

**MODEL FARMS HIGH SCHOOL COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**HELD ON**  
**WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

**PRESENT:** Donna Easthorpe, Jeff Birrell, Tina Bennet, Brad Mitchell, Ken Masters, Graham Cassidy, Steve Norcott, Martin Mansfield, Lynne Bourke, Ed Luke

**APOLOGIES:** Lyn Loy, Jela Coffey

**MEETING OPENED:** 6.39pm

Brad welcomed everyone.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.

Moved: Martin Mansfield                      Seconded: Ken Masters                      Carried

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- Chaplaincy Funding: This has been submitted and has been accepted. The current worker is in the school 4 days in one week and 2 days in the next. Role statements have been developed and the 2 roles have been delineated. The Combined Christian Churches have handed over their worker's supervision to the school. This worker's roll is currently in scripture and in prepared assembly items.
- Preparations for AGM: Positions advertising nominations have gone out in the newsletter. BUT: only 56 people looked at the newsletter online last week. Is this more than read the paper version?  
The website is much improved but the principal is prompted to evaluate communication with the school community. Perhaps a shorter bulletin with key dates might be good. Martin suggested that reading on-line might be a disincentive. The principal suggested that we would not go back to a paper copy but rather find a way which makes the communication more efficient.
- Staff selection for the AGM is to go through. No nominations have been received as yet.
- Lyn Loy has suggested that she be the 4<sup>th</sup> parent rep. This would reduce the number of coopted members.
- Note that Tina and Brad are to give executive members' reports to the AGM.
- School Council Webpage: Next Tuesday night the site will be discussed. The issues will be: Do we wish to retain the current format? News alerts might be a link from the current school website. An honour roll of School Council Awards will be compiled and uploaded.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- Nil

## **EXECUTIVE MEMBER'S REPORT**

- Enrolment – 184 year 7s – 4 more than expected. 993 students were in the school “return” and increase of 1 staff member but .7 of a teacher was paid for by the school anyway. This means minimal change.
- Library – Natalie Broadbent has been appointed – a very experienced teacher with great skills in computing and school promotion.
- Very successful “School in Focus” for year 12s. The young speakers were excellent.
- Looking forward to Open Night next Tuesday night.
- The assembly has changed to a 30 minute meeting on a Tuesday. This will mean minimal loss to all subjects. Welfare initiatives can be done at this time – year meetings and organisation also.
- Student leadership roles including developing more leaders will be fostered by a Leadership Camp initiated to plan the following year.
- Assemblies will also be much more formal including student performances. Leaders will do a presentation on an issue needing raised awareness.
- The school excursion to France was excellent.
- The principal apologised for not having a student leader here but will amend this in future.
- A section of the roof is to be repaired but the cost is large so this will be completed when funds become available. The drainage work completed last year is working well.
- The oval, however, is suffering in the rain.
- The principal was very pleased by HSC and SC results in 2011.  
23 high achievers were recorded. 10-12 students achieved an ATAR over 90 including Jordon Munze with 97. 15% of students got ATARs of 85 and above. 35% achieved bands 5 or 6. Many subjects were above the state average. 95% of students in English Advanced achieved band 6. Over the whole year only 4 band 1 results were awarded. 65% achieved bands 3 and 4. Teachers are analysing “value addedness” at the moment.  
The School Certificate results were also excellent and above state average in most subjects including similar schools.

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION/ACHIEVEMENT**

- Jen Pledger – For outstanding implementation of Sentral
- Roz Noel – For outstanding leadership and management of the P&C uniform shop.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Steve suggested the creation of a school Facebook page. The principal acknowledged that some schools have such a page and it seems to run well. She will do a survey of other principals to assess the benefits and problems. Would it be possible to develop a Model Farms “App”?

**MEETING CLOSED:** 8.43 pm

**NEXT MEETING:** 21<sup>st</sup> March. The AGM will occur on this date. The president will contact the principal regarding any further nominations.