Sheffield School Association Inc.

Minutes – WEDNESDAY 16th APRIL, 2014

Venue: VET Room at Sheffield School
Time: 7:40 pm after the AGM
Meeting organiser: Kate Haberle
Meeting recorder: Kate Haberle
Present: Kate Haberle, Tim Dyer, Amanda Grey, Allison Boutcher Philip Turner, Kelli Parker, Bradley Huett, Chloe Temple Anita Richards, Jamie Skirving, Elaine Deverell, Chris Puccetti Debbie May, Sharon Allen, Carmen Pearce, Emma Wells, Ayden Grey, Lillian Maddick, Kathy Turnbull

Apologies: Melissa Dudley, Newton Maddick, Ron Daly
Absent: Jacqui McCarthy, Cindy Dunlop

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

1. Minutes of previous meeting: (20th March, 2014)

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

2. Business Arising: Nil

3. Correspondence

3.1 Out – Nil

In –

• Elaine Deverell: Application to become a member of the School Association.

Moved: Kelli Parker, Seconded: Anita Richards, that “we accept Elaine’s application to become a member of the School Association”. CARRIED
• Ric and Jo Easton: A thank you letter to the School Association for the help in staging Nic’s celebration and for the card and lovely words about Nic.

• Tasmanian Association of State School Organisations Inc.: Annual Conference and AGM in August 2014.

• Helen and Bob Ashby: Re – Support for Sheffield School choosing to offer Years 11 and 12.

Moved: Phillip Turner, Seconded: Chloe Temple, “that the inward correspondence be received.” CARRIED

4. Special Committees Reports: No report

5. Standing Reports

Student

• On the 12th and 13th of March, our rowing team completed in the State Championships at lake Barrington with great success. Lily Maddick won the under 14’s girls single for the state and Lily and Sarah Rayner combined to win the doubles state title. They then grouped with 2 other girls, Claire Thomas from Latrobe and Hannah Tippet from Devonport High to race the quad, coming first in the state. Congratulations to them for the first state titles for Sheffield School. It was resolved to write a letter to the Mersey Rowing Club thanking them for sponsoring our school.

• On the 22nd and 23rd of March, many students and teachers stayed the night in Penguin for the annual Relay for Life. Our team, the Sheffield Superheroes, went brilliantly.

• On the 9th April, the grade 9’s hopped on a bus to Ulverstone to talk about what you can do when experiencing depression for National Youth Week. They had a chat to a reformed drug user and talked about where you can go for help. It was an amazing experience for them all.

• On the 10th April, the Primary and ECE sections held the annual school fair with delightful treats such as donuts, fairy floss and spiders. There were attractions such as the jumping castle, the sponge throw and a chocolate wheel. A fun day for all. The fair was well attended and the students from the Railton campus enjoyed the whole experience. The money from the fair goes towards purchasing new classroom resources. Some money will go to maintaining and developing the grounds at the ECE.

• Today we had our ANZAC Day assembly, remembering the brave men who fought for our country on the shores of Gallipoli.

• Tomorrow is a student free day and the end of term1. Term 2 will begin on the 5th May.

• The walk up Mt Roland was a success. It was a lovely day and most made it to the top.

Early Childhood:
• Students from 1A visited the Community Gardens and feasted on a fresh garden salad, made with vegetables that they had planted and harvested.
• Senior student councillors hosted a social for the ECE students from Sheffield and Railton.
• The Tour de Cure visited on their bicycles. A special presentation was enjoyed by all in the gym. The riders spoke about the importance of living a healthy lifestyle and making healthy choices. Each student was generously given a showbag of goodies.
• K-6 enjoyed an Aboriginal Cultural performance last Monday. Lucas Proudfoot kept the audience engaged in an informative musical presentation.
• K-6 staff, students and families enjoyed the Easter fair held last Thursday.
• A whole school Anzac Day assembly was held today.
• Easter Bunny visited our campus overnight and left behind carrots and cottonwool balls. Our relief groundsman thought that vandals had been at work and proceeded to pick up the deposits. After a few moments he started to make a connection: “carrots, cottonwool oh! I think that I am cleaning up after the Easter Bunny!” He promptly put them back in place.
• Easter egg hunts were held for each ECE class today.
• Teachers have been allocated new laptops and are busily learning how to use them.

Primary

• Primary students participated in their first social with Railton students and this was hailed a great success.
• First K-6 assembly was held on the 28th March.
• Staff attended PL. Anita went to a geography PL looking at the curriculum and how to implement it as well as a 21CLD session. Marcus and Karen attended an autism PL and Marcus also attended a behaviour insights PL. Trish attended the Literacy/Numeracy leaders PL.
• Tour de Cure – Students enjoyed this experience by watching them arrive at the school, listening to an informative session and presenting the riders with $389.50 as a donation from their fund raising.
• All students attended a cultural performance by Lucas Proudfoot.
• The fair was held on the 10th April. Despite the weather this was a resounding success and enjoyed by all involved. At this stage we think we have raised more money than last year.
• Students in the Scripture program attended the Easter service on Monday.
• Our ANZAC assembly was held today and we had a number of fantastic entries in the writing competition. The two winners from the Primary section were Bradley Connors and Ellowyn Thomson.
• All staff are attending a professional learning day tomorrow. Staff will be looking at moderating student work samples in all areas of the curriculum with staff from our cluster schools.
Railton

- We have been very busy at Railton. The amalgamation process continues and we are beginning to benefit more and more from the opportunities that this presents. We have participated in our first Sheffield School Fair which was a great success for all students.
- Students attended their first ANZAC service at the main campus and we have continued with fostering our across campus professional relationships.
- The campus has had some minor face lifts. Our library carpet has been replaced and this space will also be painted, giving the room a much needed face lift. We have plans to purchase some furnishings for the Library, including a special Celebrity Reader’s Chair. The PE store has been sorted from top to bottom and is now a much more effective resource to support learning. The slide and platform have been fixed in the playground. The gardens have been enhanced by the addition of new trees and plants and outside lighting has been fixed making the grounds safer. We have moved our large wine barrel tubs out into the playground enabling children to legitimately play in the dirt. These have been a big hit.
- Staff have engaged in learning about how to establish effective learning conditions in classrooms and then using this learning to reflect on – and then improve – their practice. We have also been revisiting current research relating to literacy development. Teachers are using this information to set teaching and learning goals for Term 2. Part of this will be to review our home reading programs.
- Our term concluded today with an afternoon of activities, with students working in mixed grade groups from Prep -4. Students had the opportunity to play novelty games, cook, decorate eggs and make paper boxes. Students and staff had a great time. Tomorrow staff will be working on our “Bucket Filling” program. This will be based on the simple theme of being bucket filler or a bucket dipper and relates to how we treat each other. We will be having a whole school bucket and will be aiming to fill this.
- Early next term the Railton Campus school times will be aligned with the Sheffield Campus times which will have benefits on both a practical and learning level. The consultation and ground work have been completed for this.
- We farewell Sheryl Fox who has been teaching 0.6 on the 1/2 class. We acknowledge Sheryl’s contribution at the campus. We welcome Lucy Crowther to this position. Lucy is excited about this opportunity and will be a great addition to our teaching team.
- There is a general positive feeling at Railton as it is a transition time and everyone is and needs to continue to work through this process in a positive way.
- Beck Mitchell is working 2 days a week and is a great support within the school.

Secondary

- Grade 7 Mount Roland walk took place several weeks ago. Both grade 7 classes attended the excursion with six grade 10 leaders coming along to help out. It was a great day and an awesome bonding experience for all involved.
- The socials were recently held. They were a great success with lots of wonderful music, lighting, decorations and entertainment provided by the students.
• Cleveland cattle sales were attended by grade 10 students in Agriculture Studies. Students really enjoyed this opportunity and found the process very interesting. Simon Barber and the students were interviewed by the ABC to be broadcast on the 7.30 Report. Sheffield donated two steers to the sale.

• Tour de Cure recently came to our school to raise money to find a cure for cancer. This was an incredible experience for all involved and students really enjoyed hearing all about the tour and their aims. The highlight for a lot of students (and many of the teachers!) was meeting Sunrise Sports Commentator, Mark Beretta!

• Grade 10 SRC students recently attended the GRIP leadership conference.

• For national Youth Week, grade 9 students attended the Ulverstone Expo. Students were greeted with an inspirational speaker and had the opportunity to see which services were available for them as young Tasmanians. This is aimed at helping young people when they face difficult situations.

• There was an ANZAC Day assembly today including Railton students and staff. Jordyn Enright and Troydan Mason performed a wonderful musical item to pay tribute to the ANZACS. Gemma Searle played the last post with Miss Tawse. It was very moving. Baylen Puccetti won the essay competition and Charlie Davies and Kade Wolf won the best girl and boy essays.

• The school is very proud of the rowing achievements recently and wish to congratulate Casey Scattergood for her leadership and Lily Maddick, Sarah Rayner, Abby Boutcher and Tom Rockliff for their enthusiasm and commitment.

• Relay for Life – 8 students and 8 staff participated. Hamish McLean walked 90 km. Teachers were very proud of the students.

• Grade 9 and 10 LAC students went in the Mud Run at Hellyer College.

6. Sub-committee Reports

6.1 Chaplaincy –

• Meeting was held today at 4.30. Andrew Hillier from Devonport Chaplaincy Inc. attended the meeting. We officially came under the DCI on the 7th April. This change over took place very smoothly. The roles of the LCC and DCI were outlined carefully. Our LCC is like a think tank where ideas are brainstormed to ensure the quality of the program being offered in the school. It connects with the school and the community to consolidate the profile of Chaplaincy in the school and for fundraising to support Esther working 5 days. She will be involved in various meetings and functions in Devonport to maintain the connections with Devonport and to support her in her role here. The DCI are willing to help out wherever we see the need and hopefully provide extra personnel to assist in programs for boys. The LCC is very excited about the possibilities for the future. Our next meeting will be on June 19th.

6.2 Show Committee – No meeting

6.3 Farm Committee – No Report

6.4 Junior Cattle Handlers Committee –
• Grade 10 Melbourne trip will take place in September. There will be a meeting to discuss arrangements. Align with studs not the steer competition.

7. General Business

7.1 School Charter –

• We need to convene the School Identity group and this could cover the School Charter as well. Kate and Chris will join the group. An email will be sent next term to arrange a meeting. We are not anticipating any major changes to the Charter.

7.2 Years 11 and 12 –

• A letter has been received from Jeremy Rockliff, Minister for Education, inviting us to consider putting in a submission to extended schooling at Sheffield to Years 11 and 12. This needs to be in by the 9th May to be considered for inclusion in 2015.
• A Decision Making Policy is in place and this needs to be followed as this is a huge decision to make. We need to think through this offer very carefully.
• We need to respond on behalf of the School Association, thanking Mr Rockliff for the offer but that we will investigate this possibility in our own time. We need to go through the process thoroughly and we need to do it well. We will make a commitment to researching this and go through a collaborative decision making process.
• Listen very carefully to parents who have an opinion on the extension of classes into Years 11 and 12 and also to parents who would like to see things stay the way they are at the present.
• A Parent Forum will be held on the 15th May at 5.30 to give parents the opportunity to be informed as to what this extension would entail and to enter into discussions around the topic. A letter will go home on Monday 5th May.
• Tim will chair the meeting in the Music Room. It would be advisable to have the principal, students, VET teachers from Don College and parents at the meeting.
• If possible we could invite a Government representative to attend the meeting and hear exactly what it is they are offering. Tim will respond by letter to Jeremy Rockliff.
• We will commence the process with a Parent Forum on the 15th May at 5.30 and then discuss the outcome of this meeting at our Council meeting at 7.00pm.

7.3 Kentish Lions Youth of the Year

• Madalan Page won the Regional Section of the Lions Club Youth of the Year held recently in Burnie. She then went on to the State final in Launceston and did very well although not the winner. She was a real credit to herself, the community, her parents and as a past student of our school.

Next meeting will be held on THURSDAY, 15th MAY 2014 at 7.00pm in the VET Room.

A reminder that the information session for the retention of years 11 and 12 at Sheffield will be held at 5.30 pm on the 15th May prior to our general meeting to be held at 7.00pm.