Minutes of Murtoa College  
Council Meeting  
Tuesday 11th, November 2014

Present: Peter Ballagh, Tony Goodwin, Malcom Schier, Gary Mason, Rachelle Chapman, Ryan Metelmann, Ros Petering, Jenny Schache, Chris Campbell, Anne Sudholz, Jo Koschmann, Fiona Welsh, Brad Venn

Apologies: Nil

Minutes of Previous Meeting:
Motion: ‘That we adopt the minutes of the September 2014 meeting as circulated to be true and correct.’
Moved – Malcom Schier    Seconded – Rachelle Chapman    Carried

Business Arising: Malcom enquired about the strategic plan and the reporting of progress to the School Council. Tony reported that the strategic plan is being completed at the moment and needs to be with the Dept. by Dec 31. Tony will add the AIP to the Council agenda for next year.

Correspondence: as listed with the Agenda

Motion: ‘That the Inwards Correspondence be received and the Outwards Correspondence be approved.’
Moved – Anne Sudholz    Seconded – Fiona Welsh    Carried

Reports
SRC Report: No report
Principals Report: as tabled
Tony presented his written report to Council.

Curriculum Report: The recent curriculum day was on coaching. Coaching is to assist staff to make sure students are learning. The session was positively received by staff. Anne and Brad spoke on the 2014 Naplan results with discussion taking place on those results.

Camps and Excursions: Ryan spoke on the proposal to offer an excursion to the Gold Coast for years 8-11 for next year. Tony and Ryan will arrange a meeting with interested parents.
Motion: ‘To proceed with the camp if there is sufficient interest.’
Moved – Rachelle Chapman    Seconded – Malcom Schier    Carried

Camps for Approval: Duke of Edinburgh camp to Portland and the volleyball national schools cup in December.
Motion: ‘That the camps be approved to proceed.’
Moved – Ros Petering    Seconded – Chris Campbell    Carried

Motion: ‘That the Horsham bus fees for 2015 be increased by $1.00 per week.’
Moved – Ryan Metelmann    Seconded – Jo Koschmann    Carried
Motion: ’That Brad Venn and Anne Sudholz be given authority to sign school purchase orders and
cheques.’
Moved – Ryan Metelmann Seconded – Jo Koschmann Carried

Motion: ‘That the Financial Statements for the months of September and October 2014 be ratified and all
accounts be approved for payment and the recommendations of the Finance Committee be approved.’
Moved – Rachelle Chapman Seconded – Brad Venn Carried

Facilities Report: Anne presented her written report to the Council. Anne spoke on the black alert that will
be held on Friday and the clean up and repair of one squash court to enable it to be opened for community
use. The establishment of a new beach volleyball court was discussed together with the work to be done to
the Year 12 common room area.

Student Wellbeing: Rachelle presented her report to Council. Peter congratulated Rachelle and Sheryl
Jordan on the breakfast club which provides breakfast to students on a Wednesday morning.
Uniform Sub-Committee: No report
Motion: ‘That all reports be accepted and recommendations endorsed.’
Moved – Anne Sudholz Seconded – Fiona Welsh Carried

General Business:

1. Reporting Structure: Tony spoke on the school starting the process to change the
format of student reports which includes the use of the student management tool. Discussion took place on the parent/teacher interview process.
2. Wind Generator: Tony informed the Council that Thomas Walker will be contracted to
perform the maintenance of the wind generator. Discussion took place on the role of David Coles in the maintenance of the generator.
3. Basketball backboards: Tony will hold discussions with Malcom on getting the
backboards replaced.
4. School Buses: Tony informed the council that the Horsham buses are full for 2015 and
will keep the Council informed on solutions if required for getting extra students to
school from Horsham.
5. ES staff: Brad is heading up an audit of the ES staff to plan for 2015. We have to plan to
use the staff to the best of their ability. We have major ES aide requirements in the P/1
area.
6. Presentation Night: Jo spoke on the possibility of a venue change from the hall back to
the stadium. Discussion took place on this change. Tony will gather some information and
opinions from staff on the change of venue and report back to the Council. Brad will
look into the provision of a data projector to show student work and photographs during
the presentation night.
7. Primary Courtyard: Tony showed the Council some ideas for improving the courtyard.
8. Early Finish: Tony asked for approval for the staff to finish at 12noon on the last day of
school.
Motion: ‘That school finish at 12 noon on the last day of school this year.’
Moved: Rachelle Chapman Seconded: Chris Campbell Carried

Meeting closed at 7.30 pm
Next Meeting – 9th December 2014 at 5.30p.m.