

# NURIOOTPA HIGH SCHOOL GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016  
In the Hospitality Centre at 7:00 pm

**Present:** Brenton Wildman, Jeannette Hanckel, Luke Rothe, Jo Bartsch, Karen Underwood, Michael Rosenzweig, Halena Frick, Tarnya Eggleton, Neil White, Ann-Marie Ward, Peter Shute, Kirsty Gebert, SRC Reps: Madeline Hegarty & Emilie Hanckel

**Apologies:** Linda Smith, Melinda Atyeo, Sharyne Young

**Minutes Accepted:** Minutes of Meeting 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 accepted as correct. Moved: Jeannette Hanckel  
Seconded: Helena Frick

## **Business Arising:**

Mobile Phone Policy – refer to Principal's report

## **General Business:**

Report Structure Info Review – Kirsty Gebert

Kirsty demonstrated how Day Map is being used by some teachers to provide up to date comments/reporting on student's progress. This is to help improve communication between teachers, parents and students and also assist students to improve and progress. Teachers have been encouraged to enter comments into Day Map on assessments. In the future the school is looking at leaving the 'generic' comments off the end of term reports for Terms 1 & 3 as progress comments are more beneficial.

Write 4 Fun – Luke advised that this Company is sending letters to primary students offering to publish their story, to be printed into a book with other stories and an offer to purchase the book. Governing Council and staff reps all agree that this should not be encouraged at NHS.

**WH&S:** The school is developing a new Invacuation procedure. Practice will occur during lesson time as well as recess/lunch time. Three nominated areas have been set up for students to go to when the siren sounds.

An incident occurred in the Art Department with the kiln. The school is looking at replacing it.

## **Reports/Committees:**

**Chairperson:** Nothing to report

**Principal:** Neil White presented his report

- Open Day – Over 350 people attended the Open Day on Sunday. Many positive comments about the facilities and programs on offer. The BBQ was not a great success. Suggest Coffee and cake may be worth trying next year.
- Parent Teacher interviews – Conducted last week. It is a great opportunity for parents and carers to meet with teachers and discuss the progress of their child. From visiting all areas my impression was that many positive and productive conversations were held.
- Mobile Phone Policy – the Acceptable Student Use Policy for Mobile phones was presented. Mobile phones are not to be used during lesson time. Some students are using their phones

during lesson as their teachers are more relaxed on this policy. The parents on governing Council would like to see all teachers apply this policy, so there is continuity for students.

- Year 7 visits – I have visited primary schools with Year 8 students to talk about transition to NHS. The students have been excellent representatives of themselves and their school. They spoke in positive terms about their experiences and enjoyment.
- Student Free Days – Fridays SFD will be looking at the role of Positive Education in our school, differentiating the curriculum and moderation of student work. Year 7 teachers will be attending the Maths moderation session to build a better understanding and sharing of ideas between our staff and primary staff. I am seeking approval for a student free day to be held on June 27<sup>th</sup> for Stephen Graham training. Governing council has approved this student free day.  
Moved: Jeannette Hanckel Seconded: Jo Bartsch.

**SRC:** Presented by the SRC reps

- On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April the SRC were involved in the Nuriootpa High School Youth Week Expo. Our media coordinators ran a radio throughout the day and helped out with the BBQ. We are in the process of channelling all funds raised on that day through to the organisations they're being donated to.
- On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April our school held our annual ANZAC Day Assembly. Emilie and I had the privilege of emceeing the assembly and laying the wreath underneath the RSL's ANZAC cross. Serena did an excellent job reading the Ode. On ANZAC Day, 25<sup>th</sup> April, Emilie and I represented Nuriootpa High School at the Nuriootpa Dawn Service. We laid a wreath in remembrance of the soldiers who gave their lives for our country.
- At the beginning of Term 2, we inducted nine new SRC members. We now have a total of twenty members who are eager to get involved. We have elected Mitchell Gebert, a year 10 student as our co-treasurer alongside Serena Lange. To introduce new members to the SRC, we held a leadership lunch session where we informed the new members about how SRC works and played some great 'get to know you' games.
- The SRC have commenced three focus groups. These focus groups are school facilities and uniform, school spirit and pride and sustainability and give students an opportunity to take action within the school. At the start of the term, each focus group discerned what areas are problems within our school and we have since brainstormed actions we can take to solve these issues. The school facilities and uniform group are investigating the ways in which our toilets can be improved within our school and are in the process of formulating a survey.
- The school spirit and pride group are working with Mr White and Ms Barry to help create a safer environment for people within the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community. The sustainability focus group are working with the school sustainability committee to produce an application video for a grant to help the process of incorporating our native bush gum woodland into the school curriculum. They are also planning a section of a school assembly to educate students and staff alike about the bins and are formulating ways in which our school can better our bin system.
- On 15<sup>th</sup> May many SRC members acted as tour guides for our annual Open Day. We had a great time showing people around our wonderful school. We are holding two non-uniform days this term, which will be in weeks 5 and 9.
- We are currently updating the SRC constitution to provide for the introduction of Year 8's to join SRC and the change in student numbers allowed from each year level.

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

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

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

**Fundraising:** Discussed upcoming fundraising Wine Centre Dinner. Date for dinner is 5<sup>th</sup> August, which will be confirmed when live band has been booked.

**Correspondence:** Advanced Life Studios have asked if the school can be used as a setting for Portrait Sittings. \$20 from each sitting will be donated to the school for providing a setting.

**MEETING CLOSED** 8.55pm