Date: December 5th 2013
Present: Peter Finch, Chris Cook, Judy Lonza, Tony Bellette, Kate Russo, Matt Shakespeare
Apologies: John Mooney, Liam, Jill

Emergency Management Plan
- Mock bushfire exercise to be held on December 17th, Tony and Chris to attend
  Moved: Kate
  Seconded: Judy

2014 Fees
- Should they increase? Haven’t been increased in four years
  Motion:
  - Keep tent shelter same price
  - Increase school and residence to $66
  - Increase weekend and holidays by $10
  - $100 cleaning fee will be added to invoice
  Moved: Peter
  Seconded: Kate

Bushfire Preparation
- Slashing has been done on whole property, gutters have been cleaned, fire equipment has been checked

Arborist
- Started last Wednesday, will come each Wednesday for a couple of weeks

110,000 litre Water Tank
- The money from 2013 Golf Day will go towards this project. Other funding outcome won’t be known until next week

Golf Day
- Be at golf course by 7am

Alpine Ride 2014
- Need to choose a hat colour... 4098 Black, with normal logo

Residence Car Park
- Judy spoke to Don Kelly (CFA) to clarify what changes were going to occur
- Crushed rock was not what committee agreed to
- We wouldn’t be able to put in a basketball ring with crushed rock
- CFA would only use car park when no one was at camp
- Don Kelly to get back to Judy
Extraordinary Meeting Follow Up
This information had been forwarded to the committee prior to the meeting. It had been developed by Scott and Judy following the October extraordinary meeting.

Planning a Pathway for Blackwood

Option 1: No change to current situation

Option 2: School outright

- Committee develops a case for having Blackwood become a school in its own right.
- Committee undertakes to present this case to DEECD personnel to endeavour to have Blackwood recognised as a Special Education Residential Outdoor Education facility.

Option 3: Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with a ROSA school

- FSDS School Council and the designated ROSA School Council develop a proposal between them which will mutually benefit both camps.
- The proposal will become a Memorandum of Understanding which will cover for example a 3 year time span.
- No DEECD involvement.
- Will need to highlight the benefit for students in both facilities.
- Would need to be a strong agreed model.

Option 4: A ROSA school takes on Blackwood as a campus

- The Principals and School Councils from both FSDS and the designated ROSA school need to discuss ideas and develop a proposal.
- Proposal needs to be student focussed – the outcomes for students.
- The ROSA school would need to undertake a compliance audit of Blackwood.
- Both organisations would need to present the proposal to DEECD – Secretary and Regional Directors.
- Would need to be a strong agreed model.

Option 5: Become a member of ROSA organisation with no change to current operations.

- Apply to join the ROSA organisation
- Contribute to the salary of the Principal Liaison Officer of ROSA and have him work for Blackwood and represent the camp as he does the other ROSA schools.

The following discussion points then developed around this information.

Option 1

- Staffing change at Blackwood could result in staff with no interest in Blackwood
- Workload for Frankston SDS
- Forming a full committee difficult
- Need an active President with ‘big picture’ thinking. – Maybe a need to ay someone which would result in an increase in fees.
- No security of tenure
- Schools not committed – they are happy to pay fees though
Option 2

- Lose exclusivity
- Open to all PSD students
- Principal needs a special ed qualification
- Impact on fees for students attending!
- Can it happen in the current political climate?

Option 3

- What happens after 3 years or whatever time given? Are we back to the start again?
- Not seen as providing any advantage

Option 4

- Lose exclusivity
- Change in the ROSA school Principal. Would they have an interest in maintaining Blackwood as it is?
- More rigidity in planning and booking camps

Option 5

- Additional salary for PLO
- What happens at the end of the time?

REALITY: NO COMMITMENT FROM MEMBER SCHOOLS. TO KEEP FACILITY RUNNING INTO THE FUTURE, NEED TO LOOK AT USING ANOTHER AGENCY TO DO SO.

It was proposed to have another extraordinary meeting in February to present the Pathway options to the member schools. It was decided to have the meeting at Etihad Stadium following the PASS meeting in an attempt to attract more attendees. Judy to follow this up.

It was proposed to have Tony and Chris present to the PASS organisation on some occasion – at a PASS meeting or at the PASS conference. This to be an attempt to inform more schools or to inform new Principals of existing member schools of the great asset we have in Blackwood.

“That we immediately move to become a member of ROSA in order to tap into the expertise of their PLO whilst we work through the process.”

Moved: Scott Tucker Seconded: Judy Lonza

Passed.