Sheffield School Association Inc.

Minutes – THURSDAY 28th AUGUST, 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, Trish Laws, Chloe Temple, Anita Richards, Cindy Dunlop, Jamie Skirving, Amanda Grey, Chris Puccetti, Kelli Parker, Ayden Grey, Newton Maddick, Allison Boutcher, Lillian Maddick, Kathy Turnbull, Nicole East

Apologies: Elaine Deverell, Phillip Turner, Sharon Allen, Debbie May, Bradley Huett, Emma Wells, Allison Hicks, Helen Rockliff

Moved: Chloe Temple, Seconded: Trish Laws, “that apologies be accepted.” CARRIED

1. Minutes of previous meeting: (24th July, 2014)

Moved: Anita Richards, Seconded: Chris Puccetti, “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, Deputy Premier and Minister for Education and Training – Extending Years 11 and 12 Initiative - Invitation for an expression of interest in delivering Years 11 and 12 under this government’s policy from 2016. Expressions of interest should be registered by the close of business on the 5th December, 2014. Schools identified to begin delivery in 2016 will be announced in term 1, 2015. This letter was tabled and will be responded to pending the community forum on the 18th September.

Moved: Kelli Parker, Seconded: Cindy Dunlop, “that the inward correspondence be received.” CARRIED

4. Special Committees Reports: No report
5. Standing Reports

Student

- The 40 hour famine was held on the 20-22 August with grades 7-10 students starting at 8.00pm on the Wednesday night and continuing till Friday at 12 o’clock. There was a sleepover for the high school students on Thursday night. The grade 3-6 students started on Thursday morning at 8am till 4pm that afternoon.
- On Thursday 14th August a group of grade 9/10 students who were participating in the Melbourne trip boarded the Spirit of Tasmania with many activities ahead for them to do. All students had a blast as well as the teachers. They arrived home safely on Monday the 18th August.
- The SRC team has been busy attending events.
- Grade 7 and 9 students had immunisations on the 1st August.
- The 5/6 sports day was held on the 6th August with some students being chosen for the Devon team.
- The 9/10 students had a presentation on how to plan your week and get your homework done on time. All students had a laugh and were thankful for the information and advice.
- The grade 8 students went on an excursion yesterday to the Mole Creek caves and Allen Cliffs as part of their Geography unit.
- The English and Maths competitions have been held recently.
- Dress up day is tomorrow for Book Week as well as the K-10 assembly including students from the Railton Campus.
- On the 15th August, Mr Barber, Mitchell Grey, Dayna Grey and Chloe Temple went to a dairy production meeting. We got on a bus at ETC at Elizabeth Town and headed to the Bush Inn for lunch and a presentation on how the industry is going. After lunch we got back on the bus and went to a robotic dairy out at Western Creek. It was an amazing day and a great experience for all of us. The people who organised the outing were very impressed with the Sheffield Students. Chloe explained robotic milking and spoke very clearly giving a detailed explanation of this process.

Early Childhood:

- On Tuesday the 5th August both prep classes attended a performance titles “Pete the Sheep” at the Devonport Entertainment centre and had an active time at Allstars Gym.
- K-10 staff has been involved in two PL sessions with Heidi Bush, the focus being differentiating the curriculum to meet the needs of all students.
- Prep to 6 assembly was held on the 15th August. Classes were involved in sharing items and merit certificates were presented to worthy recipients.
- Last Wednesday 1 Allen and 1/2 Hinrichsen-Sullivan participated in a Sheffield Town Hall Centenary tour.
- Our soccer teams play their final games this Saturday.

Primary

- Staff have attended more professional learning. Anita has completed a two day first aid course and Marcus attended a leader’s conference for AP’s and 21c’s.
- All grade 5/6 students participated in the 5/6 sports day with schools from around the coast. They travelled to various locations and participated in sports such as football, soccer, hockey, netball, volleyball and basketball. Students demonstrated enthusiasm, good sportsmanship and their behaviour was excellent.
• Staff participated in workshops looking at differentiated learning, run by Heidi Bush. It aims to ensure that learning is tailored to all learning styles and abilities.

• An afternoon tea was provided yesterday for our wonderful aides in recognition of their hard work and some of our students attended to assist with serving and to show their appreciation.

• We are currently in the midst of literacy and numeracy week and there is an excellent display of class work samples in our corridor.

• Staff and students are looking forward to our book week assembly tomorrow, especially the chance to dress up as one of their favourite characters. We are looking forward to Railton staff and students joining us for the first time.

• The book fair is running this week where students have the chance to view and purchase a range of books. To date, it appears that we will have another successful year with this book fair. Again Railton students are participating in this.

• The Spirit Cup football team is up and running with some good beginning success.

• The count down for grade 5 camp is on... we leave on Tuesday 16th September!

Secondary

• Most activities have already been mentioned.

• Grade 9/10 students viewed a presentation by a member of the Masters Builders Association about the construction industry.

• The grade 7 Maths relay team participated in this competition at Reece High School. Our team came 4th against students from grade 8. A great effort.

• Photos have been taken of all the sports teams.

• The annual Sports presentation night is coming up in September.

• A new migwelder has been purchased for the woodwork room. This will be a wonderful asset to the projects being constructed by the students.

• The new 3D printer is now working.

• Madalan Page won the National Cattle Handler of the year which was recently announced in Brisbane.

• Chelsea Rayner was runner up in the National Junior Judging competition. A fantastic effort by both girls.

Railton

• Breakfast Club has had a major makeover which is fantastic. Amanda Von Schill is coordinating a committed crew that includes high school students, parents, our Chaplain Esther, teachers and Bec Mitchell from YAFF. Students are catching onto the fact that they can access breakfast every day. This is an important support to the Health and wellbeing of our students.

• Students are enjoying the wonderful new sandpit toys kindly purchased from funds donated by the Kentish Lions Club.

• A highly successful afternoon was held at the campus where the LAC students from the high school lead K-4 students in games and physical challenges. The afternoon was enjoyed by both staff and students and we thank Casey Scattergood and Anna Maddick for their organisation of this event.

• We have welcomed Belinda Gaffney as a teacher to our campus. Belinda is teaching the grade 1/2 on Mondays and supporting other programs on Tuesday.

• Ellen Parsons and Tony Hays have been offering an “Active after School” program on Tuesday afternoons and this has been both well received and well attended. We would like to thank them for delivering this successful and popular program.
• Daniel French and his 3/4 class are delivering a Daily PE program. It is great to see these students setting up the equipment and giving instructions to the other classes. Daniel’s preparation of the students has ensured that they have the confidence and skills to lead the program.
• Barry Woodcock has worked with us so that we are now able to operate a school day that aligns with that of the Sheffield Campus. We have also been able to accommodate the needs of more families – that is, more families have access to the bus service, making it easier for students to get to school.
• Lead teachers Sarah Crawford and Sally Rowlands have continued to provide expertise and leadership in our classes, focusing particularly on the delivery of quality literacy teaching and learning. Their skills and knowledge are contributing to the outcomes for our students.
• Last but not least, Anna Tassell and her partner Jason had a baby boy, Angus, on Monday night. All is well and we want to wish them the very best.

6. Sub-committee Reports

6.1 Chaplaincy –

• The LCC meeting was held on the 21st August.
• A community meeting was held on the 10th August at the Sheffield Bible Chapel. Andrew Hillier gave an overview of the Devonport Chaplaincy program and the introduction of the mentoring program. Guests were invited to ask questions and then write down their name if they were interested in finding out more about the Mentoring program.
• A coffee evening will be held on the 23rd October at Fudge n’ Good Coffee in Main Street at 6.30 pm. The aim of the night is to thank businesses who sponsor the chaplaincy program and to give others the opportunity to financially support the program. The format of the night will be informal as guests mingle and have something to eat with a coffee. The Devonport Chaplaincy is covering the cost of running the event. Kate, Esther and Andrew will speak about the chaplaincy and mentoring program.
• Esther continues to positively engage with students across both campuses.

6.2 Show Committee –

• One meeting has been held. Show organising is in full swing.
• A major sponsor is being sought as the previous one is no longer able to make a commitment this year.
• Minutes of the meeting on the 5th August were tabled.

6.3 Farm Committee –

• The minutes of the meeting held on the 20th August were tabled.
• Ron to sign 1 year contract at $6.40 and review income estimate.
• Dairy – Cows are due from 1st September.
• Beef – Sold 4 steers at an average of $700+, 2 from Landfall still to come.

6.4 Junior Cattle Handlers Committee –

• 15th September is breaking in week
• Recognition was given to Madalan Page and Chelsea Rayner on their recent success. Resolved to write a letter to both girls congratulating them on their achievements.
• 24 students will be doing cattle handling this year.
7. General Business

7.1 School Charter

- It is hoped that this will be finished by October. A meeting was held on the 4th August to review the charter. The first draft has been completed with the inclusion of the value statement from the Railton Campus. A draft form will be tabled at the September meeting.

7.2 Pool

- Kelli, Kate, Elaine, Allison Hicks and Ron will meet soon to begin the process of maintaining the functioning of the pool. It is important to communicate with previous pool users.
- The pricing could change – sustainability needs to be ensured
- A date for opening this year will need to be discussed.
- Points to consider – School use as well, opportunities for our students. Water Safety programs
- Maintenance – Malcolm will do this in school hours. An out of hour’s caretaker needs to be employed.

7.2 Years 11 and 12 –

- Alan Green was not able to come today but is available on the 18th September at 5.30pm. It will be a win-win situation if we handle it well.
- A flyer needs to be put up in the town. Chris Puccetti to design the flyer and place it up around the town. It must include relevant details about the time and place.
- The forum needs to be advertised in the school newsletter.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Next meeting will be held on THURSDAY, 18th SEPTEMBER, 2014 at 7.00pm in the VET Room.
The COMMUNITY FORUM will be held on the same day at 5.30pm on the 18th September.