Sheffield School Association Inc.

Minutes – WEDNESDAY 3rd DECEMBER, 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, Debbie May, Allison Hicks, Sharon Allen, Jamie Skirving (7.36pm), Newton Maddick, Bradley Huett, Emma Wells, Elaine Deverell, Anita Richards, Chris Puccetti, Phillip Turner, Lillian Maddick, Ayden Grey, Amanda Grey, Cindy Dunlop, Allison Boutcher
Apologies: Kelli Parker, Trish Laws, Kathy Turnbull, Helen Rockliff
Absent: Nicole East, Chloe Temple

Moved: Bradley Huett, Seconded: Cindy Dunlop, “that apologies be accepted.” CARRIED

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

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

2. Business Arising: Nil

3. Correspondence

3.1 Out – Nil

In –

• Kelli Parker – Requesting Leave of Absence
  Moved: Elaine Deverell, Seconded: Allison Boutcher that “we approve Kelli’s request for Leave of Absence till the AGM due to work commitments”. CARRIED

• Hon Michelle O’Byrne MP, Deputy Labor Leader and Shadow Minister for Education – Petition in regard to cuts to education.
  Chris Puccetti has invited Mark Shelton MP to meet with a group from Council at his coffee shop on Tuesday 9th December after the Presentation Day luncheon. Kate and Elaine to attend with Chris.
  Moved: Elaine Deverell, Seconded: Debbie May, “that the inward correspondence be received.” CARRIED
4. Special Committees Reports: No report

5. Standing Reports

Student

- Students are looking forward to the end of the year. We have 11 days of school left.
- The grades 3, 4 and 5 classes are nearing the end of their swimming and water safety program.
- The grade 9 students had an excursion to the Leven Canyon.
- The Devonport Show was on the 28th November which was a public holiday for us.
- The grade 10’s had their Don College start day yesterday and the grade 7’s had their orientation day also.
- Tomorrow evening is the Arts Concert and Exhibition.
- Friday is the Prep to grade 6 picnic at Splash.
- Monday is the Inter-High Athletics Carnival.
- Tuesday is Presentation Day.
- Thursday is the grade 10 Celebration Dinner.
- Friday 12th December reports go home and it is the grade 10 final assembly.
- The following week we have our 7-10 picnic at the Bluff on Tuesday 16th December and our last day is Thursday 18th December.
- Tim thanked Bradley and (Chloe in her absence) for their commitment to the School Council over the past two years. Their effort in presenting the student report each month was very much appreciated.

Early Childhood:

- Tomorrow will be the last day of our Water Orientation Program at the Railton pool. This has been a valuable experience for our students and one that they have thoroughly enjoyed.
  This is the first time this program has been held at Railton under the expertise of Ellen Parsons.
- Last Monday our Kindergarten students enjoyed their end of year sports event. As it was wet, this took place in the school gym.
- Grade 1/2 Hinrichsen had a fabulous excursion to the Launceston Museum and Planetarium. The children had a great time and had lots to talk about when they got back.
- Grade 1 students are incubating chicken eggs. At the moment they have 59 fertile eggs which are due to hatch during the last week of school.
- Teachers have completed their reports and are enjoying the last few weeks with the children. The reports are now in the hands of Senior Staff who are busy editing.
- We are looking forward to the ECE Choir performing in the Arts Concert tomorrow night.
- Our P-6 end of year school picnic is at Splash on Friday 5th December.
- The Presentation Assembly will be held on the 9th December.
- Reports go home on the 12th December.
- Christmas parties and Santa’s visit will be Monday 15th December.
- All classes are busy practising for the K-6 Assembly which will be held on the last Wednesday morning of term.

Primary

- All grade 3-5 students have been participating in Learn to Swim at the Latrobe Pool.
Grade 6 students participated in our grade 7 orientation day yesterday which involved some classroom activities, recess time in the secondary area and an afternoon at Lake Barrington with games and a BBQ.

Excursions are happening over the next few weeks: 5 O'Rourke are going to the Maritime Museum and Pandemonium; 5/6 Richards and 6 Last/Jackson are going to the Devonport foreshore for teambuilding activities and a BBQ then ten pin bowling.

We have our P-6 end of year picnic at Splash Aquatic Centre this Friday.

Presentation Day is next Tuesday.

Reports are being finalised and will go home with students on Friday 12th December.

Grade 6 students have their celebration lunch on the 12th.

Our Primary Christmas assembly is on the 17th and classes are busily rehearsing their items!

Overall we have had a joyful and successful year along the primary corridor!

Secondary

Grade 10 students attended the Don Starter Day on Tuesday the 2nd December. The feedback has been really positive and students are generally excited to start their college experience next year.

Grade 9 students went on their excursion to Leven Canyon last week.

The grade 6 orientation day was held yesterday. The students really enjoyed our trip to Lake Barrington and appeared to be excited about starting year 7.

The 8th of December is the Inter-High athletics carnival.

Presentation Day is on the 9th.

Year 10 Celebration Evening is on Thursday 11th December.

Reports go home on the 12th December.

Grade 10 students have their trip to Devonport next Wednesday where we will have lunch, play mini golf, go bowling and do a bit of shopping.

SRC “passing of the baton” meeting was held today. Grade 10 students passed on their wisdom and provided the year 9 candidates with some support and an idea of what to expect as a member of the SRC in grade 10.

Thursday last week – in school moderation for secondary staff.

A petition from grade 10 students was formally received voicing their opinion to not include years 11 and 12 at Sheffield School. We note the unanimous support for this motion from the students. Tim thanked the students for participating in this democratic process.

Railton

Railton students enjoyed participating in the sports carnival held at the Sheffield Campus.

Anna Maddick and a group of students organised a breakfast at Railton. There were 3 sittings where students sat at a long table. The aim is to hold a breakfast once a term.

Learn to Swim for students from ECE was held with the assistance of high school students.

The school picnic will be held on Friday.

Billycart Club finished on Monday after 4 weeks. This was held in conjunction with Youth and Family Focus. Hopefully it will be included in the Christmas Parade in Sheffield. 10 billycarts over a broad spectrum came in packs from the Men’s Shed and the local police will issue a billycart licence. Parents and students enjoyed the challenge of building these billycarts.

Railton Campus received a donation of $10000 from the Hub.

The P&F at Railton is a fundraising body where money goes to refurbishing the classrooms. More money will be put into these projects next year.

Railton Football Club. The group pay $1400 to manage the food outlet at football games.
6. Sub-committee Reports

6.1 Chaplaincy –

- Last meeting for the year was held on the 26th November.
- The committee is finalising arrangements for the Carols by Candlelight to be held on the 14th December at 6.30pm.
- Funding Issues – Our application for funding must be submitted by 12th December. Ron will oversee this process with a supporting letter from the School Association.
- Our next meeting will be held on the 18th February 2015.

Moved: Phillip Turner, Seconded: Debbie May that “as a School Association we formally support Chaplaincy within the Sheffield School” CARRIED

6.2 Show Committee –

- The show season has finished so no report for this meeting.

6.3 Farm Committee –

- A fertiliser spreader for $2000 will be purchased.
- The herd is looking good. Over 20 litres of milk per cow is being produced.

6.4 Junior Cattle Handlers Committee –

- The last show was held at Stanley.
- Celebration Dinner will be held on the 10th December.
- It has been a very, very good year with many of our students in the state final.
- We have had good breeder support. One breeder from Deloraine has offered to cart the cattle to the Scottsdale Show free of charge. This will enable our team to participate in the Scottsdale Show. Cartage was too expensive otherwise.

7. General Business

7.1 Education Act –

- A copy of the comments on the Discussion Paper for Consultation was tabled. It was resolved to send these responses to Hobart on behalf of the School Association. Kate to send a letter with the responses attached.

7.2 Chairperson’s Annual Report

- Tim read out his report which he will be presenting at the Presentation Day assembly.

Moved: Tim Dyer, Seconded: Elaine Deverell, that “Tim’s report be officially accepted” CARRIED

Tim has reached his use by date!!! He is required to finish his term on the School Council now that the Memorandum of Understanding has been signed off. Tim reflected on his time on council and some of the major issues that were a highlight for him as chairperson for the last 15 years.

1. 1998 – Mediate a conflict on council with a particular parent. Since then we have not had major concerns like this incident. We now have a harmonious council with a common mind and a positive way forward. Tim commended the good team work with all members.
2. One year the grade 8 camp was cancelled. Students attended a council meeting to put their case forward in a democratic way requesting the camp to go ahead. Parents and students outvoted the staff and the camp went ahead.

3. Two major projects – the relocation of the ECC and the merging of the Railton School to Sheffield. The relocation of the ECC involved very tricky discussions over several years. Council members worked long and hard to change community perception as it was difficult to lose the “little school”. However once the Federal Government released funding for specific projects in schools, we moved quickly to begin the building process. This was made easier due to the fact that there was documentation and plans ready to be implemented when funds were available.

The decision to merge Railton and Sheffield schools under the umbrella of Sheffield School was a good decision. The outcomes have been very positive and the required goals are being met.

4. Tim commented on the good decision process that is in place at council meetings. He encouraged everyone to ensure this is ongoing.

Ron thanked Tim on behalf of all members that have been on Council during the past 15 years. Tim has made a remarkable contribution to the school and his service has been outstanding. The strength of the School Council has been consolidated through what Tim has brought to council over a long period of time.

Tim vacated the chair. Ron took the chair to elect a new chairperson.

Chris Puccetti, nominated by Ron Daly, seconded, Kate Haberle. Accepted

Allison Boutcher nominated by Newton Maddick, seconded Bradley Huett. Declined

Chris declared the new chairperson in an acting position till the AGM in March.

Deputy Chairperson: Allison Boutcher nominated by Kate Haberle seconded Cindy Dunlop. Accepted

Meeting closed at 8.20 pm followed by supper.

Next meeting will be held on THURSDAY, 19th FEBRUARY, 2015 at 7.00pm in the VET Room.