

MEETING MINUTES
24th October 2017

PRESENT: Mr Hill, Laurel C, Inger T, Andrew F, Nola M, Harry W, Samantha R, Felicity W, Andrew R, Elizabeth M, Brain S, Bill M, Kim P

APOLOGIES: Joy C, Jacqui S-R, Jenny H,

Meeting Commenced @ 7.30pm

1. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Moved: Laurel C

Seconded: Andrew F

Carried.

2. BUSINESS ARISING

2.1.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

3.1. IN

- Bank Statement for P&C Association
- WACSSO
- Email from parent John Chedid - as a leaving parent he wished to express his sincere thanks to all staff for the extras that they did above and beyond the call of duty and it has been a privilege to attend Shenton College. He also wished to express his thanks to the Shenton P&C for all the good work and support that they have done over the years.

3.2. OUT

4. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT presented by Mr. Hill

- 4.1. [WA Govt. has brought down their budget](#) and it is a poor budget for Shenton College. Student Centred funding model has been removed and a new model has been introduced. When a school reaches more than 1200 students the school will lose money per child. Shenton will be losing \$1 million from the budget in 2018. This is due to equity adjustment. Shenton will have a response to that as the school will struggle due to the shortfall. The shortfall would normally fund the wraparound services that support the school. It will have no impact on classroom teaches funding and class/teacher ratios. 8.5 FTE has already been cut from various leadership areas. Shenton is an expensive school to run due to the

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community structure that it has which results in more middle management than any other school in WA. Cuts to leadership positions are further being looked at to save money with some being done possibly regardless of the need for budget cuts. This could impact on co-curricular activities. Parent question - children with special needs may loss out from the budget costs, how does that equate to the loss of co-curricular activities. Mr Hill explained that Shenton has been spending a large amount of money on children with special needs above what the WA Govt. gives to the school for that purpose. With the reduction in the government budget there will be no reduction in services provides to this cohort, however there will be no building on these services for the foreseeable future.

- 4.2. Is Michael Morgan coming back????? Yes he is! Shenton College Executive for 2018 has now been set.
- 4.3. Stage 2 build - two months behind schedule. The unknown sewage works have been the holdup. If the building is not ready for 2019 the demountable classrooms will remain. It is possible that the catch up could be made within the next 14 months.
- 4.4. A lot is happening at Shenton and it can all be found on [Facebook](#).
- 4.5. Mural from leaving Year 12 students has been completed and the Year 12s are preparing for their exams.
- 4.6. A need to raise money through different means; query raising P&C contributions, building fund, fundraising, alumni etc. P&C needs to create a role within the school community by promoting particular school needs.
- 4.7. Liaison group has been set up within the school regarding feasibility study around building pool.
- 4.8. Bike rack security - gang is reported to be doing the rounds of Western Suburbs schools. Look at improving bike rack security. CCTV being looked and have been waiting so that it is compatible with the new build.

5. **P&C PRESIDENT'S REPORT** presented by Brian Swain

- 5.1. Opportunity to thank parents who have had a long contribution to the P&C

6. **SCHOOL BOARD REPORT** presented via email from Jenny Hart

- 6.1. As you may be aware the State Budget introduced an "Equity Adjustment" which has cut funding to bigger schools in order to increase funding to disadvantaged/smaller schools. This has resulted in a loss per student to Shenton of approximately \$1,000,000 from next year's budget (\$1,000 per student).

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- 6.2. The School and the Board are looking for opportunities to bring in additional funding to the school in order to offset this significant financial loss. The Board discussed several options at its meeting last night, and one option discussed was to increase P&C Contributions.
- 6.3. The P&C Contribution is currently \$100, with approximately 70% of contributions paid and I believe this amount has not been raised in the past 4-5 years. It is a voluntary payment, and parents can opt to pay all, a portion or pay by instalments - however it is most commonly either paid in its entirety or not paid at all.
- 6.4. I think an increase in contribution is a worthwhile recommendation, but the Board was reluctant to direct an amount to increase it by. A contribution of \$150 was discussed, which could increase revenue to the school by approximately \$70,000 (assuming 2,000 students and unchanged percentage paid voluntary contribution). This amount would provide real assistance to the school in offsetting the financial loss from the Government Equity Adjustment. It would allow the P&C to fund programs that may otherwise be cut, due to lack of funds.
- 6.5. Please discuss the idea of an increased contribution, and to what amount the P&C would approve as a contribution.
- 6.6. Discussion regarding increasing the voluntary contribution from parents to \$150
- **Laurel C - Motion moved to increase the voluntary parent contribution from \$100 to \$150**
Voted Unanimous **Carried Forward**

7. **TREASURER'S REPORT** presented via email from Joy Crocker

7.1. Additional funds \$10 000 to school for

- Year 12 Mural gift
- Bike Rack security improvement
- \$10 000 cheque to made to school for projects (Cheque #) Approved at last meeting

7.2. \$850 cheque to be made for awards (Cheque #) Approved

- Year 7 Citizenship Award - \$150
- Year 8 Citizenship Award - \$200
- Year 12 Citizenship Award - \$250
- Principal's Award (Presentation Night) - \$250

8. **FRIENDS OF MUSIC SHENTON** presented by Andrew Fox

8.1. Quiz night was a success and raised \$3600

8.2. Two concerts coming up

- Chamber concert

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- Christmas concert

GENERAL BUSINESS

8.3. Bike Repair Station has been signposted by the design students (see attached photos). Thank you to Mr Bertuola for organising.



8.4. AGM re-scheduling for 2018 to facilitate changeover of Shenton P&C committee and facilitate moving forward for the new committee. To be held in week 3 2018. All current committee members who are leaving their positions to have in place handover documents, procedures etc. to facilitate handover. Treasurer to attempt to have records ready.

Meeting Ended @ 9.30pm

Next Meeting **Term 1 Week 3 AGM**
 To be held in Lemnos House

Attached documents: Treasurer Reports and summaries
 FOMS Convenor Report
 P&C promotional letter for incoming parents
 Year 12 flyer for Sustainable School Shop