
AGENDA Thursday 3 August 2023 6:00pm Boardroom in main Administration Building

Attendees: Chris Hill, Lesley McDuff, Tom Simpson, Sam Capewell, Liz Moore, Vera, Jennifer Vo, Ann Chong, Jenny Hart, Justine Oxley, Marijka Johnson

Apologies: Eman Hafez, Angela Gordon

1. Meeting Open

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country - *“Kaya. Nidja Whadjuk Noongar boodja. Hello. The place that we meet is Whadjuk Noongar land.”* - Tom stated the Acknowledgement of Country.

1.2 Agenda item review and conflict of interest check – none raised.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES *(see attachment)*

No actions from the last meeting. Jennifer moved the minutes, Tom seconded. Minutes accepted.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

3.1. In

3.1.1. **Sustainable School Trading Report 2022-23** *(see attachment)* – noted.

3.1.2. **WACSSO Certificate of Membership** *(see attachment)* – noted.

3.2. Out

4. Principal’s Report (Chris Hill)

Chris reported that the long-term planning for Shenton College was discussed at the last Board meeting. The College continues to be sensitive about planning for State Government schools in the Western suburbs. Shenton College enrolments are continuing to rise. Chris believes Shenton College has been well served by the Government over the last decade and noted the fantastic Hub. The new modular build is in direct response from the lobbying from the Board and P&C. But Chris noted there had been limited ongoing engagement with the Department of Education on the long-term planning. It was agreed the Board and the P&C should reach out to the Department of Education to seek an update on the long-term planning and seek assurance that beyond the upcoming modular building there won’t be any more transportables. Until there is a plan in place, there is the risk Shenton College’s enrolments could get even bigger. In the meantime, the College is continuing to explore options to support students and staff to adapt to the growing student population.

Chris stated the modular building is scheduled to be completed at the start of March 2024. The building will start at the end of Term 3. The ATAR exams have moved so there is no risk of disruption to students. But he noted the construction will have a significant interruption on Physical Education program because it takes over most of the hard courts.

Chris noted the Stella Berry Scholarship has been well received and a process to review applicants has commenced.

The Canberra trip has recommenced with two tours being run. It has been reported it was successful.

Planning has commenced for overseas trips next year. Options being explored are an Ancient history trip, Japanese exchange, Japanese hockey trip and New York. Chris noted the Department of Education is strict on aligning overseas trips to the curriculum.

Chris noted Shenton had done well on the Worlds Scholars Cup.

The College has been investing in planting trees around the College grounds.

ACTIONS:

1. **Jenny Hart to circulate the draft letter to the Minister for Education to the Board and P&C Exec.**
2. **Jenny Hart to post an update on Compass with an update on the response from the Minister for Education in relation to the Western Suburbs secondary school long term planning.**

5. P&C President's Report (Tom Simpson)

Tom thanked Sam for organising Stella Berry fund raising page. Sam noted that \$12,000 had been raised so far.

Tom noted that Jen and he attended Parliament House to attend a morning tea with the Minister for Education.

Tom also noted that NAPLAN had been completed and OLNA was coming up. Chris noted OLNA demonstrates workplace readiness in terms of literacy and numeracy.

Tom noted the WACSSO conference was coming up and Jennifer is attending on behalf of the P&C.

6. School Board Report (Justine Oxley)

Justine stated that signage around the College was being updated to assist visitors to the College. Justine noted there was discussion about Shenton's ATAR and WACE pathways. Chris elaborated that several Universities were interested in offering different pathways. Chris noted that UWA offers micro-credentials as another option.

7. Treasurer's Report (Sam Capewell)

7.1. Treasurer's report (see attachment)

Sam stated we had received \$262,000 in parent contributions, which is lower compared to this time last year. Samantha tabled the Treasurer's report. Danielle seconded. Report accepted.

7.2. Transaction Summary (see attachment)

7.3. Funding requests – the following funding requests were discussed. Tom moved the funding requests are approved; Ann seconded. Motion approved.

- 7.3.1. Sustainable Schools Invoice \$1,595 (*see attachment*) – Cheque #494
- 7.3.2. Support for Year 12 final year events \$20,000
- 7.3.3. Student and Wellbeing \$150,000
- 7.3.4. Uniform Shop \$15,000
- 7.3.5. Clubs and Student Action Groups \$15,000
- 7.3.6. Graduation Awards \$5,000
- 7.3.7. Year 9/10 Engagement Programs \$15,000
- 7.3.8. Tree and planting replacement and additions \$5,000
- 7.3.9. Emergency student source funding requests \$20,000
- 7.3.10. Total for above - \$245,000 – Cheque #495

8. Friends of Music Report (Jenny Hart)

Jenny noted that 8 events were organised in Term 2, with more planned in Term 3. The FOMS meeting is next week.

Chris noted there will be a Community concert is planned for the 19th October, composed for Shenton College based on the Noongar seasons.

9. General Business

Jennifer raised the proposal of lowering the P&C voluntary contribution from the perspective that not all funding was allocated fully last year. Sam noted this was an anomaly and also the P&C needs to maintain a buffer of about \$20,000 each year to cover expenses. After much discussion it was agreed to maintain the current contribution. In addition to supporting student wellbeing the P&C is very keen to support College initiatives that support “community building” and that would save the College ongoing expenses overtime eg, solar panels.

Actions:

- 3. Chris to circulate feasibility study for solar power at Shenton College.
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10. Next Meeting Date (26 October) & Meeting Close 7:40pm

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