Welcome and opening of meeting........ 23/3/15


Apologies: Paul Griffin, Siobhan O’Brien, Adam Yates


Nil

Moved: Don Higginbotham  Seconded: Carol Hewett

- School Council 2014 annual report to School Community

Sunshine Harvester PS continued to invest in making the school grounds an enjoyable recreational space. The school population fluctuated during the year but we maintained solid student numbers of 444. Both Elise Butterworth and Karen Davis transferred to the new Melton school called Arnolds Creek PS. This is a new school giving both teachers an opportunity to develop their careers. In 2014 we saw the introduction of AUSLAN into the school a lot of students are enjoying using sign language to communicate. Consequently the school employed Elizabeth Chrysostomou an AUSLAN trained teacher to train our students. Also the school began looking at a Positive Behaviours Intervention Program. To enable this program to be implemented fully Martine Wakeham will lead and drive its introduction

Siobhan O’Brien led and published a guaranteed and viable curriculum which is being used throughout the school. Teaching staff now have a set plan to follow allowing for a coordinated approach to programs and resource management. Glenn Lilley is leading the introduction of a new reporting package called Sentral which will keep comprehensive records of student progress. This reporting package can be accessed outside the school giving staff a greater opportunity keep data up to date

Our school oval was redeveloped and ready to use by all the community in term 2. This synthetic surface has been a huge success with the oval being a popular area for all students to play. Further to this our two adventure playgrounds now have rubberised soft fall surfaces thus minimising potential injuries. Outdoor picnic tables and chairs have been placed around the school for student and community use

Our community survey demonstrated that we need to do more to involve them in school activities. For this reason staff have been out to meet and greet parents in the morning. We are actively encouraging parents to help out in classrooms. 18 parents are now actively involved. In addition to this more than 150 parents are attending school events. The homework group has been so successful that the Edmund Rice Foundation has extended their service for another day giving our students 2 days a week

2014 saw our school results plateau consequently our team structure change to include more intervention and more straight grades. This will mean teachers will have fewer interruptions in their teaching week

Meeting Closed.......7.30pm