Minutes of Murtoa College
Council Meeting
Tuesday 10\textsuperscript{th}, November 2015

\textbf{Present:} Peter Ballagh, Tony Goodwin, Malcom Schier, Gary Mason, Jenny Schache, Anne Sudholz, Fiona Welsh, Brad Venn, Ross Sudholz, Ros Petering, Chris Campbell, Rachelle Chapman

\textbf{In attendance:} Lucy Young

\textbf{Apologies:} Nil

\textbf{Minutes of Previous Meeting:}
\textbf{Motion:} ‘That we adopt the minutes of the September 2015 meeting as circulated to be true and correct.’
\textbf{Moved} – Ros Petering \textbf{Seconded} - Jenny Schache
\textbf{Carried}

\textbf{Business Arising:} Nil

\textbf{Correspondence:} as listed with the Agenda

\textbf{Motion:} ‘That the Inwards Correspondence be received and the Outwards Correspondence be approved.’
\textbf{Moved} – Fiona Welsh \textbf{Seconded} – Ross Sudholz \textbf{Carried}

\textbf{Reports}
\textbf{SRC Report:} Tony presented Rachael Littore’s written report.
\textbf{Principals Report:} as tabled
Tony presented his written report to Council.

\textbf{Curriculum Report:} Anne spoke on her written report. She spoke on the recent XUNO upgrade and the subsequent issues. Peter spoke on the lack of information on the XUNO portal. Brad spoke on the recent improvements that have been made. Anne also spoke on the staff survey and how it had given the leadership team some directions to consider. Anne reported that staff have been spending time on the subjects for next year and the new Victorian curriculum.

\textbf{Camps and Excursions:} Anne reported that students have or will be attending several camps and excursions including volleyball on Nov 6\textsuperscript{th}, Try a Trade on Nov 6\textsuperscript{th}, Grade 2/3 sleepover and the SSV leadership program at Melb Girls College.
Camps for Approval: The 2015 Volleyball Nationals on Sunday 6\textsuperscript{th} Dec to Fri Dec 11\textsuperscript{th}.

\textbf{Motion:} ‘That the camps be approved to proceed.’
\textbf{Moved} – Rachelle Chapman \textbf{Seconded} – Ros Petering \textbf{Carried}

\textbf{Strategic Plan and AIP:} No report
Financial Report: as tabled. Gary spoke on the financial reports and reported that the 2016 indicative budget was presented to the Finance Committee together with a quote for the cleaning of the school for the next two years.

Motion: ‘That the Financial Statements for the months of September and October 2015 be ratified and all accounts be approved for payment and the recommendations of the Finance Committee be approved.’
Moved – Rachelle Chapman Seconded – Fiona Welsh Carried

Facilities Report: Anne presented her written report of the meeting held on Tuesday 26th Oct. Anne thanked Ross for his help in recent times. Anne reported that the irrigator, tractor and slasher have been sold. Ross spoke on the progress of the sowing of the primary school oval and Anne informed the meeting of a working bee on the 24th of January 2016.


Uniform Sub-Committee: Brad spoke on the parent feedback he had received about the introduction of the option of black socks in the primary area.

Motion: ‘That all reports be accepted and recommendations endorsed.’
Moved – Rachelle Chapman Seconded – Brad Venn Carried

General Business:
• Parent Opinion Survey
  Tony presented the survey to the school council. Tony identified student reporting as an area that requires improvement.

• Ideas to increase student numbers for 2016 and beyond
  Tony spoke on the need to increase our student numbers particularly those coming from the Horsham area and that a staff member will have the responsibility of promoting the school. Ros suggested talking to parents of students who have come from Horsham about the reasons they came to Murtoa. Fiona spoke on her experience with Horsham College. Malcom spoke on Murtoa College’s strong points including the Hands on Learning program and small class sizes. Discussion took place on how to get Horsham primary students over to come and have a look at Murtoa College. Tony asked the members to speak to him if they have any ideas.

• School Council President for 2016
  Peter announced that this will be his last year on the School Council and called for members and others to consider joining the Council and to consider the role of President.

Meeting closed at 7.15 pm
Next Meeting – 1st December 2015 at 5.30p.m.