Meeting commenced: 9.17pm

Apologies: J Roche

Chair: B McLean
Minutes: A Sims

Previous minutes 1st June 2016: presented for acceptance and signature by chair.
Minutes accepted as true and correct.
Moved: B McLean Seconded: S Morrell All in favour

No business arising.

Minutes of the Special IPS Meeting 29th June 2016: presented for acceptance and signature by Chair.
Minutes accepted as true and correct.
Moved: B McLean Seconded: W Moore All in favour

Matters arising from previous minutes:
- Communication with community and parents was brought up and will be discussed as a separate agenda item at this meeting.

In regard to the IPS process that we have been pursuing for the school, Brendan acknowledged the huge amount of work Wendy has done not only during the term in work hours but also on her holidays. It is a very large undertaking and the Council thanked her for her efforts.

Financial Statements:
Wendy presented the financial statements for consideration and acceptance.

Wendy presented the budget statements to date.
We have spent 73% of our cash budget at this time and we will now receive the July gateway of $98000 to take us through to the end of the year. There was explanation of funds in regard to Sporting schools, Primary Device Program and the Avon Schools Network, and funds set aside for staff appointments for Term 4 contracts.

W Moore moved that the budget be endorsed. K Wansbrough seconded. All in favour.

General Business:

Grounds Committee
- Wendy explained we have been reviewing the needs of the school in regards to the grounds and maintenance and the fact we need to prioritise and look at spending some of our reserves on equipment and grounds. We have put in an application to Scott Joy our Building and Maintenance Works Rep. to see what they will fund but there are still things that we will need to do. We need to prioritise so that we can improve the functionality and look of our school. As it will be a big part of our expenses Wendy suggested we have a representative from School Council. Scott Morrell will be the Council representative.

Parent and Community Forum Feedback
- Wendy has looked at the feedback and found there is a lot of variation in feedback about the school’s perceived effectiveness in different focus areas across different groups of parents.
Maintaining numbers in the school and the community involvement were the two areas of common concern. Council were pleased to see such a variety of parents at all community meetings, representations from high school down to the early years but also parents of children who aren’t at school yet.
Scott discussed making questions more parent friendly. Some of the jargon was difficult to explain.
Wendy presented the responses the parents gave to the question “What can the school do for you?”
Parent feedback, communication (more and better) and education outcomes are the three most important things for the school to focus on to help parents.
In regard to communication, Council discussed Connect, Facebook and paper forms of communicating school information.

IPS Presentation
- 4th August 8.30am in Narrogin. Brendan spoke of the benefits to the school of going through the IPS process. Even if we aren’t successful the parent and community meetings have had a very positive response from the wider community and given us information to pursue in the future.
Nominations for WA Education Awards
- Brendan has received a letter from the Department of Education (as has the P&C) regarding the opportunity to nominate individual staff, principals and schools for excellence awards. Wendy explained it’s an annual award and the School Council can nominate the school or a staff member if they wish. Council decided that there was no time to do this for this year.

Communication Issues
- There has been a situation where there have been different times for events posted on different methods of communications. Wendy explained that the issue occurred because there was an update from another school so the update was posted on facebook but the old information was still available. We need to be very specific to say this is an update current as of…. There will also be double checks to improve the process. Council discussed different ways other schools are using technologies like facebook. Feedback from parents needs to be sought to make the communication process smoother. It was recognised we need to cater for the different expertise of parents and community members and we cannot rely on one method at this time.

Student Mobile Phone Policy
- Hasn’t changed but at this point information about the school’s policy is directed only to secondary students, although it is also available to all parents through the school handbook. Wendy ran through the policy with Council and explained some of the policies of other schools. General phone uses of all people on school site was discussed.
  Learning Technologies Policy discussed. This states that Beverley is not a ‘bring your own device’ school, so students are not permitted to use their own mobile phones, tablets or other wireless devise to access the internet in our school. This policy is strictly enforced.

Lastly Wendy asked Council to interpret the feedback from the IPS parent and community meeting (held before the Council meeting) as to whether we proceed with our IPS application. After a quick review it was a clear YES from the meeting participants. Therefore Wendy and Brendan will present the school’s IPS narrative as planned on 4 August in Narrogin.

Meeting closed: 10.25pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 7th September Staff Room