



Education and Pastoral Care Committee Meeting

1:00pm Wednesday 17th June 2015

MINUTES

1. **Opening:** Elaine opened the meeting in prayer.
2. **Present:** Elaine Rae (Chair), Yvonne Cadet-James, Richard Wallace, Mike Millard, Sharyn Ive, Joe Christenson, Chris England, Sandy Hindmarsh.
3. **Minutes of last meeting:** These were agreed to be an accurate reflection of the May meeting.
4. **Business Arising:**

- a) Destination Study – Has progressed and we now have some data from 2004 onwards and 2013 and 2014 has been completed. It was noted that some data comes through in February. Elaine suggested that all the data be within one worksheet, with a year field. Need to follow up Access v Spreadsheet, whether TASS has this capacity, who will be the focal person. It needs to be considered whether we included those who left without completing year 12. Currently this project is with Principals PA and will be an ongoing project for 2015

Facebook graduate page (alumni) to be considered.

- b) Website – Since last meeting many areas have been updated and the Principal has established a system for regular updates to be undertaken. The website will be completely reviewed once per term.

It was agreed that newsletters would be uploaded as soon as they are published. Some past ones still to be uploaded.

- c) NAPLAN Online. Chris contacted ISQ regarding specifications for conducting the test online. There will be an issue with insufficient computers. Another issue is student readiness particularly in the Prep and Year 3. Secondary issue could be the bandwidth. The IT staff member advised that Shalom has the required technical capacity. There is uncertainty as to how many computers are currently able to be used by students and it was suggested that a trolley of laptops might need to be considered. At present the Primary are using iPads and they do not have internet access.

Action: Principal to check on numbers of computers.

5. Reports:

5.1 Pastoral Care

- a) Arrangement with TAIHS - advertising for nurse, Joy has been filling in until end of term, Brenda thought she was coming back, but apparently not. GP clinic going well, Raj has taken long service leave and unpaid leave to assist his brother. Youth support coordinator is currently working well; one to one support seems to be achieving great outcomes, YSC away, but replacement currently working well.



- b) STI high 22-24% within school student community. To address this nurse has been conducting small group sessions with boys and girls on various topics -consent, keeping safe and diseases and legal implications. If tested positive, they are given medication and counselling. It has been noted that most of this is happening at home, as students return from holidays with these infections. Families are kept informed. Also Protective Behaviours Program is run within the school; this gives them strategies to deal with various concerns, including Facebook, cyber safety. Information is also sent home to families each week to keep them up to date.
- c) Child protection issue. A comprehensive update was received on the recent incident. Discussion took place on whether any systems needed to be changed to enhance student safety. The process of checking boarding house rolls is being reviewed. Principal is to write a confidential report for the Board.

5.2 Sports Academy

- a) Water sports - Insurance policy has now been finalized and the equipment was used at the recent camp. Staff confirmed that the policy was workable and that the safety procedures were followed. It was noted that there is an ongoing requirement for all staff to be aware of the policy and its implications. .

5.3 Secondary

- a) Trade Training Centre – There is an issue with student not being interested in these areas, too much work. May need to create incentive for students, eg scholarship.
- b) Emotional support for young boarders Need to have a mother figure? As some of these students are only 11 years old. These are the ones who are causing most of the fights and then the older ones get involved. Possibility of calling on Aunties and Uncles to help with the pastoral care. Need for extra support for boarding.
- c) Boarding staff are currently tired extra training has been arranged eg resilience training July 22nd
- d) Boarding only 5 staff have completed one of the specific training modules_
- e) Child safety/Child protection – this will be repeated on July. Wendy is to check if correct policy is on the website.
- f) Crystal Creek Facility – A proposal prepared by the Principal and shared with executive. This will feed into other discussions around CC.

5.4 Primary Sharyn raised a concern about meeting the LOTE requirements for the Australian Curriculum given the 38 Indigenous languages that are spoken at the school. Yvonne was asked about the protocol of teaching a language in another's land and she responded that there was no issue with that. It was decided to note this issue but set it aside for the near future.

- a) Analysis of Data – Toni not at this meeting, will add this to next meeting.



6. Other Business

6.1 Learning Support – at enrolment panel meeting Sharyn said they had identified 19 students requiring support for next term. They are beginning to learn English. Currently in Ollera Creek (7&8) Crystal Creek (9). They are coming into campus with limited or no English. They come with no verification and this can take us up to 6 months. (mainly students coming into boarding from remote communities) Chris has advertised for Learning support teacher, subject to board approval.

6.2 Chaplain - No progress

6.3 Night Patrol for boarding, Chris has asked Paul to ask one of the HP if they are interested from 6 -10pm

7. Next Meeting: tbc

8. Close of meeting: The meeting concluded at 3pm with prayer.