MUNDARING PRIMARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

MEETING 16th May 2012

Minutes

Present: Paul, Marg, Bobbie, Yvonne, Fiona, Kier, Tracy, Craig, Deborah

Chairperson: Marg    Secretary: Tracy

Marg welcomed members of the Council.

Previous Minutes (Meeting held 4/4/12)
The minutes were tabled, read and accepted as a true and accurate record. (M – Yvonne; S – Craig; All in favour).

Business Arising
- Paul presented the updated Dress Code brochure with amendments as agreed at the last meeting. The brochure would be sent home with the next newsletter.
- An updated School Council contact list was handed out.
- Paul presented a 2012 School Facilities and Grounds Improvement Plan.
- Paul advised that staff were in favour of a school Swimming Carnival in Term 1 2013. He will canvas parent support/feedback for the idea in the next newsletter. Paul will also seek advice from local schools that have swimming carnivals/fun days. The members of the School Council expressed their full support for the Swimming Carnival.
- The School Council brochure is still being updated and will be available at the next meeting.

Agenda Items

1. NAPLAN 2011
   - Paul advised members that the 2011 School Report was not yet ready for ratification.
   - Paul shared the data from the 2011 NAPLAN program, showing that Mundaring PS student means matched or bettered those of similar schools in 14 out of 15 tested areas. This was seen as a good result but all agreed that we were capable of doing better.
   - As a more relevant exercise, a comparison of 2011 results was made between MPS and local schools (private & state). When socio-economic factors were taken into consideration, it was clear that MPS was doing very will when compared with most local schools.

2. 2012 School Surveys
   - Paul presented draft Parent & Student School Survey Documents which were based upon the DoE standard survey template. Members were asked to review the documents and feedback to Paul any changes or additions they felt were appropriate. The surveys will be sent home to parents in Week 8 (W/B 11/7/12)
   - Parents would be offered an incentive to complete the survey (eg: a place in a draw for movie tickets?). Tracey will ask the P&C for support with this.
   - Parent comment boxes will be added to the survey form.
3. **Grant Applications Pending**
   - Paul advised the council that an application for the Solar Power Project (Aust Govt - $50,000) had been submitted and we will be advised of the outcome in Term 3.
   - The school, in collaboration with the Mundaring Shire, will be applying for a Natural Resource Management grant (WA Govt - $50,000) for a joint venture project. Dr Ellis and Toni Burbidge will be the coordinators of this project.

4. **School entry point near cricket nets – OSH Issue**
   - Deb raised concerns regarding the safety of the entry point to the school near the cricket nets due to uneven ground and there not being a path. She advised that this was a major thoroughfare from Painter Crescent to the junior block (O’Connor). Paul advised that he would investigate the problem and source funding for a path from the DoE or use school funds if required.

5. **General Business**
   - Council members reiterated their concerns regarding safety relating to Painter Crescent (Visibility at intersection of Stevens St, Street signage, rubbish truck travelling wrong way). Paul responded that he was aware these were ongoing concerns and had discussed them with the Shire and he has planned a meeting with Shire representatives where these issues were on the agenda.
   - Tracy canvassed the possibility of offering an incentive to parents to pay their voluntary contributions. Paul thought this could be possible but changes planned to the way parents paid their fees etc may reduce the need for such an incentive. This would be discussed at a later date as part of an overall review of parent payments to school.
   - Fiona asked about the school e-mailing newsletter home parents. Paul responded that the school already does this and that the new school website would provide on-line access to newsletters. In the future (2013?) the school would look at allowing parents to opt out of receiving a paper based copy of the newsletter.

Meeting closed at 3:07pm

Next Meeting – Wednesday 27th June at **1:30pm** (** please note earlier time**)