Minutes of Murtoa College
Council Meeting
Tuesday 9th, February 2016

Present: Peter Ballagh, Tony Goodwin, Malcom Schier, Gary Mason, Brad Venn, Ross Sudholz, Ros Petering, Chris Campbell, Jenny Schache, Fiona Welsh

Apologies: Rachelle Chapman, Anne Sudholz

Minutes of Previous Meeting:
Motion: ‘That we adopt the minutes of the December 2015 meeting as circulated to be true and correct.’
Moved – Malcom Schier Seconded - Ross Sudholz
Carried

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence: as listed with the Agenda

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

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

Curriculum Report: Tony presented Anne’s written report. Brad spoke on the work being done with the KLA and the improvements to XUNO. Chris spoke on the difficulties of using XUNO and the need to have a survey of parents to get feedback on XUNO. Jenny spoke on the problem of getting access to reports on XUNO for exiting year 12 students. Tony spoke on the curriculum days that will take place in 2016.

Camps and Excursions:
Year 7 camp to Roses Gap
Camps for Approval: No camps for approval.

Strategic Plan and AIP: Tony reported that Brad has been updating the AIP. Ros mentioned that the attendance records on reports are incorrect. Tony responded that there is a problem with some staff not completing the attendance rolls properly and the school is addressing this issue.

Financial Report: as tabled
Gary and Tony spoke on the profit and loss statements for the trading operations for 2015. Tony informed the council of the measures being put into place to remedy the loss incurred by the canteen in 2015.

Motion: ‘That the Financial Statements for the months of January 2016 be ratified and all accounts be approved for payment and the recommendations of the Finance Committee be approved.’
Moved – Chris Campbell Seconded – Brad Venn Carried
Facilities Report: Tony presented Anne’s written report. Tony spoke on the closure of some rooms in the technology wing and the possible demolition and the associated costs.


Uniform Sub-Committee:
Brad spoke on the feedback he has received on the primary student’s sock colours. Discussion took place on the issue of the colour of the socks that primary students will wear.

Motion: ‘That primary students can wear black or white socks.’
Moved – Peter Ballagh  Seconded – Jenny Schache  Carried

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

General Business:

• School Council Members finishing.
Tony thanked departing members and especially our departing President Peter Ballagh. Peter thanked everyone for their support over the years. Tony spoke on the new member nominations.

• Venue for Presentation Night.
Peter spoke on the positives and negatives aspects of both the Town Hall and stadium for holding this year’s presentation night.

Motion: ‘That the presentation night remain at the Town Hall.’
Moved – Malcom Schier  Seconded – Chris Campbell  Carried
Chris spoke on some issues with the presentation night that have been raised with her by parents. The issues included the length of the presentation night, the large number of people involved in the presentation of awards, the president should do their speech, the number of absent students, the night should be held earlier in the year and the dux to be presented at the start of the next year. It was suggested that the awards for absent students not be mentioned. Malcom spoke on the positives of having a politician in attendance on the night and Tony reinforced that.

• Year 12 information night.
Malcom suggested that the emphasis of the night should be broader and cover the employment options for leaving students together with the further study options.

Meeting closed at 6.50 pm
Next Meeting – 8th March at 5.30 p.m.