

# **Berendale School Council Meeting Minutes October 21 2015**

**Present-** Paula Barnett, Rob Sands, Janet Smith, Maree Mc Cutcheon, Ruwanni Arambawela, Nada O'Dwyer, Di Whelan, Wendy Smith, Bev Jackson

**Apologies-** Tim Osmond, Kon Peltekis, Kirsty Berthelsen

Minutes of previous meeting- Moved- Wendy Smith  
Second- Janet Smith

**Correspondence** In- Letter from the department stating that parent payments are voluntary payments and should not be promoted as compulsory payments

**Reports-** Principals Report , As attached  
In general enrolments tend to be increasing for 2016.

The first Orientation Day went really well. There was a good number of prospective students and their parents that attended. The event was well supported by the general school community.

The next Orientation Session will be held on November 10 and will involve prospective students only.

The Art Show was a great success and it is proposed that it be continued every second year. A more local venue should be considered.

Assessment trials are being looked at for Special Schools in Numeracy and Literacy. What is being proposed is aimed at addressing a void in this area in Special Education.

The garden, mosaic and Digital Stories opening has been postponed until November 16 due to an issue with the glue on the mosaic mural.

Saturday December 5 is the date of the sale of excess stock from the Dress Hire program.

The School Council will be involved in developing the Selection Criteria for the new Principal. This will be developed next year while there is an acting Principal in place at Berendale.

A selection Panel will be compiled and will most likely consist of a School Improvement leader, a Principal, School Council President and sometimes a member of staff.

The role of the Executive Officer is very important.

## **Finance Report** (as attached)

September Accounts ratified for payment

High Yield Investment Account	\$262,314.89
Official Account	\$ 24,060.57
Bendigo Bank Term Deposit	\$ 58,493.08

**Finance-** Moved- Di Whelan  
Second- Wendy Smith

## **General Business**

### **Computers-**

The IT department is considering the most appropriate IT plan for 2016 and beyond. Leasing or Bring Your Own Device is being analysed.

Whatever is decided must include equal access for all students including families who decide not to sign up for a BYOD program. This discussion will be continued next meeting when more information is available.

Before the next meeting Di Whelan will investigate various lease options available to schools.

### **School Organisation 2016-**

Rob reported on the discussion and proposal for the school structure heading in to 2016.

The proposal is to move from three sub schools to two next year. There are various aspects to be considered including staffing, educational objectives, curriculum implications, efficiency gains, and school and student identity.

A School Recommendation as to which way to proceed will be presented at the next School Council Meeting.

### **Fellowship Report-**

Paula tabled her Report from the Study Tour Of America which has recently been published.

School Council congratulated Paula on her paper.

### **BTSG's 2016 and Beyond**

Still pursuing foundation status as funding is not guaranteed after 2016.

### **TTW Data-**

The National Ticket to Work figures have been released and look good.

Berendale school is proud to be part of a program that started in Berendale a few years ago with 12 students that has now rolled out across Australia and now works with nearly 500 students with individual needs.

### **STU Camp**

Stu Camp at Boomerang Ranch- A regular camp that has been run by the STU for a number of years.

Approved

**Other Business**

Berendale has signed up to become an ESmart School

**Meeting closed at 7:45pm**

**Next School Council Meeting- November 25. Graduation December 1<sup>st</sup>  
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