

**PORT FAIRY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL
MINUTES 22/2/2017**

Members: Mark Chapman, Brendan Condon, Deborah Dowell, Cynthia McLaren, Jennifer McCarthy, Emily Clark, Roz Langley, Charlotte Dumesny, Judi Fitzgerald, Adison Cognian, Tracy O'Connell, Rachel Ross and Paul Clift.

Present: Mark Chapman, Jennifer McCarthy, Paul Clift, Tracy O'Connell, Judi Fitzgerald, Cynthia McLaren, Jennifer Martin, Emily Clark, Deborah Dowell.

Apologies: Brendan Condon, Charlotte Dumesny, Roz Langley.
Late Arrival – Rachel Ross & Adison Cognian.

Chairperson: Judi Fitzgerald

Declarations of Personal Interest

Nil.

. Minutes of Previous Meeting

All agree that these are a true and accurate account of the last meeting.

Moved: Cynthia McLaren
Seconded: Judi Fitzgerald

. Business Arising

Nil

. Correspondence

Nil.

. Student Leadership Group Report

Bob Beekhof has taken on the role of the Student Leadership Group. The Leadership Group will be attending the Student Leadership Conference at Deakin University on Friday 3rd March.

. Finance Committee Report -

Tracy O'Connell read the minutes of the Finance Meeting of 21ST February. Motion that these be passed.
Paul queried a discrepancy in the November Operating Statement – Revenue of \$546,481 against budgeted figure of \$231,703. – Jenni to clarify. This discrepancy is accounted for by the balance of the three PFCS bank accounts. (These are not entered into CASES budget details.)

Moved: Tracy O'Connell
Seconded: Paul Clift

. Principal's Report - Mark Chapman

Feedback from parents re welcome night has been very positive

Paul queried it being onerous on staff - Cynthia spoke of the enormous benefits from a teachers point of view.

School Council election - six positions vacant, nominations received and positions filled.

Successful candidates are - Sally Anderson, Ebony Perrin, Ashley Baxter & Ian Tebbutt. Farewell and thank you to Judi and Paul, and also Roz & Charlotte - (absent on the night).

Six new staff members, Kelda, Janene, Bianca, Jill, Justine and Kate. Dianne Wellman will begin on Monday, through a WDEA sponsorship, working as an aide within the classroom.

Parents would like to see new staff introductions in newsletter.

School councillors are also to provide an introductory piece about themselves for inclusion in the newsletter.

Parent fundraising - meetings on Monday - two social events to be held each year, advertise and book thru office.

They asked if it was possible for a hard copy of notes to go home, (if newsletter emailed it is difficult).

Lunch time Chinese proving very popular. Thank you to Callena Vaughan, and also to Susu Cognian for helping out.

This year we are holding Parent forums with a guest speaker.

2017 - Three key priorities, teacher accountability, buildings/grounds, literacy.

Wind turbine, Moyne Shire are still preparing an impact study, this should be thru shortly. At this stage the wind turbine has been left off pending the outcome of this study.

Mark mentioned that reports had not been sought as below, given the early stage of the year.

OSHC - Jenni to assist with management of this program.

OH&S - anaphylaxis refresher was held tonight, one of two each year for all staff.

SAKGP - running well, query repeating piece in newsletter about SAKGP cooking classes being inclusive of a meal for each child.

Judi queried if we should approach Stephanie Alexander, as part of our 10 year celebrations.

Fundraising - Mark will contact coordinators for each of our fundraising events. Folkie roast beef rolls will be offered again on our Shared Meal/Family Concert night in conjunction with the Folk Festival performers. Mark to contact Cathy Connellan as possible coordinator.

(Parents and Friends) - Judi felt that the friendship component has been lost, now just seen as fundraising, and lots of hard work. Need to redevelop that sense of community.

Building & Grounds - Bob Beekhof is the new coordinator.

Deborah spoke of our new direction in Literacy. A program from the parent forum of next week, which is covering this, will be distributed shortly

Art - activities to complement learning to read and write. (Fine motor skills.)

Multi-Lit (run by Jenelle) -code breaking teaching strategies, targeting years 3-6.

Judi sought encouragement from all school councillors to support these great new programs.

School Strategic Plan distributed. General discussion was held around the Vision & Values Statements.

Mark sought feedback and opened up for questions.

Paul & Tracy raised idea of preparing a 5 year strategic capital works plan. The importance and value of this was stressed, and agreed by all school councillors. Paul happy to be co-opted to help out with this. Tracy also offered help from an external source who could assist with facilitation of ideas.

Judi spoke of importance of kids showing responsibility also, and showing individuality, in line with our focus.

Paul queried competitive behaviour within children not mentioned in our statements, stating that competition is healthy. Why not encourage/push children to their PB's. Reward is sometimes given without effort. Strong sense of notion that it is not about winning, as long as everyone has a good time. Don't discourage children from wanting to achieve great things. To do your personal best is important for us to stress.

. Policy Report - Cynthia McLaren

Nil.

. Cafe Report - Kirsty Marwood & Tracey Gray

Nil.

. Fundraising Sub-Committee Report - Rachel Ross, Charlotte Dumesny, Matt Hoey & Mark Chapman

Nil.

. Building & Grounds Committee Report - Bob Beekhof

Nil.

. Workplace Health & Safety Report - Lynda Beekhof

Nil.

. Out of School Hours Care Report - Beverley Holcombe

Nil.

. General Business

Thank you to Judi for her two years on school council and Thank you to Paul for filling in when Seona Dance resigned.

Tracy suggested maybe variations on the roast beef rolls, maybe sausage in bread for the children.

Tracy also sought clarification on RISE program. Mark explained three students from years 3-6 between 9-11am, who have challenging behaviours, spend two hours each morning out of their classrooms.

Tracey asked who was running multi-lit program - Jenelle Baulch. Three groups of four students, four times a week.

Justine also working on creating a student led anti-bullying program. Completely student led, model initiated by Justine both here and at Hawkesdale, to work throughout the entire school.

Adison queried if lights were being replaced. Mark notified that Sean Spence had been asked to go ahead.

Judi asked after folkie developments. Glamping going ahead. Showers and floors in wet areas have been renovated.

School Council approval of the current list of volunteers working in the school and any additions to the list during the year, as per the sign in book at the office, was sought.

Moved: Mark Chapman

Seconded: Deborah Dowell

. ACTION LIST