

TOORA PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL - MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD 9th May 2017

Present: Jen Delaney, Emma Hughes, Bob Tinker, Brett Whittle, Tara Hollier, Anna Hopkins

Apologies: Nigel Plowright

Minutes of Previous meeting accepted as read:

Moved Tara Hollier and Seconded Emma Hughes

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Annual Report to community was accepted

Moved Tara Hollier and Seconded Emma Hughes

PRINCIPAL REPORT:

- Priority Review – Still no report received from the Reviewer, Sharon Adams.
- Annual Implementation Plan is due. Draft has been distributed to all councillors to take and read and get back to Bob with any issues.
- Strategic Plan is also due by the end of Term 2.

FINANCE REPORT:

Finance Committee meeting held Monday 8th May 3:30pm. Michelle Bacon gave a Finance report back to School Council members:

- High Yield Account \$115,000 Official Account \$4,000 Term Deposit \$50,000
- Bob briefed the Council members on the request for Education Support in the 3-6 classroom and Brett Whittle emphasised that we potentially have 8 students whose learning would improve with the addition of an Education Support person in the classroom. Suggest approaching Deb Clavarino who has worked at Toora before, to see her availability and interest.
School Funded Aide - 3 hrs per day at \$27.51 per hour Literacy/Numeracy block? \$412.65 per week x 24 weeks as of 1st June \$9903.60 + On-costs \$2178.80 (super etc) = \$12082.40
Motion moved "that School Council approve the hiring of a casual SLP Education Support for 3 hrs per day during the Numeracy/Literacy block in the Grade 3-6 classroom".

Moved Michelle Bacon and Seconded Tara Hollier

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Letter from Wendy Vitols - Social and Emotional Learning - Tara Hollier read out to Council. School Council do not wish to pursue this proposal, not the most effective use of funds right now.
- Naplan Information

CURRICULUM REPORT:

- Market Fresh Event at Welshpool PS 22nd May - *approved*
- FoRT Performance at Welshpool PS 25th May - *approved*
- "The Magic Words" at FWMAC Foster 30th May - *approved*
- School Photos 6th June
- "The Magic Flute" cultural performance 7th June - *approved*
- Sporting Schools Program Term 3 or 4 - What Sport? *Nathan Nicholls has contacted the school re: running AFL program after school ph:0427 437 885* School Council expressed that they would like to see Gymnastics or Netball for Term 3 or 4 depending which Term funding is available.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

- Air Conditioners have been installed over the Term 1 holidays.
- Four Square and Snakes and Ladders – line marking that was discussed last year. Buildings and Grounds Committee to meet and follow up with this.
- Working Bee scheduled (weather permitting) for Friday 2nd June from 2:00pm to address untidiness of front of school.

CHILD SAFE STANDARDS:

- WWC - all members of the public entering the school
- Child Safe Code of Conduct
- Staff Handbook needs to be updated to include Child Safe practices

OH & S:

- Storage for first aid equipment needed. Brett to purchase some cupboards from Bunnings.
- Carpet fraying in Project Space – Bob Tinker will follow this up.

WELFARE REPORT:

- *As Tabled by Alana Reid*

PFA

- Trash 2 Treasure - successful fundraiser raising \$822.20 Well done to Tara and Bec Shanks for organising and thankyou to all involved.
- Sausage Sizzle banked \$168. with expenses of \$158.72 Sausages left over approx.. 110 have been put in freezer for future use.
- Market Day – will go ahead if PFA have the man-power. Public Liability needs to be sorted out. PFA will invest in a smaller shade structure for the Market Day BBQ's etc 3mtr x 3mtr size
- PFA after school DISCO possibly late Term 2 a Tues/Wednesday may suit best with Alana Reid working on those days. Dates to be confirmed. - *School Council approved*
- Emma Hughes mentioned the Toora Hotel had offered to sponsor our Friday Student lunches. Council members unsure of how that would look having a Hotel sponsoring us. Emma to follow up Amy Robson for more information.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Land Care Activity - Grade 5/6 students - Brian Watterson has been in contact with Bob regarding using our students to plant trees. School Council would have been ok with it had it been on community land, but aren't prepared to have students travel to a private property to plant trees.
- School Captains / House captains – Jen Delaney spoke about the need for School Captains. Brett Whittle voiced his concerns about school captains with such a small group. Perhaps form a Leadership Team to encompass all grade 6 students, that way no one student has power. Alana Reid and Jen Delaney to take on teaching the Grade 6 students what is a leader, how to be a leader.
- Tara Hollier will follow up Community member Cheryl Glowery to join School Council as a co-opted member.

Meeting Closed 5:50pm

Next Meeting: Monday 19th June at 4:30pm Finance meeting 15th June at 3:30pm 2017

Extra-ordinary meeting Wednesday 26th June 2017

Welfare Report

This term is off to a roaring start, especially with the cooler weather forcing us inside more often. Students are coming to chat with me more often, about lots of different issues and our drama sessions are continuing. I am also working with some of the girls and the older students about how their behaviour affects the younger students.

- BREAKFAST CLUB – Going really well. I am so thankful for the parents (and grandparents) that have shown up this term and last term to help in the mornings. It has allowed me more time to have conversation with our students and parents who come into the school. We have received another supply from FOOD BANK and are very grateful for their contribution. We are always welcome for more helpers and new ideas for breakfast club that we could supply.
- DRAMA SESSIONS – Both Junior and Senior classes are now receiving drama sessions. The junior grade, I am focussing on personal space, emotions and body language and we are working towards some conflict resolution activities. The Senior grade has been focussing on becoming confident speakers, with our “one minute challenge” being a very popular activity, but also focussing on our body language and how we communicate without using our voices
- MENTORING – The Parents and Friends Association has greenlit a mentoring program and we are currently seeking mentors from the local community to come and work with key students. One of our aims in this is to invite the local community to come in and to be a part of our student’s lives, but also to allow our students to transfer some of their knowledge to their mentors. If you know of someone who would like to be a part, please come and see me. Training for this will be held later in the year.
- COOKING SESSION – Students who have demonstrated that they are capable of behaving well in class over the fortnight, are being rewarded by doing a cooking session with myself once a fortnight for our canteen meal. We are looking at desserts, but it is also an opportunity for our older students to help out our younger students and to take a buddy role for themselves.
- STUDENT LED INITIATIVES – I am encouraging students to think of a way that they can take some leadership within the school and to direct some more of their time here. One suggestion that is quite popular is our LEGO club which runs on a Tuesday lunchtime, but another is the older students asking the younger students if their food needs warming up and being able to do so. I will also be asking our Grade Six students to work out a way that they can leave their legacy on the school this year. Alana Reid