Meeting Date: Wed 4 March 2015

Meeting Opened: 7.05pm

Present: Angela Sims, Karen Wansbrough, Brendan McLean, Wendy Moore, Scott Morrell, Delvene Clarke

Apologies: Mark Thomas, Verna McKelvie (retiring member)

Minutes: Wendy Moore

Wendy welcomed new members of Council: Delvene Clarke, new parent representative, and Scott Morrell, returning for a new two-year term. No election process was required as the two parent nominations which were received filled the two vacancies. Wendy also welcomed the new staff representatives Karen Wansbrough and Angela Sims. As more staff nominations were received than staff positions vacant, a poll was held to determine the staff representatives.

Election of Chair: Mark Thomas emailed to indicate that he was willing to take on the role of Council Chair again in 2015. There being no other nominees, he was appointed Chair for the 2015 year.

Chair for this meeting in Marks absence: Scott Morrell

Minutes of previous meeting: Wendy noted that at the previous meeting the contributions and charges had not been formally endorsed. An addendum was emailed to members of Council who each replied indicating that they were prepared to endorse the contributions and charges thus presented.

Motion: That the minutes of previous meeting accepted:

Moved Brendan McLean, seconded Wendy Moore. Accepted unopposed.

Business arising from previous minutes:

Artist in Residence: Update. Charlotte O’Shea will be working in the school in terms 2 and 3, developing projects ranging from recycled paper models with younger students to large, welded structural pieces for the school grounds.

Financial Report

The financial report was circulated before the meeting and available at the meeting. Wendy explained that the $30 000 allocation for the Artist in Residence grant would need to be taken into account (i.e. subtracted from) unallocated funds, as this would be applied to that purpose once the relevant paperwork had been signed. Some slight adjustments to student numbers post census would also be applied to the budget at the March funding gateway.

Questions relating to the budget:

Scott queried whether it might be cheaper for the school to transport waste to the Shire refuse site itself rather than pay for the Shire’s contractor to collect this waste. There was a discussion with respect to the volume of waste, issues of reliability, and implications of not having a regular service. The existing service was deemed essential despite its significant cost.

Scott also queried the cost of water to the school. To be discussed in general business re stormwater harvesting.
Budgeted costs for the Artist in Residence project will include the artists’ wages, relief costs for teacher training and project co-ordination and supervision, resources, and incidentals. Brendan wondered whether there was anything additional that could be done to increase the rate of collection of voluntary contributions. Wendy will promote payment of these contributions via school newsletters etc. Brendan also noted that sports equipment could usually be borrowed from the Junior Sports Association if needed.

As new Council member Delvene Clarke did not have the opportunity to hear about the new student centred (‘one-line budget’) funding model in 2014, this information will be provided to her. It was presented to School Council and to school staff by Wendy last year, and will be emailed to Delvene.

Motion: That the school budget as presented and discussed be endorsed by Council.
Moved: Delvene Clarke, seconded Karen Wansbrough. Accepted unopposed.

General Business:

1. Update on student numbers, staffing and budgets (Wendy)
Wendy outlined current student numbers as well as providing an overview of the school’s current staffing profile, and the relationship between the one-line budget and staffing decisions.
The possibility of minor staffing changes for Term 2 was explained – this may be required as staff members return from medical leave. Overall, the disruption to classes will be minimal.
Because of Mr Ireland’s retirement, the process of recruiting a new Principal is expected to commence shortly, likely before the end of Term 2. Brendan inquired about whether there was a role for the School Council in the recruitment process. Karen explained that predetermined selection criteria are used at each phase of the recruitment process.

Members present resolved to investigate the possibility of having some kind of input into the selection process for the new principal. The School Council will revisit this question once the position is advertised, with a view to the Chair or a representative possibly contacting Regional Education Office to find out more about whether the School Council is able to have any input into this process.

2. Proposed changes to the school uniform (Wendy)
In order to allow for the order of smaller quantities of larger uniform sizes, Kerry-Anne Doyle, the P&C’s uniform co-coordinator, was advised that standard off the shelf designs would be a better choice than the current bespoke design. The new design would still allow for an embroidered BDHS logo, but would not have a custom-designed collar. The proposed shirts are poly cotton and have a black panel tapering from the waste to the hem, so are slightly different from the existing shirts.
Members discussed whether these shirts ought to be an option for secondary students for whom there are no existing large shirt sizes in stock. It was proposed that the option of these new shirts be limited to secondary students in order to provide a point
of differentiation, with the existing plain red shirts remaining an approved option for secondary students.

Motion: That the school uniform code be varied to provide for an additional, optional shirt style (red, with a black and red collar, an embroidered BDHS shield logo, and a black insert from waist to hip) for secondary students only.
Moved: Delvene Clarke; seconded Scott Morrell. Approved unopposed.

The option of allowing secondary students to wear a different style hat – a plain black bucket hat - was discussed but not resolved. This issue will be re-visited pending advice from the P&C re availability, cost, etc. Brendan raised the question of whether Sunsmart funding might be available to help subsidise the cost of the hats.

3. CGSISA (Sports committee) update (Wendy)
Wendy outlined some changes to the Central Great Southern Interschool Sports Association Constitution which were agreed to by the delegates from each of the Association’s member schools at a meeting held recently at Beverley. These included the deletion of duplicate races in the athletics carnivals and the insertion of additional championship events to represent a broader selection of skills (e.g. additional jumps events); the change of the cut-off ages of secondary events; the creation of a new 11+ age group for primary events; and the alteration of York’s mode of participation, which will now involve two separate (notionally equivalent) teams rather than a single team. The implications of these changes re set up of the oval and the retirement of some records were discussed.

4. 2015 school camp (Wendy)
A Year 5/6 camp has been planned for early Term 4 in 2015. The planned venue is Woodman Point. It is anticipated that this will be a biennial event, with the possibility of Woodman Point serving as the default location for this camp, and early Term 4 the default timeframe.

5. Norm Ireland retirement function (Wendy)
Mr Ireland will attend the school assembly scheduled for 2.30pm on the 30th March, and will farewell (and be farewelled by) staff and students, on the occasion of his retirement from the Education Department. An afternoon tea function for the school community will follow, with special invitations issued to School Council members.

6. P&C Representative on School Council (Brendan)
Brendan raised the issue of whether the P&C were required to nominate a representative to serve on School Council. Wendy noted that parent representatives did not (according to the constitution of the School Council) need to be nominated through the P&C. As the P&C had not yet had their AGM, they had not nominated a member who would act as P&C ‘rep’ on Council. Previously, this role was undertaken by Verna McKelvie. The P&C will be able to nominate an existing School Council member to fulfil this function at the P&C AGM.

7. Role of Sports Committee (Brendan).
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Brendan sought clarification about the status and role of the Sports Committee in relation to decisions made at the level of the CGSISA (Interschool Athletics Association). Wendy confirmed that, as a sub-committee of the P&C, the Sports Committee’s principal function was to provide organisational support in running sports and carnivals at Beverley DHS, although the committee also provided a mechanism by which parents’ views about issues related to the running of carnivals and sports at Beverley DHS could be raised. Brendan expressed disappointment that the committee’s views in relation to constitutional changes - including its opposition to York’s proposed split into two teams - had not been successfully defended at the CGSISA meeting. Karen expressed reservations about changes in the constitution which were initiated by changing personnel at the various schools in the association.

8. Hilary Smith award (Brendan)
Brendan sought clarification about whether the Hilary Smith award, previously awarded to a Year Seven student, would now be awarded to a Year Six student. Wendy confirmed that decisions about eligibility for awards were made at the school level.

9. Date for Anzac Day Ceremony (Brendan)
Wendy will confirm the date of the Anzac Ceremony following the next staff meeting.

10. Playgroup in MOASH building (Wendy)
The school is currently in negotiations with Beverley Playgroup about using the existing MOASH building as a site for Playgroup. The school sees benefits for both children and parents in this proposal. Any grounds alterations or usage issues will be addressed by a playgroup-school management committee, consistent with Education Department policy.

11. Stormwater Harvesting Proposal (Wendy)
The school is currently investigating a proposal to develop a storm water harvesting project at the school, which could potentially save the school thousands of dollars each year in water charges, either in conjunction with - or as a complementary system to - a proposed town stormwater harvesting project. Water Corp has selected Beverley as the site of its first showcase site for this type of development. Jethro Sleer (School gardener) has been part of the Shire’s committee investigating this proposal since its inception and has also followed up on the option of developing a stand-alone project on the school site. Scott Morrell mentioned that there had possibly been some miscommunication between the school and the Shire previously in relation to costing of water sourced from the project.

Motion: That School Council provide ‘in principle’ support for continuing investigation of the stormwater harvesting project and that Wendy Moore liaise with Jethro Sleer and the Council over the project.

Moved: Scott Morrell, seconded Angela Sims. Approved unopposed.

12. Vi Barham award (Wendy)
Traditionally awarded to a Year 7 student from the Narrogin District, the Vi Barham award recognises students of outstanding character, sportsmanship, and academic ability. Thomas McLean from Beverley was a finalist for this award last year. While
officially awarded for the last time in 2014, Darkan IPS has sought support from schools in the district to reprise the award in some form for students in their last year of primary school.

Motion: That Beverley DHS indicating Beverley’s commitment to continuing with this or a similar award.

Moved: Brendan McLean; seconded Wendy Moore

Meeting closed 9.10pm
12. Dates for 2015 School Council meetings
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