

# NURIOOTPA HIGH SCHOOL

## GOVERNING COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Meeting Thursday 19 March 2015  
In the LOTE Building at 7:00 pm

**Present:** B Wildman, N White, Ann-Marie Ward, Karen Underwood, Annie Pomeroy, April Hoffmann, Regan Lambert, Josh Norton, Linda Smith, Jeannette Hanckel, Jo Bartsch, Kristin Wohlers, Kim Dawes, Rachel Koehne

**Apologies:** Wendy Marschall, Luke Rothe, Helen Kalleske.

Minutes from the last AGM were accepted as being correct. Moved Jeanette Hanckel Seconded Annie Pomeroy

### GENERAL BUSINESS

#### DISTRUBUTION OF MINUTES AND ANNUAL REPORT

Annual report was written by Neil White, Principal. Highlights for 2014 which Neil spoke about included:

2014 began with a Year 8 enrolment of 200 students. This growth appears to be ongoing and reflects a confidence in the school and an expanding region. We started the year with a new regional structure where NHS is part of a partnership with our surrounding primary schools and Cambrai Area School. The structure and relationships have developed during the year and we expect that the close bond that we have with our primary school partners will be enhanced and provide further sharing opportunities and efficient use of resources. We have already seen a stronger transition program for students from Cambrai as they join us next year for their senior schooling and a partnership focus on Performance Development for staff.

The class of 2014 excelled in their SACE results with a completion rate over 93% and over 92% of grades awarded being above a C. Kailin Sullivan (99.6) and Jessica Penrose (93.35) were our Dux for the year. They were joined by another 22 students in achieving ATAR scores above 80. Many of our students included VET as a vital part of their SACE completion. Students from our Disability Unit continue to work hard at developing their skills for transition into post school options.

Strong traditions continue and significant progress on improvement targets was achieved throughout the year. Some of the highlights include.

- Our new TTC facilities in Automotive, Hospitality and Agriculture have become fully functional and delivering nationally accredited training.
- Many successes on the sporting fields with 12 teams making the finals and two being crowned State champions.
- Successful drama and music productions and the wonderful mosaic feature was unveiled.
- The annual Wine Launch which celebrated the achievements of many students and released the medal winning wines.
- The initiation of our Doctor on Campus (DOC) pilot and continued development of wellbeing programs. We have received \$5,000 in 2014 and \$7,500 in 2015 to support administrative costs and follow up with students/parents. Creating good pathways for students at risk.
- Continued development of grounds and facilities.
- A record number of nominations for the Public Education awards and Giles Bartram being a regional winner.
- Significant progress towards the establishment of a Flexible Learning Centre that will support a range of young people to complete SACE, re engage in learning and provide a transition to work.
- ILC is up and running, Kim Dawes and Tegan Simmons have been instrumental in setting it up. Approx 22 students are currently engaging in the program. We held an Information Night which was very successful. Parents also connected.

- The employment of a Youth Worker in 2015 to further support the wellbeing and VET programs within the school.
- A major review of our Behaviour Code in line with Positive Behaviours for Learning.
- Further implementation and development of the Australian Curriculum.
- Major review of the school uniform has been initiated.
- Open day, Career Expo, Australian Business Week, Course counselling, excursions, camps, extra curricula activities, Japanese exchange and a range of other events.
- Ongoing development and involvement in VET and School Based Apprenticeships.

Neil encouraged members to read the report.

## **NOMINATIONS**

Brenton declared 4 positions vacant:

Neil conducted the election for members for 2015

Neil called for nominations for Governing Council for 2015:

- Karen Underwood
- Luke Rothe
- Annie Pomeroy
- Katie Hartung

All nominations were accepted.

### **Chairperson**

Brenton Wildman

Nominated A Hoffman Seconded K Wohlers

### **Deputy Chairperson**

Annie Pomeroy

Nominated April Hoffman Seconded K Wohlers

### **Secretary**

Jo Bartsch

Nominated Jeanette Hanckel Seconded A Hoffmann

### **Treasurer**

Linda Smith

Nominated A Pomeroy Seconded A Hoffmann

AGM closed 7.20 pm

## **A Governing Council Meeting then was held:**

### **Parent Portal**

John Barkley, ICT Coordinator presented information re the new Parent Portal – information being sent out to all parents on 23 March.

### **SRC – report presented**

What SRC has done since the previous meeting:

- Around ten members attended the National Young Leaders Day in Adelaide.
- Spent two hours cleaning up the yard of Nuriootpa High School as part of 'Clean up Australia Day'.
- Replaced the three missing members.
- Assisted in the organisation of Pink Stumps Week.
- Promoted the Nuriootpa War Memorial Swimming Pool Survey.
- Spent three lunch times giving prizes to students who used the school bins correctly.

Last Friday's sports day was extremely successful for the SRC. We made approximately \$2806 on the day and had a great deal of positive feedback about the food items sold. The SRC treasurer will announce the profit made at the next SRC meeting.

Given the recent tragedy within our community, the SRC has agreed to donate a sufficient amount of money made on sports day, as well as the funds from our first casual day to 'HeartKids SA' foundation in Ike's honour. Tomorrow the SRC have organised a pink themed casual day in conjunction with the PE faculties 'Pink Stumps Week'. The funds collected from this will be donated to the McGrath foundation.

Activities SRC will be involved in for the remainder of Term 1:

- Filming a video to promote PB4L. We are planning to show this at an assembly.
- Looking into the possibility of holding a school dance.
- Running 'World's Greatest Shave' (If there is interest)
- Assisting with the organisation of both Harmony Day and Youth Week.

### **Sports Day:**

Discussion re the long queue for the food stall. Suggestion that next year look at other assistance. GC could possibly support.

### **Finance Report**

- The following financial reports for February 2015 were presented to the Finance Committee today for review and discussion.
  - Canteen Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet
  - NHS Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet
  - Governing Council Report

*Motion: the above reports were accepted at Finance Committee meeting today and recommended for approval and signature at tonight's GC meeting. Moved: Linda Smith Secoded: Kristin Wohlers*

- Fundraising and Unexpected Revenue:

#### **Fundraising - Nil**

#### **Unexpected Revenue**

Trade School for the Future – Apprenticeship Broker	\$8067.20
Barossa HAC (Health Advisory Council) for DOC program	\$7500.00
Community Helpers – ILC Donation	\$5000.00
Community Helpers – Pedal Prix Donation	\$1000.00
Donations from Nuriootpa Vine Inn	\$4151.15
Hairspray – sponsorship Ray White Peal Estate Gawler	\$ 200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$25,918.35</b>

- Budget 2015 was presented to the Finance Committee today for review and discussion.

*Motion: the Budget 2015 was accepted at Finance Committee meeting today and recommended for approval and signature at tonight's GC meeting. Moved: Linda Smith Secoded: Kristin Wohlers*

### **General Business**

#### **Pedal Prix Quiz Night**

Neil presented a proposal from Mandy Calbert and Rebecca Schaefer from Pedal Prix to run a Quiz Night on 16 May to support their fundraising. The group are looking for GC support for the evening.

Discussion was held re do we sell NHS wine and BYO other alcohol or no alcohol.

Ann-Marie to investigate with Di Emes, Finance Office alcohol licence.

Tickets \$10.00 per person and 10 per table

If we sell under 150 ticket the evening will be held in the Wine Centre – if over will go into the Stadium or Open Space Area.

GC supported the concept. Neil will take back to Pedal Prix.

## **Educational Priorities Plan for NHS 2015-17**

Neil outlined the process of reviewing the previous EPP - discussions held with Exec Leadership and staff, information collated and Neil then summarised to present to GC.

### **Educational Priorities Plan for NHS 2015-17:**

#### **High standards of wellbeing and a strong culture for learning.**

- Provide effective pastoral care and mentoring to all students.
- Provide a safe and supportive environment for staff and students.
- Develop and implement intervention programs for identified students.
- Continue the development of SWPBL.
- Implement and evaluate the revised Behaviour Code with a focus on higher standards of behaviour.

#### **Excellence in achievement through quality Teaching and Learning.**

- Development of information dissemination and support for students on Negotiated Education Plans.
- Use tracking and monitoring systems to promote early intervention for students at risk.
- Engage with the SACE improvement project to increase SACE completion and high level achievement.
- Implement high level planning and assessment that incorporates scaffolding, differentiated tasks and explicit teaching.
- Engage with the Numeracy and Literacy Plus strategy. To improve the progress rate of students.
- Implement a high quality Performance Development process for all staff.

#### **Strong connections with families through communication and partnerships**

- Develop and implement communication structures using technology and traditional modes.
- Develop strong links with partnership sites to enhance information sharing and transition.

A question was raised re the implementation for a high quality Performance Development process for all staff. Neil stated that this is an area which requires further improvement. The Barossa Partnership sites are looking at working together on this. Staff are also taking on challenging roles for further development.

Neil will be also meeting with the SRC to go through the priorities.

Members can feedback comments to Neil and will be on the agenda for the next GC meeting.

## **Vintage Festival 2015**

BBQ for parade participants is being organised which will be held in Bus Shelter on Penrice Road.

Kristin will email members seeking support.

Fundraising to support Prize giving at the end of the year. Any additional funds, GC will decide on distributing across the school

Last time GC raised over \$3,000

Kristin will talk to Bev Mattner, Canteen Manager re purchasing goods through the Canteen suppliers. Karen Underwood will assist Kristin.

## **WHS**

Jeanette raised issue re wasps near eastern staircase. Ann-Marie to investigate with Grounds staff.

## **Newsletters**

Jeanette - concerns from parents re accessing School Newsletter.

Suggestion to place on Noticeboard "Newsletter Week". Ann-Marie to action.

## **Sports Day**

Jeanette received feedback from a parent re the coordination of events on the day and equal opportunity for those who would like to attend more than one event. Parent thought it wasn't as well organised this year.

Are there opportunities for students to try out in lunchtime/ECA.

Neil mentioned to Jeanette to encourage parent to contact Brad West Coordinator or himself to discuss further.

## **Criminal History Screening**

Ann-Marie handed out application forms to new members.

## **Yearbook**

Brenton had received a letter from a parent re their concern that the Yearbook was presented without the formal photos being included in it

Neil stated that an insert will be produced that can be slotted into the Yearbook so it can be presented in the same year.

Formal has been booked for 4 December – possibly Stamford Grand or Hilton.

Year 12 students were surveyed to see if they wanted a Barossa or City formal. Looking for a venue for 200 plus in the Barossa is challenging.

Brenton will respond to parent.

## **COMMITTEES:**

### **Finance Advisory Committee**

Linda Smith

Brenton Wildman

### **Canteen**

Jeanette Hanckel

### **Uniform**

Annie Pomeroy

April Hoffmann

### **Fundraising**

Kristin Wohlers

Katie Hartung

Karen Underwood

### **Wine**

Brenton Wildman

### **Buildings & Grounds**

Luke Rothe

Meeting closed 8.45 pm

Next meeting