

Denmark Senior High School Board Meeting Minutes – Friday 10 February 2017

Board Members Present: Wayne Austin, Katy Mitchell (Acting Deputy Principal), Brad McDougall, Gavin Lacey, Sarah Pozzi, Ceinwen Gearon and Lauren Anstiss (Manager Corporate Services as scribe only)

Apologies: David Beckwith, Adele Heaton. Meeting opened at 11:00am

Agenda Items

1. Approval of previous minutes

- Previous minutes moved by Brad McDougall and seconded by Ceinwen Gearon.

Business Arising

- The Principal explained Student Centred Funding for this year, and that the schools will not receive their yearly budget until after Census (17 February). As soon as we have received our one line budget we will present this to the school board for endorsement.
- The board members are not yet able to utilise Connect, and some invites are not working.
Action: Wayne to resend invites and organise a time prior to the next meeting for board members to learn how to use the system, with the meeting preferably on a Friday.
- Brad spoke about his liaison with other schools in regards to developing a school survey. Discussion on the potential survey questions, timing and frequency of this survey.
Action: Brad to liaise with other schools (within our region), Wayne to liaise with a Perth school and Katy to liaise with Manjimup SHS to develop survey questions prior to the next meeting – with the aim to send survey out to parents by mid term 2.
- IT Upgrades/new VC equipment have not yet been received from the Department of Education. Discussion on the use of the new equipment, as well as the technical support for ongoing use.

2. Arts Wing/Old CSL Building

- Discussion on the benefits of moving the Drama classes over to the Arts Wing, to work alongside the Music classes, with further discussion on class sizes and timetabling of drama courses for Year 7 and Year 8 students.
- Discussion on potentially removing interior wall to open up the space for a larger classroom, as well as the ample storage space for all drama and production gear.
- Katy Mitchell to speak with the Drama teacher and organise the move.

3. Grounds Committee

- Gavin Lacey spoke about creating a grounds committee for the school, to work in conjunction with the Gardener to work on various projects. Discussion on different ideas, such as leavers tree planting.
Action: Wayne to look at the committee structure within the school and speak to staff to seek interest.

4. SR TAFE Building

- South Regional TAFE currently lease the building until 2019. Denmark Senior High School has decided not to renew the lease with TAFE beyond the lease contract and take up the space as part of the school grounds.
- Discussion on the TAFE courses offered within the school.
- Discussion on the importance of adult education with the community.

5. Farwell for Diane Cole

- A farwell afternoon tea for Diane Cole will be held on Friday 3 March 2017, with invites going out to all staff.

6. New staff, New Curriculum and other items

- Darren Kay is the new Digital Technologies Teacher working full time for 2017. The school has also employed two new Education Assistant Special Needs (Leanne Bryer and Marion Luderitz) for the first semester.
- Discussion on the new Physical Education Curriculum and associated reporting requirements.
- Discussion on the possible 'performing arts strategic community plan' for the community which will include focus groups and multi agency collaboration. In discussion stage only.
Action: Lauren to send on information to board members re: board member training.

The next meeting will be held on Friday 31 March (Week 9, Term 1).