Sheffield School Association Inc.

Minutes – THURSDAY 19th JUNE, 2014

Venue: VET Room at Sheffield School
Time: 7:00pm
Meeting organiser: Kate Haberle
Meeting recorder: Kate Haberle
Present: Kate Haberle, Tim Dyer, Ron Daly, Amanda Grey, Allison Hicks, Bradley Huett, Anita Richards, Ayden Grey, Elaine Deverell, Chris Puccetti, Nicole East, Helen Rockliff, Debbie May Sharon Allen, Emma Wells, Kathy Turnbull
Apologies: Trish Laws, Allison Boucher, Newton Maddick, Lillian Maddick, Cindy Dunlop, Jamie Skirving, Kelli Parker, Chloe Temple
Absent: Phillip Turner

Moved: Chris Puccetti, Seconded: Bradley Huett, “that apologies be accepted.”  CARRIED

Tim welcomed Allison Hicks who has accepted a casual vacancy as a parent member for two years. Allison has been very instrumental in the amalgamation process.

1. Minutes of previous meeting: (15th May, 2014)

Moved: Emma Wells, Seconded: Debbie May, “that minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.” CARRIED

2. Business Arising: Nil

3. Correspondence

3.1 Out – Nil

In –

- The Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP – Letter of appreciation for the work that has been done over the past few weeks in consulting with staff and the school community about whether to express interest in extending our school year to Years 11/12 next year.
- Carol Jones, Office Manager/Advisor for Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP – Acknowledgement of our correspondence dated 14th May 2014 regarding the amended Sheffield School Association constitution.
- Light Up My Life – Fundraising brochure.
Moved: Chris Puccetti, Seconded: Elaine Deverell, “that the inward correspondence be received.”
CARRIED

4. Special Committees Reports: No report

5. Standing Reports

Student

- The Grade 8 students had a fantastic 3 days at Camp Clayton.
- The production was a great success with the pirate’s music as the theme with prep to grade 6 students participating.
- On the 9th June we had a public holiday because it was the Queen’s birthday.
- On the 13th June grade 10 students went to RYDA Driver Education at Camp Clayton. They had lots of fun but also learnt a lot about driving safely.
- Wednesday the 18th June, there was a “keys to p’s” information session at 6.00pm for the grade 10 students.
- On the 25th June, mid-year reports go home.
- Parent teacher interviews will be held on the 30th June-3rd July.
- 4 terms – students were asked their opinion on the new structure of 4 terms. All responded very favourably.

Early Childhood:

- Teachers have finished writing reports and they will be going home next Wednesday.
- Parent Teacher interviews will take place in the last week of term.
- The production “Pirates the Musical” was a great success with lots of children participating in all 4 performances. They enjoyed having great fun in their classrooms after dark.
- A K-6 assembly will be held tomorrow with Prep/Moles/Allen and 1/2 Hinrichsen/Sullivan sharing.
- Staff are currently reviewing their 2013 Professional Development Plans and developing a new one for this year.

Primary

- Friday 23rd May we had another P-6 assembly.
- Anita attended her second out of three professional learning days with the 21st Century Learning Design framework.
- Russell O’Rourke is attending running record professional learning sessions.
- We currently have a prac student completing her third school placement in Anita’s classroom.
- Our students did us proud in the primary production. We were very impressed with our students’ efforts and the show was a hit.
- All staff are currently in the process of finalising reports and ratings ready for when reports go home next Wednesday.
- Mathletics and Reading Eggs are now up and running and students are really engaged with the programs.
- Marcus attended a numeracy leaders meeting today.
Secondary

- **Pirates-The Musical**: We had an amazing four performances of the musical. Several grade 10 students volunteered their time to help with props, organisation of students, sound etc. The musical was enjoyed by all.
- Congratulations to Samara Conway who has recently been away with the Crescendo Choir in Sydney. The choir was placed second in the competition.
- Inter high cross country took place in Ulverstone recently, with many of our secondary competitors doing well. Around 120 students participated in each race and some of our students were placed in the top 10 which was fantastic. Congratulations to Amber Mather 11th, Ebony Sims 12th, Dayna Grey 11th, Bronte Page 12th, Liam Davies 6th and Hamish McLean 11th. Around 43 Sheffield students were in attendance.
- On the 13th June, grade 10 students went to RYDA Driver Education at Camp Clayton where they learnt about some of the risks and responsibilities in regard to driving.
- 25th June – Mid-year reports go home. Parent teacher interviews will ensue from 30th June to 3rd July.
- Last Tuesday 10th June, grade 10 students, along with Mrs Maddick and Miss Wells, attended an information day at the Cradle Coast University in Burnie. Students were engaged in some interesting activities and all came away with a bit more of an understanding of what university can offer them. We listened to some final year Medicine students who spoke to us about their experiences and ran us through some activities.
- Secondary football has been going well with teams seeing some victories in recent games. As a whole, feedback about Sheffield students is of a positive nature and it is unfortunate that the recent allegations of racial vilification placed a somewhat negative light on the team and the school.
  - The School Association is aware of this incident and although it was headlines in the paper, it is not a huge issue. It has been dealt with properly with both principals discussing an appropriate outcome to resolve the issue. It was resolved that Tim write a letter to the football team to express our support in this situation. It is important to reaffirm our school values and reinforce the code of conduct at any sporting activity. The boys are doing well this year and we would like to encourage them to continue enjoying their football and display excellent sportsmanship in every game.
  - We have recently been informed that Meredith Irvine, student advisor at Don College, is available to assist any grade 10 students who are feeling nervous about the transition to Don College next year. Her contact details can be obtained from any of the grade 10 teachers.

Railton

- On the 20th May we had a successful assembly followed by the opportunity for parents to stay and talk to Ron as principal of the school. Some lovely students from the High School came and helped with making the lunch and serving people. Thanks to Anna Maddick for organising this.
- Allison Hicks, Tim Dyer and I met on the same day to look at identity issues that may arise from the amalgamation. Most issues we believe will “fall in line” with the Sheffield School practices and other historical aspects (such as the House system) will be honoured in some way. The Honour boards will require further discussion and consultation. The overall sense is that the amalgamation is continuing on a positive path.
- Teachers have been supported in their classrooms by two Learning Service groups – Literacy Leaders and the team from Respectful Schools, Respectful Relationships. The work of these teams is building the capacity of our teachers to provide high quality learning within the classroom.
Students from the 3/4 class participated in the school production and thoroughly enjoyed every moment. We were very appreciative of Viv Tawse and Esther Wass assisting with practice sessions. Mr French did a great job outfitting the students as well.

Bec Mitchell from YAFF held highly successful Building Blocks sessions (or as we liked to refer to as Lego for big boys) over a number of weeks. The main focus of the sessions was for children to have time building Lego with dads, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, etc. Of course children could come along with female family members as well.

Ms Anna Tassell starts her maternity leave tomorrow, a little earlier than she anticipated. The students and families will miss her and we would like to take the opportunity to thank her for all of the teaching she has provided over the past years at Railton School and now at Railton Campus. We wish her well and Anna will be formally thanked at the end of term assembly, Tuesday 1st July.

I will be on LSL for the last week of term and three weeks into term 3. Amanda Von Schill and Carmen Pearce will be joining forces; there will certainly be no slacking off from anyone. They are both looking forward to their roles at the Railton Campus during this time.

Next term will see the school hours at the Railton Campus fall in line with those of the Sheffield Campus. This is a great outcome for learning and will create easier staff movements and collaboration across the two campuses.

Students have signed up for the Premiers Reading Challenge and this will provide motivation for reading across the whole campus.

And last but not least, we have a new mural installed on the wall of the swimming pool. Gillian Robnik has kindly donated this beautiful artwork to the Sheffield School and we are now its proud custodians.

Amalgamation of the two campuses: Allison Hicks spoke very positively about the new structure between the two schools. All negativity has died down and the connection with Sheffield is getting stronger. As a council it is our task to tell the community that this is a good news story and the amalgamation has strengthened bonds between the two towns.

6. Sub-committee Reports

6.1 Chaplaincy –

A meeting was held today at 4.30. Andrew Hillier from Devonport attended and was able to inform members that the liaison between Sheffield and Devonport is working very well and all necessary structures are now in place and functioning very well.

Esther gave her report and once again reflected on her very busy schedule and continual involvement with the whole school community.

The LCC will be once again organising the Carols by Candlelight in the Gym on Sunday 14th December at 6.30pm.

As finances are doing well it was decided not to hold a fundraising event this year.

It was resolved to write an article for the Kentish Voice informing the community of our decision to change provider to the Devonport Chaplaincy Incorporated.

A meeting will be held at the Sheffield Bible Chapel on Sunday 10th August in regard to involving mentors in the Chaplaincy Program. Andrew Hillier will facilitate this meeting and afternoon tea will be provided.

6.2 Show Committee – First meeting will be held in the last week of term.

6.3 Farm Committee –

The new tractor has arrived. Cows have dried off.

Profit margin is very good - $200000. Last year it was $120000 for the milk production.
• Business Plan – The Education Department requires a plan around risk management.
• Flooding around the units in Dyer Court. – Paul Crantock has contacted Ron regarding the boundary to Dyer Court. Simon Barber and Ken Jeffrey are looking into this situation.

6.4 Junior Cattle Handlers Committee –

• The fundraising night was very successful. $1560 was raised. Tapas food dishes were prepared for the guests and from all accounts the food was delicious.
• A meeting will be held in third term.

7. General Business

7.1 School Charter

• Adapting the value statement from Railton as a clear statement for our values has been discussed. There are 4 simple statements that we can include in our charter. Debbie to take this idea to the staff at the Early Childhood Campus.
• A charter meeting will take place soon so that the new charter can be finalised by October.

7.2 Years 11 and 12 –

• A letter has been received from the Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP.
• No feedback from the letter in the school newsletter. What is our next step? We need to hold another community meeting to monitor community response to this issue.
• Invite two or three people to speak at the forum before it is open for discussion.

7.3 Swimming Pool - Railton

• Ron is looking into the viability of continuing the use of the pool. He has had a discussion with Paul. We are waiting for information back from the Department on the Ulverstone model. Ron will call a meeting soon. Elaine, Kate, Kelli, Ron and Kathy to form a committee.

7.4 “Move Well Eat Well” Policy–

• Letter tabled by Ron to be endorsed by council. There are a few minor changes but overall it is the same policy.
• Anna Maddick has worked alongside Allison Hicks to incorporate the Railton “Move Well Eat Well” policy.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Next meeting will be held on THURSDAY, 24th JULY, 2014 at 7.00pm in the VET Room.