



Merredin College P&C Association Inc.

MINUTES

General meeting held on Monday, 27th November, 2017 in the Primary Staffroom

Opened by Kim Lane (President) at 3.15pm

1. **Present**

Bev Stanes, Darren Gardiner, Rochelle Willis, Lynne Herbert, Janelle Millar, Deirdre Fardell, Jenny Doncon, Jamie-lee Walker, Natasha Hardy, Shelley Ghirardi, Kerri Shelton

Apologies

Kat White, Karlyn Settineri, Kim Lane, Nat Hargreaves

2. **Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting**

Motion: That the minutes of the General Meeting of the Merredin College P&C Association Inc held on Monday, 30th October, 2017 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Rochelle Willis

Seconded: Jamie-lee Walker

3. **Business arising from previous minutes**

Follow-up meeting on asbestos to be held Tuesday 28/11/2017

4. **Correspondence**

Motion: That correspondence in and out be received and endorsed respectively as presented.

Moved: Rochelle Willis

Seconded: Natasha Hardy

5. **Treasurer's Report**

Balance \$45,337

Canteen running at a \$6774 profit – will drop significantly in next month when annual leave is paid

Uniform Shop running at \$1836 profit

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report be adopted as presented by the Treasurer

Moved: Janelle Millar

Seconded: Jenny Doncon

6. **Other Reports**

6.1 Principal (Verbal/Q&A)

On Friday night (24th November) Jenö Hayden won AEIO of the year for 2017 WA Education Awards. Thanks to all involved in the application process. Kindy orientation run over 3 days by Jane Patroni – 32 children enrolled. Amity funding is available from another 6 months for the 0-4 program. Chaplaincy service has been requested for 5 days per week in 2018 being: Bronwyn McKane 3 days, Salome Marais 2 days. CRE to be discussed at next board meeting – survey sent to parents. Technology Showcase was successful with 6 different schools visiting. Thank you to Lynne H and her team. Applied for funding to Collgar Wind Farm – hoping to update primary computer lab. Yr 7 Transition Day was successful (coordinated by Darren Gardiner) with approx 75 students participating. Mrs Barbara Smith has been appointed as Primary Deputy. Secondary Maths: Nathan Braganza & Daniel Aiafa, Secondary Science: Larissa Boon & Nadia Cuthbertson, Secondary English: Natalie Warnock & Sam Dawson. Amanda Cash will be the new Home Economics teacher. 2018 School Development days: Monday 29th and 30th January, Friday 1st June, Monday 16th July, Monday 8th October, Friday 14th December. Approx 30 Yr 9 and 10 students from surrounding schools are participating in Try a Trade program at the RTTC co-ordinated by Wayne Wallace. Our Yr 10 students are participating in Work Experience program for week 9 and 10. Anticipated that year 10 and 11 reports will be emailed by the end of the week. Year 7-9 on 12th December. Primary reports will be distributed end of week 9, beginning week 10.

Alison Ramm (Regional Executive Director) will be at 7-9 awards afternoon on Wednesday, December 13 in the gym from 1.15pm – 2.15pm. K-2 and 3-6 Merry-din dates are Tuesday 12th December and Wednesday 13th December respectively at 6pm. Rewards activities have also been organized for students with good standing and 90%+ attendance. Primary end of year rewards occurs this Friday – attending Spare Parts Puppet Theatre.

6.2 School Board (Verbal/Q&A)

The board met to discuss the dress code policy: clarified the addition of the new polo, what 'bottoms' are acceptable, usage of interschool shirt, year 6 shirts, VET uniform and the formal button-up shirt. Be aware that both secondary and primary areas of the school accept second hand uniforms. Minister of Education has requested that the school make sure gender neutral options are available with uniform. CRE survey results will be discussed at next board and will be available after next meeting. The farm will continue to operate next year.

Motion: That each report above be adopted as presented.

Moved: Deirdre Fardell
Seconded: Janelle Millar

7. **General Business**

7.1 **Colour Run Information (Karlyn Settineri)**

We believe that a date has been set for a colour run (primary) next year. Perhaps we could see how it goes. Rochelle to see Tom James about how the year 9 colour run was organised. A suggestion made that we could run a pay-to-participate event without all the advertising, prizes etc and simply source the 'colour' product.

7.2 **Class/Year Group P&C Representation (Jamie-lee Walker)**

Class / yr group parent representatives to attend P & C meetings to improve communication between the school / P&C and families has been briefly discussed previously. Can we implement this for 2018? This was discussed earlier in the year. Having the P&C as a conduit for information is very important and it helps build community. The parent rep would be available to communicate information to parents in their respective year group. It would be more beneficial to approach certain individuals other than put out a blanket request which we would more than likely not get a response from. Suggest small fundraisers that each year group could run like a cake stall, soup lunch for staff.

Motion: That we implement having a class (primary) and year (secondary) group representative/s at P&C meetings in order to help build community and communications within their respective year.

Moved: Jamie-lee Walker
Seconded: Natasha Hardy

Secondary clan leaders will have a good idea of who to approach in secondary. P&C information/summary to be included in the Link.

8. **Other Business**

Prospective school fete could be held early in Term 4, 2018. Still to investigate insurance and legalities, what attractions we would have and what the students are able to contribute for the occasion.

9. **Date of next meeting:**

Monday, 19th February, 2018 at 6.00pm in the Wahlsten Library.

10. **Closure**

Meeting closed at 4.15pm