



SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

General Meeting

Time	5:35
Date	5 December 2019
Location	Board Room
Chair	Julie Flockart
Apologies	
Attendees	Alby Huts (Principal), Lisa Fischer (Community Rep), Amanda Rajagopalan (Parent Rep), Romolo Patroni (Community Rep), Caitlin Crees (Staff Rep), John McKane (Parent Rep), Tom James (Staff Rep, Deputy chair), Jamie Lee Walker (Parent Rep), Julie Flockart (Community Rep, Chair), Phil Van Der Merwe (Parent Rep)

Time	Item and summary of discussion	Actions
5:33	<p>Confirmation of Agenda</p> <p>Disclosure of Interest John McKane declared an interest in item 2.2 Scripture Curriculum</p> <p>Minutes of previous meeting Motion: That the Minutes of the previous meeting on 7 November be accepted with the change of Millar to Lane (Janelle). Moved: Lisa Fischer, Seconded: John McKane, Carried</p>	Change name in previous minutes
5:35	<p>Correspondence We will be trialling a new Curriculum for Scripture classes as the current curriculum is no longer available. Information on the new curriculum and information about it will be available in due course. In the mean time you can check: Godspace.org.au</p>	
5:37	<p>Business Arising</p> <p>Asbestos update Recent Health Department assessment, no report back.</p> <p>Science Room Upgrade Successful tender of \$283000, have sent invoice to Department. Work will commence Monday the 9th, aiming to complete works by 27th January. May be a minor delay with some aspects, eg fume cupboard can't be delivered until February</p> <p>Major Infrastructure funds. Stimulus package, want it to be spent on employment. A new dust collection system in the woodwork classroom \$140000. Floors will be sanded and polished, a special purpose bench, new power points, 12 new vices for woodwork benches. Estimate cost of \$153000.</p>	
5:43	<p>Business plan update The draft version will be sent out in the next week or so. Will finalise and discuss at next board meeting with the new Principal. Very simple format</p>	
5:45	<p>Principals Report</p>	



	<p>Alby presented See attached. Some highlights Arts and Technology Showcase Several hundred people attended. Attendees very impressed with the quality of work on display. Acknowledge as a really good thing Year 7 transition went really well. We expect 60 years 7 next year. 3 kids came for the ATAR orientation. 30 kids at the try a trade session. 27 kids stayed at the hostel, 10 are coming next year to do a VET course. Chaplaincy funding came through today for another 3 years. Sal Marias will continue on the primary site for 3 days a week. Need to employ another chaplain for secondary section. Prime Ed An education process of trying to encourage students into careers in Agriculture. We have had meetings with DPIRD, TAFE and Muresk. Will have a careers day at the Ag Dept mid next year. This will cover beyond farming, to all the support services. They are keen for us introduce some VET agriculture. With our small numbers something else will have to give, due to funding restrictions. To late for 2020, may revisit for 2021, very important to have someone who can deliver the course. Early Years As a result of testing we have 29 students with language difficulties. Department plans to provide some support for these students.</p>	
6:09	<p>Finance Report Alby presented School has met its minimum expenditure requirements. Schools are required to spend more than 96% of budget. We are \$393000 down for next year, and have taken action to remedy that. Estimated \$470000 will be carried forward for next year.</p>	
6:18	<p>P&C report P&C have decided to continue Kristy Van Der Merwe as uniform shop coordinator as a contractor. There will be no increase in her pay rate. This is in line with the WACSSO requirements. Sales of new shorts are going well and have been ordered. Hopefully will arrive in time for the new year. P&C in process of organising the 2020 Merredin College Fete. A letter will be going out to parents. Date set aside is Sunday September 20th. Planning on having a car raffle – hopefully will raffle it at the fete. \$35000 car we pay \$30000 need to sell 620 tickets to cover the cost, anything else is profit. Uniform shop is having trouble with bad debt, Kristy is looking into after pay. Sadly this is not possible. We are looking into other options. Canteen is still having trouble making a profit. P&C is still propping it up, canteen has always run at a slight loss. The new girls shorts are not a replacement for anything, they are an addition. The new boys parade short will replace the old ones.</p>	
6:34	<p>Uniform Policy Feedback on shorts, someone commented on length of shorts. There</p>	





	<p>is nothing in the policy on length of shorts. There is an informal guideline on length of shorts.</p> <p>Motion: Micro-fibre navy sport shorts including embroidered 'Merredin College' in gold text spaced over two lines on the garment's left leg.</p> <p>2 in 1 micro-fibre navy sport shorts including embroidered 'Merredin College' in gold text spaced over two lines on the garment's left leg.</p> <p>Micro-fibre navy skorts including embroidered 'Merredin College' in gold text spaced over two lines on the garment's front lower left.</p> <p><i>Merredin College embroidered on the front, bottom-leftside of garment.</i></p> <p>Moved: Lisa Fischer, Seconded: Phil Van Der Merwe Carried</p>	
6:41	<p>Secondary Pastoral Care Changes</p> <p>We are shuffling some staff roles in relation to supporting students. All students are currently in a house group, they have a form period once a week. Every year group has a year coordinator. This is very inequitable for staff as different year groups have different responsibilities and different needs. PBS is looking to move to the next level which is rewarding students for doing the right thing. This was not working with the year coordinators.</p> <p>New system will have house coordinators, who will look after all students in the house. A fifth coordinator will look after the student counsellors.</p> <p>Plan to reintroduce a form like period this will be vertical from 7-12, this will hopefully encourage mentoring between older and younger students. This will help us to move to house based rewards. There will be four periods each week, with different purposes each class.</p> <p>Monday will be house building to encourage a sense of belonging. PBS lessons will now be taught in this session on Tuesday. Thurs will be mental health session, with a special curriculum which we will be purchasing through a grant.</p>	
6:55	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Thursday week 4 term 1 2020, February 20th</p> <p>The Board would like to congratulate Caitlyn on the safe arrival of baby Max.</p> <p>The Board would also like to thank Alby for the terrific job he has done over the last 12 months.</p> <p>The Board would like to thank Amanda and John for their years of service to the College as Board members and parents.</p>	
7:00	Close	

