Minutes of Murtoa College
Council Meeting
Tuesday 9th September 2014

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

Apologies: Chris Campbell, David Horvat

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

Business Arising:
Jo asked about the recently run RSA course. Anne Gawith explained the effects on the other classes when the RSA course was run and the likelihood of further RSA courses.

Correspondence: as listed with the Agenda. Tony spoke on the correspondence including the proposed school governance changes.

Motion: ‘That the Inwards Correspondence be received and the Outwards Correspondence be approved.’
Moved – Malcom Schier Seconded – Ros Petering Carried

Reports
SRC Report: Anne presented the SRC report and mentioned the recent fundraising for disabled sports wheelchairs and basketball nets. Rachelle and Tony commented on the improvement over the week in the wearing of the school uniform. Peter commended the SRC for their efforts this year and it was agreed that Tony write a letter thanking them for their efforts.

Principal’s Report: as tabled. Tony presented his written report to Council. Malcom asked about the tabling of the strategic plan to school council. Tony and Anne Gawith informed the Council that the AIP will be reported on at future meetings.

Curriculum Report: Anne Sudholz reported on the naplan results and stated that the trend data will be reported to the next meeting.

Camps and Excursions:
Camps for Approval: Anne Gawith mentioned that there were three excursions that require approval, the Advance Camp to Mt Zero in October, the Duke of Edinburgh camp in December and the Primary excursion to Ballarat in October.

Motion: ‘That the camps be approved to proceed.’
Moved – Rachelle Chapman Seconded – Anne Gawith Carried

Financial Report: as tabled. Peter spoke on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to increase the school levies in 2015 and to accept the increase in the Horsham bus costs for 2015. Anne Gawith spoke on
the need to include a charge for English textbooks and Anne Sudholz spoke on the need to increase the charge to VCE Home economics students.

Motion: 'That the levies be increased by 10% next year.'
Moved – Anne Sudholz               Seconded – Malcom Schier       Carried

Motion: 'To accept the price increase for the Horsham bus service.'
Moved – Ryan Metelmann              Seconded – Jo Koschmann        Carried

Motion: `That the levies for English textbooks be increased by $20.00 and that VCE Home Economics levies be increased to $163.00.'

Motion: ‘That the Financial Statements for the month of August 2014 be ratified and all accounts be approved for payment and the recommendations of the Finance Committee be approved.’
Moved – Malcom Schier               Seconded – Anne Gawith           Carried

Facilities Report: Anne Gawith presented her written report. Anne spoke on the removal of the portable and that the front footpath replacement will now occur during the December school holidays. Peter mentioned that the local Men’s Shed may be able to help with the Primary playground equipment.

Uniform Sub-Committee: No report

Motion: ‘That all reports be accepted and recommendations endorsed.’
Moved – Anne Sudholz               Seconded – Fiona Welsh            Carried

General Business:

1. Wind Generator.
   Tony reported on the recent meeting with a company who can service our wind generator and they will provide a quote along with Thomas Walker.

2. WTTC joint use agreement with Horsham College.
   Tony spoke on the trade training centre use in Horsham and the changes with the new agreement.

Meeting closed at 6.22 pm
Next Meeting – 11th November 2014 at 5.30p.m.