

NURIOOTPA HIGH SCHOOL GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Thursday 23rd June 2016
In the Language Centre at 7:00 pm

Present: Brenton Wildman, Jeannette Hanckel, Luke Rothe, Jo Bartsch, Linda Smith, Michael Rosenzweig, Halena Frick, Tarnya Eggleton, Sharyne Young, Neil White, Ann-Marie Ward, Matt Smith, SRC Reps: Madeline Hegarty & Emilie Hanckel

Apologies: Carolyn Kearon, Karen Underwood, Peter Shute, Melinda Atyeo, Gavin Day

Brenton welcomed all present.

Matt Smith – VET coordinator

Matt Smith attended our meeting to give us an overview of Vocational Education Training at our school. Our school has a good association with TAFE, where a variety of Certificate courses and Short courses are offered to students. Some courses offer school based apprenticeship's. Students can start from age 16. VET can contribute to SACE accreditation. Certificate II courses transfer to Stage 1 and Certificate III courses transfer to Stage 2 SACE, except for Automotive where Cert III transfers to Stage 1. Students pay a portion of their course fees.

Minutes Accepted: Minutes of Meeting 19th May 2016 accepted as correct. Moved: Jeannette Hanckel
Seconded: Tarnya Eggleton

Business Arising:

Write 4 Fun – Neil advised that there would be a cost to the student to publish their work in a book.

General Business:

Fundraising Dinner

The fundraising dinner is being held on Friday 5th August 2016, with a cost of \$50 per person. Tarnya advised that organising the dinner is well under way. Posters are ready to put out for display. The fundraising committee is seeking donations and gifts for the Auction. Karen and Tarnya are canvassing businesses, and are looking for someone to help with Angaston.

WH&S:

School drop off zone has changed to the opposite side of the road. Students are encouraged to watch for traffic when crossing the road to the school grounds. There was a notice in a previous newsletter informing the school community of this change.

Catalyst Wi-Fi Video – Worth watching the video which explores the link between mobile phone use and brain cancer and whether our wireless devices could be putting our health at risk.

Reports/Committees:

Chairperson: Nothing to report

Principal: Neil White presented his report

- Partnership Review – Our partnership group consists of Nuriootpa, Light Pass, Greenock, Tanunda, Keyneton and Angaston primary schools, Cambrai Area school and Tanunda, Angaston and Nuriootpa pre-schools. Each year we participate in a Partnership Review where members of the DECD senior executive examine data and pose a series of questions about site performance and improvement. Our review was conducted on May 24. I was questioned about our SACE improvement and why it has been at such a positive level. It was great to hear our work being acknowledged and be recognised as a site of best practice in regard to SACE

achievement and completion improvement. This provides us with the incentive to continue this work with the aim of helping all students complete SACE or have a pathway to work and involvement after school. Our partnership was also congratulated on the development of closer ties through sharing practice, moderation and leadership.

- Student Free Day – The professional learning centred around the work staff can do to help “stretch” our students and their learning, the understanding and relevance of character strengths and the moderation of assessment tasks in the middle years. This included the opportunity for primary maths teachers to join our high school staff for moderation and discussion about task design, teaching methods and content of the Australian Curriculum. A very productive day.
- Fundraising opportunities – The Soroptimist group have confirmed their booking for August 13 with the plan to donate funds to the school. This will be a 60s theme fashion parade and music. Our students will be involved in some of the preparation and meal service on the night.
- Wine Centre dinner is well on the way in preparation for August 5. Please try and get a group together to ensure this is a successful night. Any donations of good or services can be made through the front office or Karen Underwood.
- Japanese host families – The Japanese visit is an 8 day program where students attend school and are hosted by community families. This has been a very successful venture for our school over the last few years but we are having trouble securing host families this year. If you are able to help out, please consider being involved. There is some financial compensation to help cover costs. Students arrive July 30 and leave Tuesday morning August 9.

SRC: Presented by the SRC reps

- We have decided on our theme for the week 9 non-uniform day, after receiving student votes in home groups. ‘Black and White’ was the overwhelming popular choice and will be our theme for the day. Donations will go towards school facilities.
- 40 hour famine, getting consent forms ready, signing up as a school team, discussing the possibility of hosting a sleep out and celebratory breakfast or a trivia night type event. We will seek permission once ideas have been finalised. Hoping to invite youth ambassador to speak.
- The school facilities focus group created a survey regarding the school toilets, which was distributed to home groups this week. Overall students are highly dissatisfied with the toilets. We are hoping to use some of our funds from the last non-uniform day for this cause (from which we raised \$520) and would like to have a proposal read for approval at the next meeting.
- Sustainability featured in a video made by the NRM for a grant application to improve the schools native blue gum woodland. They have also been working with Mr Gambell to implement new bin stickers and plan a bin week, during week 1 term 3 to inform and inspire students to use bins correctly.
- After a discussion with staff and the wellbeing committee, the school pride focus group have decided to take a different route with our idea of creating awareness and support for the LGBTQ community. Some of the students within the school pride focus group are being trained in positive education with Ms Draper and the wellbeing team.
- The school pride group have also started to look into the idea of creating school house teams for sports days, splash days and other school events. We have approached Mr West for a discussion regarding the possibility of this and have also asked for peer opinions. A majority of students were supportive, despite being worried about losing the banners.

Canteen: The committee met and have looked at reducing some items by having a summer and winter menu. For example, salads have been removed from the winter menu as they don’t sell this time of year.

Buildings & Grounds: The committee have met. The Finance Office upgrade has been completed. Quotes have been received for the Student Services & Wellbeing upgrade. There is new signage on buildings and the school is currently looking at upgrading the road around the flag pole at the front of the school.

Uniform: No report.

Fundraising: Refer to General Business.

Correspondence: Parents Say Magazines available for Governing Council members to take and read.

MEETING CLOSED 8.15pm