Minutes of Murtoa College
Council Meeting
Tuesday 8th March, 2016

Present: Tony Goodwin, Malcom Schier, Rachelle Chapman, Chris Campbell, Anne Sudholz, Brad Venn, Ross Sudholz, Wendy Moore, Lucy Young, Paul Gardy, Nathan Gellatly and Fergus Schier (School Captain).

Apologies: Gary Mason and Jenny Schache.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:
Motion: ‘That we adopt the minutes of the February 2016 meeting as circulated to be true and correct.’
Moved – Chris Campbell  Seconded – Brad Venn  Carried

Business Arising: NIL

Correspondence: as listed with the Agenda

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

Reports
SRC Report: Fergus Schier (School Captain)
• Relay for Life has 27 students participating at Taylor’s Lake.
  o $1350 raised so far through; $136 PS Zooper Dooper, $298 coin line, $40 lolly jar and ~$800 Cake Stall
• 2 x Freeza projects with community at $2000 each – Family day on Big Weekend – adventure theme
  – Local band showcase with local acts (young and old)
• Leadership Camp for 7-10 leaders to attend 22nd March

Principals Report: as tabled
Tony presented his written report to Council.

Curriculum Report: (See Anne’s report for further details)
• Key Learning Area meetings – staff with similar subject have been working on goals for the year and using consistent meeting templates
• Xuno – VCE reports now coordinated through the SMT
• Increase parent and student portal login to the SMT
  o Students will be explicitly shown how to access their assessment feedback
• Curriculum Day – Report writing day on Friday 10th June (making a 4 day weekend)
• Discussion:
  o Curriculum Days – backing onto long weekends. Positive for staff to complete planning and reporting, and gain a break too. Also, families often use these public holidays as a four day weekend.
  o Field Days – Is it worth using one at this point in time?
  o Discuss these for 2017?

Camps and Excursions:
Past | Current | Future
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• Bold as Brass (CEP) at Minyip on 1st March  
• Wimmera Machinery Field Days on 2nd March | • Canoeing – Outdoor Ed | • Adelaide Trip  
• Somers Camp (5 x Year 5/6 students and Mr Venn)  
• Earth’s Dinosaur Zoo (F-6) on March 18th  
• Relay for Life on March 18th  
• AFL Clinic March 22nd (Year 4-6)

**Camps for Approval:**
• Bogong Ski Trip

**Motion:** ‘That the camps be approved to proceed.’
Moved – Paul Gardy  
Seconded – Chris Campbell  
Carried

**Financial Report:** as tabled

**Motion:** ‘That the Financial Statements for the months of February 2016 be ratified and all accounts be approved for payment and the recommendations of the Finance Committee be approved.’
Moved – Lucy Young  
Seconded – Nathan Gellatly  
Carried

**Facilities Report:** Anne presented her written report
• Plumbing maintenance – camera inspections, drain pipes, down pipes, drainage pits, new pump  
• Tree lopping – branches fell and thus we must maintain a number of other trees  
• Technology Wing – ongoing ‘fixes’ to make it more usable for students and staff. Grant/demolition - TBC

**Wellbeing Report:** Presented by Rachelle Chapman
• Immunisations all being completed in Year 7 now (after changes in 2015)  
• Generally students have settled well into their grades  
• Many routes to access funding for families this year – including Drought Relief Funding  
• Breakfast Club – donation of $200 from Murtoa Inter-Church Council  
• School Nurse, Jess Kelly, has continued this year on Thursday and Friday  
• Warracknabeal Dental Clinic, Butterfly Foundation – body image, Save a Mate and Cybersafety Program – Vic Police  
• SSS – Claire Hucker & Mikaela Little  
• Dunmunkle Health Services – Leanne Yew  
• Questions;  
  o MATES Mentoring – struggle for mentors last year. Seeking more volunteers.

**Uniform Sub-Committee** – Nothing to report.

**Motion:** ‘That all reports be accepted and recommendations endorsed.’
School Council tasks for the beginning of the year –

Motion: ‘That School Council approve the current list of volunteers working in the school including helpers with head lice checks, readers, swimming, bridges, parents going on camps, mates, presenters, school council members, parents and friends members and those working in the canteen.’

Moved – Malcom Schier Seconded – Lucy Young Carried

General Business:
1. Approving volunteers
   a. Create a definitive list of those who volunteer throughout the year – TG to action list of volunteers
2. Parent Teacher Interviews
   a. Booking system was successful
   b. Issues with staff absences were resolved
   c. Discussion:
      i. 5 minutes not long enough
      ii. VCE on another night???
      iii. F-6 and 7-12 on one night works for parents
      iv. All running from 1:30pm to 6:30pm???
3. International Student
   a. Alex Bebero in Year 2
   b. Fees being paid
4. XUNO
   a. Feedback:
      i. Some staff using to communicate
      ii. Messaging staff/office in regard to absences
      iii. Contact the office ‘button’
5. Curriculum Days
6. Swimming Sports
   a. Too hot for students ~42C
   b. Some teachers were negative towards students who did not attend for their wellbeing
   c. ACTION:
      i. Schools’ are to minimise the risk
      ii. In future an alternative date will be booked
      iii. At school, if it is 35C or above, we will place students inside
7. Discussion
   a. Positive and healthy debates which look at issues holistically
   b. Disagreement and discussion is encouraged with respect to others and the school

Meeting closed at 7:11pm
Next Meeting – 10th May 2016, Room 1 at 5:30pm.