
Minutes
Thursday 8th August 2024
5:30pm in the Main Administration Boardroom

Attendees: Michael Morgan, Thomas Simpson, Yolande Cugley, Jennifer Vo, Juliette Stevens, Lesley MDuff, Jenny Hart, Deb Pack, Sam Capewell, Tracy Swinton, Janine Roets, Kirstie Smyth, Francene Leaversuch, Danielle Higgs

Apologies: none

1. Meeting Open

- Acknowledgement of Country - *“Kaya. Nidja Whadjuk Noongar boodja. Hello. The place that we meet is Whadjuk Noongar land.”*
- Agenda item review and conflict of interest check - none identified.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES (see attachment)

Thomas moved the minutes. Jennifer seconded. Minutes approved.

Action summary from last meeting

2.1 Sam to arrange updating the P&C bank account signatories - **In progress carried forward.**

3. CORRESPONDENCE

3.1. In - nothing official.

3.2. Out – none.

4. REPORTS

4.1. Principal’s Report (Mike Morgan).

4.1.1 General update

Da Vinci Decathlon – Year 9&10 students won the code breaking category and placed first in this event.

WA Law Society Debating Mock Trials – Shenton team made it to the quarter finals.

Opus 2024 performance – Wind One music students perform Yokolarang at Perth Concert Hall. It was a very successful performance.

Adam Rust – Year 7 – received a high distinction in the Computational & Algorithmic (CAT) Maths Competition & was also the Best in School.

UWA, Hong Kong teachers visit to Shenton College (5 June 2024).

Feedback received based on survey of teachers by UWA

- We were made to feel so welcomed at the school and by all staff that we met;
- The school has highly engaged and creative teachers;
- The school really nurtures its students;
- There is strong leadership and respect for students;
- Teachers cater for learner diversities; and
- I would want my children to attend this school.

Learning Support Award – at the recent EdConnect Awards Night, Shenton College teachers Shelley Giles and Lisa Satie received the Desmond Heenan EdConnect School Coordinator of the Year Award 2023.

NAIDOC week activities included:

- Senior School mural created by students.
- Keynote speaker, Emeritus Professor Simon Forrest, who is currently our longest serving Aboriginal academic, is speaking on the theme ‘keep the black fire burning.’
- Yirra Yaakin Theatre Company ‘Sista Girl’ performance.

TRIPS – Camps , International & Interstate 2024:

- Greece/Italy Humanities trip
- New York Geography trip
- Year 9 Camps
- Year 9 Music Camp
- Canberra trip
- Kashiwa HS school exchange program – first visit to Shenton College since 2018 due to COVID19. Now in our 23rd year of sister school relationship with Kashiwa.
- Japan Languages trip (upcoming)
- Japan Hockey trip (upcoming)

SPORTING

- ‘A Grade’ SSWA Swimming – winners for 8 consecutive years
- Boys Table Tennis Interschool competition winners
- Senior Girls Tennis winners
- SSWA Interschool squash winners – Y7-9 and Y10-12 boys
- Friday Night Lights basketball tournament – hosted at Shenton. Tri-school cup winners, Senior Boys and Girls competition
- Hockey finals – won the mixed Junior and Senior girls final

- School Sport McMahon Shield winners – 3 years in a row
- Elite sportsperson initiative – students who have made it to State and National Levels are recognised and congratulated at Assemblies amongst their peers A lunch is being organised with these students and the Principal and members of the Executive team.
- WAIS (West Australian Institute of Sport) – Talent Search 2024, Fitness testing.
 - Talent Identification program, to be held in September of this year.
 - The WAIS talent search is a program that aims to identify and profile students that show potential for an elite sporting pathway.
 - Y7-10 target age range. Students identified by Shenton College based on criteria given by WAIS. Taken to WAIS for the day. Approx. 20-30 students. This has been ongoing for 5-6

4.1.2 Stella Berry Scholarship

The P&C have agreed to support the scholarship and provide an avenue for the school community to donate for 5 years. This needs to be activated again.

Action - call for donations through Compass using Try bookings system to manage donations (Lesley will draft and P & C Exec will check before publishing).

4.2. President's Report (Thomas Simpson)

Thomas made note of the Year 11 dinner dance and year 9 Canberra trip.

4.3. School Board Report (Jennifer Vo)

- Hong Kong teachers exchange went very well. Great feedback about Shenton College.
- Board toured new modular build (aka Flanders Modular).
- New business plan cycle starting soon (currently at the end of the five year cycle). The new cycle will be for 2026-2030.
- Building Fund is contributing to maintenance and security now the ATO allows. Refurbishing and upgrading classrooms for. Technology access, science rooms properly equipped and maintained, and shade.
- Skyrise development at Bob Hawke Oval. Shenton Board has reached out to Boards of Perth Modern and Bob Hawke College. The Board is hoping for joint statement of concerns as this sets a precedent for high rise buildings adjacent to schools and there is concern of issues such as traffic management, appropriate retail etc. The Shenton P&C support the board's approach.

4.4. Treasurer's Report (Francene Leaversuch)

4.4.1. Treasurer's report (see attachment)

4.4.2. Transactions Summary (see attachment)

4.4.3. Funding requests

Special virtual meeting was held via email in regards to WACSSO affiliation fee (see attachment).

Special virtual meeting via email also in regards to WACSSO conference (see attachment). Francene will be attending on behalf of Shenton P&C.

Motion for approved signatories for the bank account. Thomas Simpson as President, Juliette Stevens as Vice President, Francene Leaversuch as Treasurer and Yolande Cugley as Secretary are approved as the authorised signatories and Commbiz authorisers for the Shenton College Parents and Citizens Association Incorporated bank account. Note – we agree that any 2 signatures will be required.

P& C will uphold the commitment to support the Stella Berry scholarship for 5 years as required. Footnote will be added to the budget.

Action - Francene will create a tracking mechanism for scholarship funds raised.

4.5. Friends of Music Report (Jenny Hart)

- Orchestras and ensembles played at ADOBA - Churchlands SHS
- Jenny covered concerts this term.
- FOMs to put on thank you/team bonding breakfast for music community. Caterpillar cafe to cater.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

Thank you lunch for teachers that was planned will be changed to a morning tea at school development day (280-300 staff). Budget allocated by the P&C is \$6000, although is expected to be cheaper.

Jenn moved the P&C approve the budgeted spend for the staff morning tea. Francine seconded.

Motion approved.

Action - Working committee Jen, Shantelle, Lesley will organise logistics.

Juliette proposed Connection to Country experience in Dryandra for families (community event). Offered to put together a costing.

Action - Juliette will provide details and costings and send to exec via email for approval prior to next P&C meeting.

Question how to initiate a program at the school to promote fitness and physical activity by installing chin up bars.

Action - Plan to be bought to next meeting including costs and suggested equipment. Students to pitch idea to Michael Morgan.

Action from previous meeting- Francine will work with the Friends of Shenton Rowing on the most appropriate governance structure. Carried forward.

6. NEXT MEETINGS

Term 4 - Thursday 24 October, Thursday 5 December

Main Administration Boardroom for meetings other than the AGM

5:30pm to 7.00pm

7. MEETING CLOSED 7:20pm

ACTION SUMMARY:

- 1. Francine will work with the Friends of Shenton Rowing on the most appropriate governance structure.**
- 2. Call for donations through Compass using Try bookings system to manage donations (Lesley will draft and P & C Exec will check before publishing).**
- 3. Francene will create a tracking mechanism for scholarship funds raised.**
- 4. Working committee for teacher thank you morning tea - Jen, Shantelle, Lesley will organise logistics.**
- 5. Juliette will provide details and costings and send to exec via email for approval prior to next P&C meeting.**
- 6. Plan to be bought to next meeting including costs and suggested equipment. Students to pitch idea to Michael Morgan.**