

**FALLS CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**MINUTES OF SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held at Falls Creek Primary School**  
**21st July 2009**

Meeting opened at 4.10pm

**1. PRESENT**

Helen Whittaker, Tina Cook, Lisa Allport, Bena Tomkinson, Carol Bartholomew  
(taking minutes)

**2. APOLOGIES** Hamish Curwen-Begg, Liza Curwen-Begg

**3. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

*Motion*                      *That the minutes of the meeting of 9th June 2009 be taken as  
read and confirmed*

*Moved by*                  *Lisa Allport*

*Seconded by*              *Bena Tomkinson*

*Motion carried*

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**4.1. BER funding** – Refer 4.2 in previous minutes. The \$250,000 available is not enough to consider a second storey. Regional Office has asked Helen Matthews to look at possibilities. The funding should be confirmed by the end of July. DEECD will hold and distribute the money to the contractors. Local builders will be used wherever possible.

**4.2. School Review & Strategic Plan** – Refer 4.3 in previous minutes. The School Review Report was emailed to all School Council members for their perusal. The next step in the process is to produce the 2010-2013 Strategic Plan.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE IN**

**5.1. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD)**  
– S280-2009 H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Flu) 4 June 2009 10.00 am Update

**5.2. DEECD** – S281-2009 Revision of Student Dress Code Policy. *Action: Carol to draft Student Dress Code*

**5.3. DEECD** – S297-2009 State Schools Relief Committee – Winter Warmer Appeal

**5.4. DEECD** – S299-2009 Ban on Smoking on Government School Premises

**5.5. DEECD** – S305-2009 Transition: A Positive Start to School – Project Update

**5.6. Cambridge Integrated Services Vic P/L** – Interim Claims Statement & Premium Illustration

**5.7. Dept of Education, Employment & Workplace Relations** – Letter advising that FCPS is eligible for \$5,000 in the 2009 round of the Australian Government's Drought Assistance for Schools program. Helen proposes to use the funding for: permanent students snowsport levy, Term 4 activities at Howmans Gap, SEED day in Wangaratta (22 Oct), Term 4 camp to Bundarra/Angler's Rest including horseriding. Council approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE OUT** Nil

*Motion*                      *That the inwards correspondence be received and the*

*outwards correspondence be endorsed*

*Moved by Tina Cook*

*Seconded by Helen Whittaker*

*Motion carried*

## **6. FINANCE**

Finance report distributed with agenda

*Motion That the finance reports for the period 1 June to 30 June 2009 as circulated be accepted, that the recommended budget adjustments and the list of personnel to receive payment by direct deposit as detailed in the finance report be approved and that accounts for payment for June 2009 be ratified.*

*Proposed by Tina Cook*

*Seconded by Helen Whittaker*

*Motion carried*

## **7. OHS Report**

Helen reported that there are problems with people climbing on the roof of the school via the snow bank at the rear. She has requested that FC Ski Lifts clear the snow to prevent access. The possibility of erecting warning signs to be investigated.

## **8. GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **8.1. Student attendance**

The 1958 Education Act requires that students attend school for 2 hours each morning and 2 hours each afternoon every day unless they are ill. The extra Race Squad training is causing high absenteeism. Parents can request the principal to allow absence of half a day per week for outside school activities of educational benefit. Helen has requested written confirmation from the Race Club/Snowsports School of the benefit of the Race Squad training. The issue of attendance was also discussed with parents at the Information session on 14 July.

### **8.2. Other business**

#### **8.2.1. Enrolment Policy**

The enrolment policy needs to be reviewed before the end of winter. Helen will request assistance from the new Regional Network Leader, Tony Gooden. Possible revisions were discussed.

#### **8.2.2. Lunch on Fridays**

Bena suggested that the children go home for lunch on Fridays if they wish, to alleviate the problems associated with getting so many children up the chair. Helen explained her reasons for requested that they stay at school: lack of punctuality if they go home, time spent following up on children who are late or do not turn up for ski school.

## **9. NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 18th August 2009 – 4pm to 6pm**

Date to be confirmed as Helen would like Tony Gooden to attend if possible.

## **10. MEETING CLOSED at 5.45pm**

Minutes approved ..... Council President ..... / ..... / .....