas with the Railton students. This is being looked at and planning is already in place.

Secondary

- NAPLAN has been completed after three successful days of literacy and numeracy testing. Testing was completed by all years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students. Parents will receive a report with their child’s results and an indication of how they went in comparison to other students across Australia.
- Grade 7 and 9 boys are having their immunisations on Friday 16th May.
- School photos are commencing on the 21st May.
- MUNA – Model United Nations Assembly this Saturday. Four grade 10 students are going to represent two countries – Rwanda and North Korea. Co-ordinated by Tom Fabian.
- Farewelled Rachel Matchett for a year whilst she travels across Australia on long service leave.
- Teachers from the North West region attended moderation days at various schools and locations on Thursday the 17th April. We were provided with the opportunity to compare some work samples and ensure that our assessment strategies are effective, reliable and consistent. Students were assessed against the Australian Curriculum standards in the areas of English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography (7&8) and Health and Physical Education.
- 27th May, we have our cross country and the Interhigh will follow on the 4th of June
• Grade 8 camp commences on the 28th May to the 30th May at Camp Clayton.
• From the 2-5th June, the school production, “Pirates – The Musical” will be on.
• Congratulations to the Kentish Pony & Hack Club Junior Games team who won the Pony Club.
• Tasmania North West Zone junior games competition on the 4th May. The students involved were Bronte Page, Pyper Page, Rebecca Smart, Jacinda Batt, Sarah O’Grady and Katelin Adams.

6. Sub-committee Reports

6.1 Chaplaincy – No meeting

6.2 Show Committee – No meeting

6.3 Farm Committee –

• Life on the farm is thriving. Milk production substantially greater. Price is very good.
• Hoof and Hook cattle have arrived for the School Show in November.
• New tractor has arrived. Good change over price.
• Applied for and received a grant for $35000 to improve manager’s residence. Work for this upgrade will occur over the next couple of months.
• Simon is looking at the functioning of the vat. It is not big enough and is using too much electricity. Efficiency of new vats is much better. A submission for a grant is being written.

6.4 Junior Cattle Handlers Committee –

• Fundraiser will be held on the 4th June at the Central in Devonport. It is a tapas night. Trevor Hall will be MC for the night.

7. General Business

7.1 School Report and School Plan –

• Ron tabled two hard copies. Members had been emailed a copy of each to read before the meeting. Ron outlined the format of the report.
  Moved Ron Daly, Seconded Amanda Grey that “we adopt the School Report for 2013”
  CARRIED

• The Department has changed the way they fund schools. This has affected the format of the budget as tabled at the meeting. It is a more needs based approach to funding. It is determined by a core base and core per capita, and then followed by needs of students. Some money is still tagged.
• Special Education, high needs – funded on SDR and attracts a certain amount of money. There is an increase here due to the number of students with high needs.
  Moved Ron Daly, Seconded Elaine Deverell that “we accept the School Plan including the budget for 2014”.   CARRIED

7.2 Years 11 and 12 –

• Tim asked members to give their opinion of how the community consultation meeting went on the inclusion of years 11 and 12 at Sheffield.
• Critical mass is important. Discussion in big groups is a rich learning experience under the guidance of a teacher.
• Document the outcome of the meeting and organise another forum in 2-3 months with other speakers. e.g. -a grade 10 student form this year.
• Students were in agreement of going to Don College based on educational opportunities.
• Agenda for next meeting.
• We won’t be putting in an expression of interest for 2016. We need to do this properly so that we can make an informed decision. We don’t want to be railroaded into this. We will invite a government representative to the next meeting.
• We will put a thank you letter in the newsletter emphasising that no decision has been made at this stage.

7.3 School Banking
• As a result of amalgamation, there is a difference of providers. Railton go with the Commonwealth Bank and Sheffield with the Bendigo Bank. Ron asked the council if he could approach the Commonwealth Bank to bring their school banking process at Railton into line with our school policy. Resolved

7.4 School Charter – Defer to next meeting

7.5 Anti-Bullying
• Professor Donna Cross will be giving a number of presentations on internet safety and anti-bullying at the Burnie Civic Centre.

7.6 Swimming Pool
• We need to set up a small working group to get as much information on the future of the pool. Elaine Deverell, Kate Haberle, Kelli Parker, Ron Daly, Kathy Turnbull or Allison Hicks.

Meeting closed at 8.57pm.

Next meeting will be held on THURSDAY, 19th JUNE, 2014 at 7.00pm in the VET Room.