

# NURIOOTPA HIGH SCHOOL GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016

In the LOTE Centre at 7:00 pm

**Present:** Jeannette Hanckel, Luke Rothe, Jo Bartsch, Annie Pomeroy, Linda Smith, Ann-Marie Ward, Peter Shute, Kirsty Gebert, SRC Liaison Teachers: Daniel Searson & Balin Powardy SRC Reps: Madeline Hegarty & Emilie Hanckel

**Apologies:** Neil White, Brenton Wildman, Karen Underwood, Helen Kalleske, April Hoffman

Annie opened the meeting in Brenton's absence.

As we do not have a quorum, a formal meeting cannot be held and reports/proposals will be ratified at the next meeting.

**Minutes Accepted:** Minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015 to be ratified at the next meeting.

## **SRC Liaison Teachers:**

Daniel & Balin would like to see the SRC go back to core goals this year.

The 2016 SRC fundraising plan was presented to the governing council.

The SRC will engage more with the student body to break down barriers as it is considered that they are elite, having their own home group. The main reason for their own home group is to make discussion for planning of upcoming fundraisers/events much easier as they are all together. SRC have started out with a small group of 11 members and they are looking at changing the construction of SRC from 5 from each year level to a different combination to try and encourage members to join.

Sports Day – Friday 18/3/16 The SRC are looking for extra volunteers to help out with their BBQ fundraiser on that day. They have asked governing council members to help and will contact the school community as well. Thank you to our liaison teachers for the presentation and your commitment to the SRC.

## **Business Arising:**

There was no business arising from the previous minutes

**FINANCE:** Finance report: To be presented and ratified at next meeting.

## **General Business:**

Heritage listing the Blue Gum Woodlands: This section of land along the northern end of the school property is one of the only remaining blue gum areas around. The school have been unable to find out who the previous owner was, but they had a caveat put on the land with the proviso that it is never to be built on. Peter Shute with the help of the Unit students, would like to incorporate a sensory path through the land which would then be open to the public. The school has received a grant from the Gawler Ranges Rehabilitation Fund for \$1,500. The school are looking at trying to get the land Heritage listed, then it can receive more funding to rehabilitate it.

## **WH&S:**

Emergency procedures have been practiced

Siren blasts – Lockdown      one continuous blast (eg bomb threat)

Evacuate      Intermittent blasts

Bush fire      one continuous blast

Notices will be put up around the school for teachers'/students information

## Reports/Committees:

**Chairperson:** No report as Brenton is absent

**Principal:** Presented by Kirsty Gebert in Neil's absence. Will be ratified at the next meeting.

- Student Activities - A number of students have been involved in events such as Year 8/9 cricket, splash day for years 8 & 9, swimming heats, school photos. The new emergency procedures have been practiced.
- ILC - The Independent Learning Centre has moved premises to the White House at St Petri Church, Second Street, Nuriootpa. Kim Dawes has been appointed as the coordinator and we welcome Sue Brown as a 0.4 teacher. We have an increase in numbers with students continuing from last year and returning to education having previously left. We have received a \$10,000 grant from Foundation for Rural and Regional Revival to upgrade furniture and ICT needs.
- Solar Power - Ann-Marie and I met with a solar power company to investigate the possibility of installing panels to reduce our electricity costs. The Company has experience with other schools and spoke about potential savings with an adjustment of tariffs and the installation of panels. We are hopeful this may provide us with some savings in the future.
- Bushfire - The Pinery fires had a devastating effect on many families in our community and impacted on schools and kindy's. I have been involved with a number of reviews and planning meetings. We have been congratulated for the manner in which we handled the situation of cancelled buses and care for students considering the speed and timing of the events. Procedures have been examined and will be implemented for any future emergencies. The CFS were high in their praise and thanks for the use of our facilities and have financed the repair of ovals and facilities after the staging and accommodation at our site.
- AGM - The AGM will be held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016. We hope you will all renominate if your term is up. Please encourage other people to be involved as we do have some retiring councillors.
- Facilities - We are working on a significant re development of the Student Services building to create a Student Support Centre which will house our counsellors, Wellbeing AP, student services admin, uniform shop, wellbeing/learning support centre, Youth Worker and DOC program. I have applied for some grants to help with this. We see it as an opportunity to further develop our focus on Positive Education and powerful learning for all students. 2 cold water drinking fountains are now in use with 2 others to be installed shortly. Further seating and shade is being investigated now that the storm water repairs have been completed. New carpet was installed in the drama room, new bench in the science lab, wall in Open Space and number of painting and repair jobs completed. Students are to be surveyed on what changes to the toilets are need to enhance this environment. We continue to push for a major upgrade to our old transportable buildings. The Herald Newspaper did a photo and write up on this recently.

**SRC:** Presented by the SRC reps

Our new SRC reps Maddie Hegarty and Emilie Hanckel introduced themselves.

- The SCR have had a busy start to 2016, with a smaller group of students however no less willing to get involved. The first week of school involved a lot of forward planning for the year about non-uniform days, fundraising, ideas and events like Sports Day. SRC would like help with the Sports Day BBQ, on 18/3/16 as discussed by the SRC Liaison Teachers. Please help if you can.
- The SRC have decided that 5 Non-Uniform Day funds will be going towards school related initiatives and 3 towards wider community initiatives. The students were surveyed on where they would prefer the funds raised to go and most popular was extra shelter and seating around the school. The first casual days for terms 1 & 2 will go towards this.

Casual Day 2 for Term 1 will be a Community fundraiser incorporating the McGrath Foundation's 'Pink Stumps Day'. All funds raised from this day will be going towards this foundation.

- First fundraising event for the year was Valentine's Day where \$45 profit was made by the students purchasing messages, chocolates and roses for their valentine. The funds raised will be used to purchase one CFS Red Balloon for each home group to be tied around the school in honour of CFS's Red Balloon Day, which will occur during ECA on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February. We are also hoping to hold our schools Clean Up Australia Day on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March as an extended yard clean up instead of a weekend event.
- The SRC have been approached by a student about holding the World's Greatest Shave event here at the High School as in previous years and are in the midst of organising this and making decisions around how this will be done.

**Canteen:** No report, have not met

**Buildings & Grounds:** No report, have not met

**Uniform:** The uniform shop had a busy week before start of school. It also opened for extra hours for students to collect their new Senior Polo tops. New sports tops have also arrived.

**Curriculum:** No report

**Correspondence:** John Gardner – Shadow Minister of Education - introduction letter

**MEETING CLOSED** 8.07pm