Minutes of Murtoa College
Council Meeting
Tuesday 10th May 2016

Present: Ross Sudholz, Tony Goodwin, Malcom Schier, Gary Mason, Anne Sudholz, Brad Venn, Wendy Moore, Lucy Young, Nathan Gellatly

Apologies: Rachelle Chapman, Jenny Schache, Chris Campbell,

Minutes of Previous Meeting:
Motion: ‘That we adopt the minutes of the March 2016 meeting as circulated to be true and correct.’
Moved – Malcom Schier 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 – Nathan Gellatly Carried

Reports
SRC Report: Erica Ritosa presented her report and spoke on the work that is being done on the school social and the Freeza event for the Big Weekend.
Principals Report: as tabled
Tony presented his written report to Council.

Curriculum Report: Anne presented her written report. Anne spoke on the school focus being on a number of areas including the new Victorian Curriculum, Naplan and Xuno. Brad spoke on his and Shannon Argall’s research project. Brad also spoke on Naplan and the data that comes from the testing.
Camps and Excursions: Anne mentioned a number of sporting activities that have happened recently.

Camps for Approval: Middle school Little Desert excursion and middle school OE Northern Grampians bushwalk.

Motion: ‘That the camps be approved to proceed.’
Moved – Brad Venn Seconded – Lucy Young Carried

Strategic Plan and AIP: No report

Financial Report: as tabled
Motion: ‘That Brad Venn be provided with a credit card with a limit of $1000.00.’
Moved – Anne Sudholz Seconded – Malcom Schier Carried
Motion: ‘That Wendy Moore and Anne Sudholz be added to the Finance Committee.’
Moved – Brad Venn Seconded – Nathan Gellatly Carried
Motion: ‘That the Financial Statements for the months of March and April 2016 be ratified and all accounts be approved for payment and the recommendations of the Finance Committee be approved.’
Moved – Lucy Young  Seconded – Malcom Schier  Carried

Facilities Report: Anne presented her written report. Anne spoke on the various projects that have happened and are about to happen. Anne also mentioned that there will be a working bee later in the year.

Wellbeing Report: Tony presented Rachelle’s written report to Council. Tony mentioned that there is a focus on student resilience and attendance.

Uniform Sub-Committee: No report

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

General Business:

• Annual Report needs to be Re-endorsed
  Motion: The school seeks approval of the updated Financial Performance and Position page in the School Annual Report from the school council. Please note, due to a Department of Education Training administrative reporting issue the financial data in the template that the school was provided was incorrect. On advice from the Department, we have updated the report to accurately reflect the school’s financial position. This update is substantiated against the Operating Statement for the period ending 31 December 2015 and the Financial Commitments Summary for year ended 31 December 2015.’
  Moved: Wendy Moore  Seconded: Anne Sudholz  Carried

• Joint Use Agreement for the Trade Training Centre (TTC) in Horsham has been signed on behalf of the school council by the Principal and the President of the school council. This agreement gives our senior student’s access to the TTC for VET programs on Wednesdays.

• Student Sport Participation Policy and the Homework Policy presented for School Council Ratification.

  Motion: That is revised Student Sport Participation Policy be Ratified
  Moved: Malcom Schier  Seconded: Nathan Gellatly  Carried

  Motion: That is revised Homework Policy be Ratified
  Moved: Malcom Schier  Seconded: Nathan Gellatly  Carried

• CEF extra money for schools in the drought regions. Every student at Murtoa College received $375. What happens to the leftover money at the end of the year? Also, what happens to leftover money for year 12 students? – Mal Schier
  Tony explained how the State Government drought funding has been used and the rules around what happens to any leftover funds.
• DET maintenance funding has allocated funding for the Technology wing. Can the school council please have an explanation and an outline of this proposed upgrade and the timeline of the proposed work?– Mal Schier
  Tony spoke to some slides he had prepared on the progress of the repairs to the technology wing and possible future DET decisions in regard to funding. Brad and Tony spoke on the resilience of the staff in working in the conditions that exist in the technology wing.

• **Mowers:** Ross informed the members on the need to replace the current mowers and the possible new mower. Lucy mentioned the possible use of a community mower.

**Meeting closed at 6.40 pm**
**Next Meeting – June 14**<sup>th</sup> **at 5.30p.m.**