

**The Elizabeth College Parent and Community Group Minutes**  
**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2013**

Meeting Opened 4:35pm

**Present:** Dianne Purnell, Craig Carnes, Mel Docker, Teesha Kelly, Michael Stather, Helen Ebsworth, Pam Cooper, Jo Bilson

1. **Welcome, introductions and minutes** of last meeting read and said to be a true and accurate account: Pam Cooper
  
2. **Chaplain's Report – Mel Docker Chaplaincy Progress Report**
  - Report tabled and purpose stated to seek affirmation that the programme should continue. Aspects of report highlighted the following:
  - the breakfast programme has been going for two years with donations from local bakeries
  - chaplain liaison with home groups with the goal of opening communications, chat with isolated and/or rural students, develop connections
  - there is a distinction between goals of the social workers and the chaplaincy and the chaplain will refer students on if necessary
  - Mel Docker spoke to the meeting about the Elizabeth College Chaplaincy Program, providing a summary of her involvement in the school community during 2013.
  - The following motion was moved by Michael Stather and seconded by Pam Cooper **“Elizabeth College's Parent Group supports the Chaplaincy Service to continue until the end of 2014, with Scripture Union as the provider of the Chaplaincy Service.”**  
The motion was passed unanimously.
  
3. **SLG Report – Teesha Kelly**
  - Grounds Redevelopment: the shed has been removed, the area is more open. Aim is to develop seating areas, paint and plant in the near future. The foundations of the shed will form a stage.
  - A submission is being prepared to make to HCC to provide student car parking, Dianne suggested liaising with her since she is currently in talks with council.
  - Couches have been bought for the common room, trying to get the paddles for the table tennis table to be used on a booking system so people using are accountable, so collect from office and leave id card and a fee, to be given back on return of the paddles. Dianne suggested the library might be an alternative to the office. Also an urn to be purchased to replace the kettle which can be dangerous.
  - Entertainment books available from the office, a few sold, money goes to improving facilities.
  - SLG group to conduct a survey on the timetable to address issues such as long breaks between classes and time to get from class to class, to be completed in home group in the next few weeks. SLG to provide some alternative timetable suggestions.

#### **4. Principal's Report**

- Report tabled with highlights to the following:
- Reports and Parent Teacher: reports to be received on 3<sup>rd</sup> September and Parent Teacher to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> September with extended hours from last time.
- Morrisby Report: Dianne had an individual report to look at, as an example. Parent and student feedback was positive and suggested the process was reaffirming of participant's potential. Dianne to follow up on a feedback form for Pam.
- Budget was tabled and the implications of Gonski – Better Schools and the Fairer Funding Model for the future of education discussed.
- Some members of the college's parent, student and the staff community will be asked to participate in part of the data collection for the school improvement plan, an example of the questions to be asked was tabled.
- A 4<sup>th</sup> Assistant Principal is currently being advertised.
- Grounds Redevelopment: a NAB grant has been applied for in partnership with the HCC. HCC has donated native plants, hoping to have the area in place for term 4 with further planting and landscaping in 2014. Any individual or group support still welcome.
- Sister schools: existing relationship with Inokuchi Senior High in Hiroshima and two new schools, Fuzhou, China and Vanuatu, the latter being a sponsorship. Four international tours planned for next year, one to Italy, the others to the sister schools, with a library being built in Vanuatu. Expressions of interest due by end of term 3.

#### **5. Next meeting date: 6<sup>th</sup> November**

**Meeting closed 5:40pm**