WINTERS FLAT PRIMARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, December 13th 2010.

1. **PRESENT:** Kevin Brown, Cheryl Bottomley, Fiona Johnston, Fred Langenhorst, Jess Saunders, Wendy Walsh, Chris Lawrence, Liz Grainger, Megan Carroll, Katie Wilson, Lisa Dennis, David Hinrichsen

2. **APOLOGIES:** Eliza Terry

Meeting opened with Megan referring to Liz’s retirement and thanking her for all the years of wonderful service to Winters Flat as Classroom teacher, Reading Recovery teacher, Vice Principal and Co-principal.

3. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:**
   * **Motion:** That minutes of previous meeting be received, as a true and accurate record.

   **Moved:** Fiona  **Sec:** Chris  **Carried**

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**
   * Speaker on the oval. Organised but not in place yet

5. **OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS:**

6. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
   * IN:
   * OUT:

7. **REPORTS:**
   7.1 **Junior School Council:**
   Ice-cream day very successful.

   7.2 **Principal:**
   Merry Christmas! This term has been full on eg. Stephanie Alexander Program, Chess, Reports etc.

   7.3 **Teaching and Learning:**
   Working on the structure for overall themes for the next two years. E5 and Ultranet will be new innovations in 2011. Wendy W will be the Numeracy co-ordinator and Helen Weir the Literacy co-ordinator. Welfare co-ordinator yet to be named.
   Seniors from the Uniting Church have been working with some grade 4/5 students on their literacy skills.

   7.4 **Finance:**
   * Global budget showing a surplus of $25,223
**Motion:** That finance report be accepted and that cheque numbers 12063 to 12086 and Direct Deposits 3690, 3707, 3724 be passed for payment.
Budget draft presented by Liz and accepted by Kevin and Fred. Passed by School Council.

**Moved:** Fred  
**Sec:** Megan  
**Carried**

7.5  
**Parents Club:**
The 150th book is fantastic. Huge thanks to Lil Balmer for all the effort involved and the wonderful outcome.  
Letter to Lil thanking her.  
Fete: We need a new fete co-ordinator/s. Anyone interested? Jenny will liaise with new volunteers!

7.6  
**Buildings and Grounds:**
Preps have drawn pictures of what they would like in the playground near the new building. Would like a sandpit area up behind rooms 11 and 12 with shade cloth over it. Working Bee to be organized early next year.  
New building: Exploring Barter Card for more outdoor furniture.  
Footstools for tap and “kitchen bench” when painting. Too tall for Preps at the moment.  
Cheryl to do audit of furniture there – get rid of old chairs etc.  
Louvers opening when raining – Vanessa to sort out.  
A quote has been organized from Robinsons for outside blinds.  
Lock not working on the outside door of the MACTB side.  
Fred asked if layout is changing the way the children are being taught. It is happening to an extent in the senior end. Will happen much more in 2011.

8. **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

8.1 **School Strategic Plan**
Region has suggested we delete a couple of things from the plan.

8.2 **Annual Implementation Plan**
Very full – deliberately so – for the new principal to put their own stamp on.

8.3 **Program Plans**
In draft form at the moment. Transition policy has been changed to include all transitional – Kinder to School, Primary to Secondary and transition within the school  
Junior School Council Policy. The concept of School Captains has worked very well – those children have really stepped up as have the ones who put in an expression of interest.

8.4 **Jigsaw Program**
Lucy confronted David re School Council not considering the Program. David has issues about the program and is not willing to support it. Council feels that everyone listened carefully and showed interest.  
Fred has a long history with the program and is supportive of it. He has seen it working well and thinks it develops emotional intelligence.  
Lisa spoke in support but can see David’s point of view.  
There are other schools that can support both sides of the discussion.
School has recently put in for funding for a program as part of a dicalled Learn for Life. It is a more rounded program where the children respond very well.
After the review the school is looking at different programs for Prep to 2, then 3 - 4 and 5 - 6, so the children are getting the same message but in a different package.
SPACE Self-Assessment helps us to pick up issues with children. It is their way of expressing their feelings about their life.
Ultimately it is a teacher decision - should come from the Wellbeing Committee.
Katie suggests that there are many programs out there and we should look at all of them and see which “fits” Winters Flat the best. Katie will represent School Council at the Wellbeing meetings to help sort out which program.

8.5 Name of new building
Four suggestions have been put forward. Creek View, Wintersbrook, Flat Space, Djadjawurrung Learning Space. Creek View was voted as the winner. Suggested by the Symon - D'Onofrio Family.

8.6 Excursion Levy
A parent has asked that the excursion levy be dropped and each activity paid for separately. List of excursions to be put into Flat Chat.

8.7 Red Wine
Last boxes to be cleared at $100.00 a dozen. Please buy!

8.9 School Produce
Katie has made inquiries to many places to have a stall to sell our produce. Will explore the idea of the market. Katie to make further enquiries.

Megan says Happy Christmas (several times actually!!!).

9. NEXT MEETING: Monday 21st February 2011
   Monday  6:30pm  Grounds & Buildings
          7 pm      Finance
          7:30pm    School Council

10. MEETING CLOSED: 9.10pm

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