

**ECHUCA SPECIALIST SCHOOL
COUNCIL MEETING Date: 24th July 2014**

PRESENT: Scott Morrison, Deb McLaren, Simone Coutts, Maree Downey, Julie Sands & David O'Dea

APOLOGIES: Judith O'Farrell & Paul Marshall

MINUTES: of the last meeting were read & accepted as true & correct

Moved: Deb McLaren

Seconded: Maree Downey

Conflicts of Interest: Any conflicts of interest to be declared Nil

BUSINESS ARISING:

Policies:- The following policies were tabled & approved by School Council after recommendation from Julie to amend "Conflicts of Interest" point 5 be should be by and to add an Evaluation stating that policy to be reviewed annually – changes have been made.

- Investment Policy
- Internet Banking Policy
- School Purchasing Card Statement
- Conflicts of Interest Policy
- Gifts Policy
- Personal Leave Policy

Moved: Scott Morrison

Seconded: Deb McLaren

Treasurers Report: Financial reports for June 2014 were tabled & payments ratified.

Westpac Purchasing Card Statement tabled & ratified.

Finance Committee Minutes Nil to report

Moved: Simone Coutts

Seconded: Julie Sands

Fundraising Report: The Movie Night was another great success raising \$1017 for both ESS & Community Living & Respite. A decision has been made to have another combined movie night next year. Current Profit & Loss \$16,484.31.

Maree has been invited to the Taras Hotel on Friday night as they will be donating roughly \$9,000 to the school which has been raised over the last few years. We will be organising a memorial plaque in honour of Kahli Sargent. Maree suggested that after the climbing frame & plaque have been purchased that the Fundraising Committee could start to raise money towards a new bus. Simone suggested that some of Kahli's money go towards our high sensory needs students. Maree will be asking the fundraising committee if they are happy to contribute to the purchase of Billy's memorial cabinet

Principals Report: Attached & presented by Maree.

Leading Teacher Report: Nil presented.

One & All Report: Nil Presented.

Grounds Report: Nil Presented. Scott mentioned that Kennaughs have graded the driveway & car park and it has made a huge difference. Thank you to Gavin & Scott.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

School Review Process: Happening in Term 4 we are wanting to seek feedback from parents to find out as much information about how they think we have gone over the last four years and what they would like to see in the future,

Questions for Parent Survey at SSG Meetings;

1. Do you feel connected to the school?
2. If money was no object what would you like all students to have? **PLANNING**
3. What are the barriers that may prevent you from attending any school function/activities such as the family picnic night in February? **SOCIAL CLUB**
4. Do you find student reports easy to read. Do you have any suggestion for these?
5. Would you like more frequent communication, perhaps short mid-term catch ups?
6. Do you feel your issues are well received? Do you feel staff/principal/AP/BM approachable?
7. What features would you love to see in our new school? **PLANNING**
8. Would you be interested in being part of the planning of our new school? **PLANNING**
9. Have you any fundraising ideas to add to our already wonderful projects? **PLANNING**
10. Are you happy with your child's progress and what aspects of your child's learning experiences do you feel are most suited to your child's abilities?
11. How do you feel our school is perceived outside of the school environment?
12. How has the One & All Inclusion Project had an impact on your child? Do you have any ideas you would like to add to this project?
13. How do you feel about the school's facilities and grounds? Do you think the environment meets the needs of your child?
14. Do you feel the programs the school provides for your child's initial entry (enrolment) into and exit out of the school (graduation) supports the needs of your child. These programs include transition times, visits to the school, visits to organisations your child may be moving onto after school?

Excursions:

Rooms 9 & 10 have requested to go to Swan Hill Specialist School to see there Charlie & the chocolate factory production on Wednesday the 13th August. There will be no cost to students.

Moved: Scott Morrison

Seconded: Simone Coutts

Room 15 have requested to go to Circus Quirkus in Bendigo to give the students a performing arts experience. There will be no cost to students.

Moved: Simone Coutts

Seconded; Julie Sands

Room 15 have requested to take 2 students on a Melbourne trip in preparation for senior camp. The reason for this excursion is to assist some students that have high anxiety about to Melbourne on camp. These particular students have not participated in camp before. The students & staff will travel by train to Melbourne and visit the CYC Camp and have a tour of the facilities they will take photos and videos. They will then have lunch and travel back to school. Cost to students will be the purchase of a train ticket.

Moved: Simone Coutts

Seconded; Scott Morrison

Correspondence: Victorian Principals Association – Family Voice Australia -

Next Meeting will be Thursday August 21st 2014

Meeting Closed at 6.30pm