Minutes of the Meeting held Monday 6 August, 2012
At 7.00pm in The Resource Centre

Opened 7.00pm

1. Welcome and Apologies

Present
Cheraleen Barrett (Treasurer)  Malcolm Dean  Corinne Garrett (Chair)
Gail Kilby (Onkaparinga Council)  Liz Milford (Secretary)  Marie Milne
Melissa Nelson  Simon Rothwell  Margaret Staples (Com. Rep.)
Cathy Trenouth (Acting Principal)  Caine Guillard (Staff)  Jude Boyle (Staff)
Wayne Ward (Deputy Chair)  Shaun Walsh

Apologies
Leon Bignell (Mawson Member)  Chris Duncan (Staff)  Marie McAllan
Janelle Reimann (Principal)  Michelle Small (Canteen)  Sandra Waye

2. SRC Report

No SRC report was given.

3. Acceptance of the previous minutes

The minutes of the Governing Council meeting held on 18 June, 2012 were accepted by Cathy Trenouth and seconded by Marie Milne.

All in favour. Carried

4. Business Arising from the previous minutes

4.1. Follow up the matter of soap in the toilets (especially the boys toilet area which has none). (Cathy Trenouth). Cathy Trenouth has looked into this and the matter is improving for boys and seems to be in hand for girls.

4.2. Update the Constitution and Code of Practice and present to the Governing Council at the next meeting for consideration prior to submission to DECS. (Liz Milford). A reworked Constitution and Code of Practice was tabled by Liz Milford. The minor changes to this were outlined to the Governing Council (essentially changes as per the template provided by DECS and the removal of the Indigenous Representative from the Council structure). Simon Rothwell moved that these documents be accepted by the Governing Council. Wayne Ward seconded this. Liz Milford will organise letter signing and forwarding to the Department for full ratification.

All in favour. Carried

4.3. Find out how many school card applicants have been approved, if it is known how many more there may be and how this affects the amount of M&S fees currently outstanding. (Cheraleen Barrett). No finance meeting has been held but Cherleen Barrett will follow this up for the next meeting.

4.4. Meet with current SRC members to discuss ongoing SRC matters and facilitate the set up of a more formal system. (Cathy Trenouth). This matter is in progress.
5. Correspondence in

- Email from Trish Walker
- John Gardner MP – letter re underage drinking and petition
- Corinne invited any interested Governing Council members to sign the petition to support the legislation to ban supply of alcohol to minors
- Australian Government Dept of Human Services - leaflet re superannuation
- SAASSO Bulletins – weekly updates
- School Post Term 3 2012

6. Correspondence out

Nil

7. Reports and Committees

➢ Principal

As circulated prior to the meeting by Janelle Reimann. This included topics:

- Personal update from Janelle
- Staffing
- National Broadband Network
- Facilities opening – now Wednesday 24 October
- Gym
- Fence
- Grounds

Cathy Trenouth mentioned Marie Milne is now Deputy Principal while she is acting as Principal. Janelle Reimann will be away for the remainder of Term 3.

Presentation

Bruce Dixon attended the meeting to discuss moving forward with technology and using the Ideas Lab. Jude Boyle introduced Bruce to the group and briefly outlined activities to date. Approximately 25 staff log on each week to participate in 1.5 hour Ideas Lab videoconference sessions.

Bruce outlined his background to the Governing Council (NB: Reference: AALF.org Anytime Anyplace Lifetime Federation).

The Digital Education Revolution as supported by the Australian Government has been generally successful but presents some challenges for the future. The funding for computing equipment rolled out under this scheme is ending and these machines are nearing the end of their life. The challenge now is how we can provide every child with access to these things at an affordable level on a one to one basis (their own device 24/7). A recommendation for this is to possibly set up a co-contribution scheme where the cost of computing devices is split between the school and parents.

Questions relating to computer security, weight, updating (or being out of date very quickly), how to fund purchases and what models should be selected were asked by Governing Council members. Corinne Garrett mentioned that there will not be a job anywhere in the future that is not reliant on a computer of some sort and that this is an important matter.
Jude Boyle requested in principal support for exploring options for provision of one to one computing devices for Year 8's from 2013. Margaret Staples moved that in principal support be granted. Seconded by Malcolm Dean.

All in favour. Carried

Jude Boyle will attend the next Governing Council meeting to present further information on this. Governing Council members are welcome to email judith.boyle@whs.sa.edu.au or caine.guillard@whs.sa.edu.au if they have any further questions on this.

(It was decided to discuss item 8.2 at this point as it fell in-line with the ongoing discussion.)

➢ Finance

No finance report was given as no meeting had been held.

➢ Staff

Trish Walker has resigned as Staff Representative from the Governing Council. A replacement for Trish will be nominated to attend future meetings.

➢ Library

No library report was given.

➢ Chairperson

Corinne Garrett had no business to mention.

➢ Sub Committees

A. Canteen: Michelle Small was an apology for the meeting and no report was given.
B. Community: No Community report was given.

8. General Business

8.1. Uniform Supplier (Wayne Ward). Wayne Ward asked about turnaround time for school uniform items. Request was made to consider the supplier's current contract and terms and to evaluate alternatives as may be available.

8.2. Year 12 letter for discussion (Jude Boyle and Caine Guillard). Governing Council members supported the idea to sell older computers to current Year 12's who have borrowed them for the year. Corinne Garrett asked if any form of warranty would be offered with the machines but Caine Guillard said this had not been considered yet. Recommendation was made that replacement with another similarly aged machine should be offered should failure occur within three months of the purchase date. It was also suggested that an expression of interest should be submitted by October 12, 2012 but that the computers not be recalled until the end of Year 12 exams. Margaret Staples moved that this letter be accepted with the aforementioned alterations. Seconded by Simon Rothwell.

8.3. Year 8 Ipad discussion (Jude Boyle and Caine Guillard). This matter was postponed for discussion at a later date.

8.4. E-Smart Committee (Jude Boyle). Jude Boyle mentioned that contact with Christies Beach Crime Prevention Unit has been made and they are keen to support this committee. SRC representatives, Governing Council representatives and local police are also interested in being involved. A full day Cyber Safety talk is being held on Friday 24 August. Two staff members will attend this and one place is available for a Governing Council member to attend too - Simon Rothwell will check if he is able to attend. Jude Boyle also mentioned that PIE Grants
(Community Based Program Grants) are available for future application and are worth investigating in relation to E-Smart activities.

8.5. Course Counselling (Marie Milne). Marie Milne explained that online course counselling through the e-Education Solutions Tool is being used this year. Hard copies of the course booklet will not be produced except on request.

8.6. Dogs (Cathy Trenouth). Cathy Trenouth mentioned that two labradoodles (Polly and Jack) are presently being trained in the school. Both are working through training classes and will hopefully be facility assistance dogs in the near future. A short summary of training may be given at the next meeting. Policy around animal ethics may need to be developed in the near future and support from the Governing Council is requested in this.

8.7. NBN (Gail Kilby). Gail Kilby mentioned the idea of Willunga becoming a virtual twin with a town in Norway also on the NBN. It may be possible to potentially link schools in the region with ours. Gail will look into this matter for further discussion in the future.

8.8. Literacy (Margaret Staples). Margaret Staples asked if there is a literacy problem at the school. Shaun Walsh briefly outlined recent statistics for the state and agreed there are issues in SA, especially with some of our boys. Further report on this will be tabled at future meetings.

All Governing Council members wished Janelle all the very best. Flowers will be sent from the school community and the Governing Council.

9. Next Meeting: 10 September at 7pm in the Resource Centre

Meeting Closed 9.02 pm