



**Merredin College P&C Association Inc.**  
**MINUTES**

General meeting held on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 in the Wahlsten Library.  
Meeting opened at 6.02pm by Kim Lane.

1. **Present**

Gerard Rennie (Principal), Kim Lane (President), Darren Gardiner (Vice-President), Rochelle Willis (Secretary), Janelle Millar (Treasurer), Lynne Herbert (Primary Deputy Principal), Julie Flockart (School Board Chairperson), Diana Giles, Jenny Doncon, Zane Walker, Jamie-lee Walker, David O'Neill, Kat White, Lauren Franklin, Melissa Puglia, Shelley Ghirardi, Nat Hargreaves.

**Apologies**

Bev Stanes, Natasha Hardy, Mel Wahlsten, Deirdre Fardell, Donna Whisson, Natasha Caplan, Sandy Nicholls

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, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record.*

Moved: Rochelle Willis  
Seconded: Kim Lane

3. **Business arising from previous minutes**

Bev Stanes wishes to especially thank Chelsea Willis and Emily Lane for supervising children at the last P&C meeting. Letters of thanks have been sent.

4. **Correspondence In and Out**

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

Moved: Rochelle Willis  
Seconded: Zane Walker

5. **Treasurer's Report**

See Attached

Report presented based on information up to the end of Term 1.

Uniform Shop: Approx \$4400 has been received from Secondary Assistance Scheme for uniform purchases. Canberra student orders will be finalized ASAP.

Canteen: Winter menu is in place and the canteen is continuing to run on nil wastage. There was a \$771 operating profit for Term 1. Special thanks is extended to the canteen staff for their efficient work and running of the canteen.

General: Accounts still in process of being closed at CBA. Balance as at end of term 1 \$16,647.07

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

Moved: Janelle Millar  
Seconded: Rochelle Willis

**On behalf of the committee, the Secretary wishes to acknowledge and thank Janelle for her treasury work for Merredin College P&C.**

## 6. Other Reports

### 6.1 Principal (Verbal/Q&A)

Bev Stanes is currently on LSL and is being backfilled by Gerard Rennie & Lynne Herbert. Lorraine Shreeve (Primary) is being backfilled by Leah Boehme. The School Board has endorsed the School Report & School Plan. NAPLAN was held for years 3, 5, 7 and 9 last week. In 2018 Merredin College will be a trial school for online NAPLAN testing. Year 11 & 12 ATAR exams begin next week. Both Primary and Secondary assemblies will be held this week. Form class will resume again this week being held on Mondays at the end of Period 1. School Development day will be Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, being a student-free day.

### 6.2 School Board (Verbal/Q&A)

The next School Board meeting (Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> June) will be open to the general public and held in the Wahlsten Library. Three School Board Representatives will be attending school board governance training meetings on Tuesday & Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> May. With respect to uniform discussion, any proposal, if presented, is to be approved by the Board. Any decision made by the Board regarding the uniform would be based on what the Board believes is best for the entire community (not only the parents and students).

*Motion: That each report above be adopted as presented.*

Moved: Kim Lane  
Seconded: Zane Walker

## 7. General Business

### 7.1 **Auditor's Report**

See attached - for endorsement. Accepted as presented

Moved: Kim Lane  
Seconded: Janelle Millar

### 7.2 **College Colours System**

David O'Neill (TIC Health/Phys Ed) has applied to the P&C for \$1000 to go towards the new College Colours System (for introduction to the school this year) as part of the positive school culture we are wishing to foster within the college.

*Motion: That the P&C donate \$1000 to Merredin College as requested for the implementation of the Colours badge system.*

Moved: Zane Walker  
Seconded: Kim Lane

### 7.3 **Year 6 Camp (current year 5) Fundraising**

The Language Development Centre has two professional Learning days at Merredin College this term – Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> May and Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> May. For endorsement.

Moved: Zane Walker  
Seconded: Rochelle Willis

### 7.4 **Catering Opportunity – Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September**

Merredin Men's Shed is enquiring as to whether we are interested in catering for them on Saturday evening, 2<sup>nd</sup> September (100-150 people) and have requested a quote if so.

*Motion: That we send a letter of thanks for the offer but decline due to our unavailability.*

Moved: Kim Lane  
Seconded: Rochelle Willis

### 7.5 **Fundraising Ideas for 2017**

We would like to conduct another automotive battery recycling program. Batteries can be dropped to the Trade Training Centre. Advertising to go into the school newsletters. Please bring any other fundraising ideas to future meetings.

## 7.6 School Uniform

Uniform Shop manager, Diana Giles was present as was School board Chair, Julie Flockart, to listen to opinions of staff, students and parents.

Much discussion was held including:

Why uniforms are worn? (Uniformity) Further feedback/opinion, both for and against, was given on the current blue button-up shirt. Concern also raised about the various uniform 'bottoms' that are available and worn or in many cases, not worn. Cost of a different shirt is a real concern. If, in future a decision was made to introduce another uniform shirt perhaps there is the option of using the current blue K-3 polo shirt. If this option was taken, the shirts would be uniform in colour.

Diana Giles gave her views as the Uniform Shop Manager and in addition, suggested that maybe the girls blouse could be phased out (need a minimum of 100 per size, per order), and to make the unisex shirt the only button up shirt. Another idea from Diana was for the polo to be worn daily by all K-6 students and if students in years 7-12 have a valid, specific reason ie. medical/health issue, to have an exemption to wear the polo. Otherwise in her opinion as Uniform Shop manager, the current blue button up shirt would suffice.

Survey:

Preliminary survey (prepared by Kat White) was presented for discussion as per previous minutes (20<sup>th</sup> March). The P&C needs only to address parents via the survey. It is not our role to address staff and students. The school will address the staff and student leaders. Student leader representatives (year 7-12) will be present at the next board meeting. More background information needed for the parent survey before it is emailed out. eg. stock on hand, change-over time, costs. We need more of a holistic approach. Ask what would parents be prepared to pay. What percentage of parents will respond to the survey? Will it be an accurate, informed decision if there are minimum replies?

Parent survey will be emailed out but students and staff will be addressed by the school within student and staff meetings respectively.

Suggested edits to the preliminary survey are:

- Q3. Change to 'are you satisfied with the current school uniform'?
- Q4. Edit to 'current blue polo in existence', 'a change', and adding 'please give details'
- Include pricing question: Current price of shirts as per uniform list with the addition of 'another sports polo style'. 3 options being: Button-up blue shirt \$28-34, Lower Primary polo \$25-30 and different sports polo-style shirt \$27-50

*Motion: That the survey be sent to parents for completion within two weeks of the date sent with the above proposed amendments made.*

Moved: Kim Lane  
Seconded: Kat White  
For: 8 Against: 6  
Carried

Julie Flockart (School Board Chairperson) abstained from voting.  
Student code of conduct is to be included with the next agenda.

**The President stressed that it is important to not take part in the circulating rumours that 'there will be a uniform change'. The above information and information in previous meetings is discussion only.**

## 8. Other Business

- 8.1 **EWEN Catering 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2017:** Approx \$20 per head for around 130 people – morning tea/lunch. Zane and Janelle to request food donations based on menu provided from previous EWEN functions.
- 8.2 We would like to pursue the idea (as per minutes 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017) of having a parent representative from each year group regularly present at P&C meetings.

## 9. Date of next meeting:

Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 at 3.15pm in the K/PP Block

10. Meeting closed at 7.50pm