

MODEL FARMS HIGH SCHOOL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 21st March 2012

PRESENT: Alex Cabrera, Meagan Van Aswegen, Brad Mitchell, Lyn Loy, Ken Masters, Steve Norcott, Ed Luke, Jela Coffey, Martin Mansfield

APOLOGIES: Tina Bennet, Lynne Burke, Jeff Birrell

MEETING OPENED: 7.15pm

Brad welcomed everyone.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

Moved: Martin Mansfield Seconded: Ed Luke Carried

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

- Facebook – page for the school – control of the page is the major problem. Email is better than paper but very few people are accessing it. Also it was raised that the newsletter can be a little repetitive. Meagan suggested that a calendar of assessments and dates on Facebook would be beneficial. Lyn stressed that the current method of newsletter production is not bringing results.
- Communication needs to happen to 2 different age groups. This produces its own problems.
- Ken stressed that the core is communication. Parents are either not interested or are very happy with things as they are.
- Ed suggested that the best communication is a vibrant 2 way communication.
- Martin – Tina is to contact schools which have Facebook pages to research problems with maintenance. But would students “friend” the school?
- Martin – many schools only communicate through Facebook even for assessment material.
- Brad – a parent /teacher night is a good place to research forms of communication.
- Ed – email addresses are updated each year – however many people have returns blocked and this is a problem for the school attempting to use this method of contact.
- Lyn – a form might be sent out to gather information regarding correct email addresses.
- Meagan suggested that Facebook could be the vehicle for the communication of “correct” information.
- Ken – how does the school communicate with the whole school community in an emergency? (this to be discussed at the May meeting)
- By the May meeting members to consider what other issues might be treated this year.
- School Council web page: Steve met with Mark and looked at the website with some ideas. Steve will email ideas about content for the website. Old data needs to be changed. The May meeting needs to be the time to sign off on the new format. Alex suggested a “suggestion box” or interactive section on the website.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Nil

EXECUTIVE MEMBER'S REPORT

- Ed addressed the meeting regarding the head teachers' analysis of HSC results. Industrial technology has gained major works in the DET display for 3 consecutive years. This is an outstanding performance. The "value addedness" in this field has been due to the continued one-to-one interaction.
- Growth in the TAS faculty has been hindered by lack of staff and the school is currently renovating the downstairs section of the classrooms to produce multi-material projects.
- Design process log writing is being taught more explicitly.
- It has been ascertained that across the school the top students need to be further extended. This will be considered in the May meeting.

SCHOOL COUNCIL CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION/ACHIEVEMENT

- Graham Cassidy – For Outstanding Contribution to The Model Farms High School Council over many years.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Ken asked if the school is participating in MUNA.
- Lyn reminder the meeting of the P & C Trivia night on 5th May.
- Best wishes to Tina.

MEETING CLOSED: 8.45 pm

NEXT MEETING: 16th May.