



Fitzroy High School Council
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday June 17, 2008

Meeting started: 6.35 p.m.

Present: Barry Pullen, Madeleine Oakes, Monty Ellis, Mike Jorgensen, AnTony McPhee, Tim Dolan, David Brant, Ben Johnstone McCloud, Pauline Rice, John Ross, Dean Lombard, Tim Fitzgerald

Apologies: Fran Mullins, Helen McKernan, Jackie Van Vugt, Sue Billsborrow

1. Quorum reached

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

MOTION: The minutes and motions of previous meeting held on May 15, 2008 be accepted and approved.

MOVED: David B

SECONDED: Mike J

3. Business Arising from Minutes and action sheet

Co-option of members

Parent members- one year term

Tim Dolan

Madeleine Oakes

Jackie Van Vugt

Staff member- one year term

Chris Millard (to replace Ben from the start of next term)

Community member- one year term

Monty Ellis

MOTION: All above appointed as co-opted members of council

MOVED: Mike J

SECONDED: Dean L

4. Sub Committee Reports

4.1 Education sub-committee report

No meeting- no report

4.2 Communication Committee

Meeting next Tuesday- two new members and Gabrielle and Sarah from former committee attending

4.3 Finance Committee

The Finance reports were submitted and discussed.

MOTION: School Council ratifies all payments and reports approved by Finance Committee for February, 2008 including:

Bank Account Movements – summary

Cash Flow Statement

General Ledger Balance Sheet

Canteen Profit and Loss Report

Cancelled receipts report

MOVED: Dean L

SECONDED: Monty E

- Issue of equity regarding non payment of charges raised at Finance committee and the need to now charge for some excursions/activities
- CRT budget within limits
- Instrumental music- fewer students but costs under control

4.4 Events Committee

This committee will now be known as the Participation Committee- a notice will go in the newsletter and AnTony McPhee will chair

4.5 Built & Natural Environment Committee

John Ross reported:

New building

- On schedule- progressing well
- Footings in soon
- Gym work will occur in November/December
- No OH&S issues at present

Water Tanks

- Progressing well- completed by early next week
- Have included boys/girls external toilets in project at no extra cost

Solar Power Grant

- Due at start of July – looking at selling power back to the grid via panels on roof and shade to rooms reducing need for cooling/heating

Area behind gym

- John has spoken to the contractor who have advised that they will not be able to start for another 8 weeks
- Council asked that the contractor be informed that it was disappointed with this scheduling
- Council reserved the right to change contractor

4.6 Canteen Committee

- As discussed in finance report.
- New gas stove installed
- Running at a profit

MOTION: All reports accepted

MOVED: Barry P

SECONDED: Mike J

5. Other business-

Ballarat Camp

The camps were approved subject to the following conditions

- Risk analysis to include transportation and certification of bus drivers

MOTION: Camps approved

MOVED: David P

SECONDED: Mike J

The council acknowledged the work of Ben Johnstone McCloud both as a team leader and as a member of council.

TimF reported on the successful conclusion of the EBA negotiations.

A discussion was held re the Federal Government's funding for computers in schools:

- The school did not receive funding in the first round as its' student computer ratio and the age of its computers were much better than the average
- As a consequence we have not replaced 100 computers that are now 4 years old
- The school is in an almost unique position within Australia in being able to link improved teaching and learning with ICT use
- This is due to our work in the Design teams project and the fact that we see ICT as a support for teaching and learning rather than an end in itself
- Rather than being passive and waiting for funding to come the school should take an active role in illustrating how the federal funding could be used to enhance student outcomes and be a showcase for the possible use of the funding
- To this end we should seek a meeting with Lindsay Tanner (local member and Minister for Finance) to explore these possibilities
- Tim and Pauline will use their time at the Northern Region Principal's Conference to develop a proposal to take to Lindsay