

Merredin College P&C Association Inc.



MINUTES

General meeting held on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 after the AGM in the Wahlsten Library  
Opened by Kim Lane at 6.47pm

1. **Present**

Bev Stanes (Principal), Kim Lane (President), Darren Gardiner (Vice-President), Rochelle Willis (Secretary), Janelle Millar (Treasurer), Lynne Herbert, Kat White, Jenny Doncon, Melissa Puglia, Lauren Franklin, Shelley Ghirardi, Brid Fitzsimons, Nat Hargreaves, Sandy Nicholls, Donna Whisson, Caryn Adamson, Liana Foster.

**Apologies**

John McKane, Natasha Hardy, Karlyn Settineri, Hayley Billing

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, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and accurate record.*

Moved: Rochelle Willis  
Seconded: Sandy Nicholls

3. **Business arising from previous minutes**

Nil

4. **Correspondence**

4.1 In - presented by Secretary.

*Motion : That correspondence in be received.*

Moved: Rochelle Willis  
Seconded: Sandy Nicholls

4.2 Out - Nil

*Motion: That correspondence out be endorsed.*

Moved: Rochelle Willis  
Seconded: Kim Lane

5. **Treasurer's Report**

Presented as per AGM

Moved: Kim Lane  
Seconded: Kat White

6. **Other Reports**

6.1 Principal

6.2 Canteen Committee

6.3 School Council

6.4 Uniform Committee

*Motion: That each report be adopted as presented at the AGM*

Carried

7. **General Business**

7.1 **IPS (Independent Public School) Update:** (Bev Stanes)

With maximum input from staff, we are in the process of writing our business and operational plans. Business plan is to be presented by the end of Term 1. The four main focus areas of Merredin College for 2017 are Early Childhood writing and numeracy, Year 12 WACE attainment, creating a positive school culture and Aboriginal Education.

7.2 **Fundraising**

7.2.1

School fundraising still needs to be under the banner of the P&C. Individual year group co-ordinators/teachers are able to send out letters asking for fundraising interest – whether parents want to contribute to fundraising or to pay outright fees for whatever project is being fundraised for. It is important that this representative be present at the P&C meetings to liaise and give information in order for the fundraising to be endorsed.

### 7.2.2

Fundraising ideas for 2017: Possibility of another battery-drive. This has been very successful in the past. The P&C members were asked to have a think about other ideas and bring to the next meeting.

### 7.3 Parent Year Representation

We would like to try having a parent representative from each year group (or maybe combined year groups) on the P&C to have an even distribution of parent/carer representation on the committee and in effect, to have healthy numbers on the committee. It is important to have connection with the other school parents and carers who may not come to regular meetings. To be advertised in the 'Connect'.

## 8. Other Business

### 8.1 Uniform

Concerns were raised about the comfort and value of the uniform shirts (blue button-up). Some students are extremely self-conscious of sweat marks and would prefer shirts like the school representation shirts. Could the blue shirts be phased out? If that were to happen we would be left with thousands of dollars of stock. Another suggestion was made that perhaps there could be a summer and winter uniform to combat the problem (hard to police). It would be preferable to have one uniform top for the whole year. Most students wear the shirts but appropriate 'bottoms' tend to be more of an issue. There will need to be discussion about effective solutions. Glean ideas together for effective solutions bearing in mind that it will be a massive financial decision also. Suggestions, once taken to P&C, need school board approval. Special acknowledgement made to the contributions made by the initial uniform committee and the massive work they put in to creating the Merredin College Uniform.

### 8.2 P&C Constitution

To be emailed to the P&C members for future reference.

## 9. Date of next meeting:

Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 at 3.15pm in the Kindergarten/Pre-primary area.

*This is a trial run of a different time and location to possibly encourage extra numbers.*

*All other dates and times to be confirmed.*

## 10. Closure

**7.28pm**