

**MODEL FARMS HIGH SCHOOL COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**HELD ON**  
**WEDNESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

**PRESENT:** Greg Haynes, Brad Mitchell, Lyn Loy, Steve Norcott, Jeff Birrell, Ken Masters, Tina Bennett, Lynne Bourke, Ed Luke

**APOLOGIES:** Martin Mansfield, Donna Easthorpe, Jela Coffey

**MEETING OPENED:** 6.35pm

Brad welcomed everyone.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

- Accepted Moved: Steve Norcott, Seconded: Lyn Loy

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Facebook and Communication:

- The Facebook page is running now. More needs to be put on it and it needs to be promoted. Tina distributed some examples of school Facebook pages, both official and student organised. Many have excellent content. Tina is to investigate the types of permissions from the DEC which are required to upload material.
- Alerts can be used to update people about upcoming events.
- The school website requires permissions to upload material and therefore it is more complex to upload. Mark needs to do uploading when approved.
- The Council Facebook page can be used to contact the council but Steve is wary about including any personal contact details.
- A Gmail account has been created for contact. The current page is open for posts and is monitored every day.
- Surveys can be posted and comments can be made.

Survey Results form Jela:

- Survey results were from years 7 to 12.
- The figures indicate that Facebook format information may be more attractive to students than website or newsletter.
- Information can be sent out in real time rather than being collected at a single date.
- Mark has set up a Facebook page for the school but has not uploaded it as yet. Tina will delay its uploading until there has been a full evaluation.
- To make any page “official” Tina has to register it with the DEC. In the information section it would be announced that it is official and approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- NIL

## **EXECUTIVE MEMBER'S REPORT**

- Maxine Ward – has been nominated for a Rotary Pride of Workmanship and a pride of Australia Award. Submissions have to be in by 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Council is asked to send it by next week. She is retiring at the end of next term.
- A slight flood in the art rooms was due to water being turned off and then on before the water was turned back on.
- Concreting will be happening outside the hall in the holidays to stop mud forming.
- Enrolment issue – A “ministerial” communication has been received regarding an enquiry from a parent from outside the school’s drawing area. The Council’s policy needs to be clarified for next year. Between now and the end of the year there will be additions to the current policy for clarification. The current school policy was rigorously applied. Additions to the policy might improve the understanding of the policy. (There have been 350 applications for 10 positions)
- There is a 100 point ID process to verify potential enrolment addresses. Applications will still be invited for 2013. 238 offers are made for 180 places.
- Clerical errors from other schools made the situation more difficult this year.
- An extra support unit class is now operating but has experienced a teaching area shortage.
- 172/5 is the optimal number for each year bearing in mind the current rooming situation.
- There is a waiting list for every year but it is difficult for them to fit into subject lines in the senior years.

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

- Ashley Keen and Rebecca Dunger For Outstanding Coaching of the Open Girls CHS Knockout Soccer Team

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- Nil

**MEETING CLOSED:** 7.54 pm

**NEXT MEETING:** 18<sup>th</sup> July