

MINUTES OF MOUNT ASPIRING COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13 MAY 2013 AT 6.00 P.M.

Present: Wayne Bosley, Eden Brown, Tracey Gibson, Richard Hemingway (Chair), Ian McNabb, Diana Schikker, Paul Tamati, John Watherston;

In Attendance: Maxine Bird (Secretary), Dean Sheppard, Emily McRae, Murray Allen

Apologies: Angela Mote-Andrews

CURRICULUM REPORTS:

The Arts

Emily showcased the drama department in the performance room. Performance is about relationships with people and connectedness. The C's of drama are: compassion, confidence, challenge, collaboration, critical thinking, communication and culture.

Emily commented on the Performance Room, which was great for dance and performance, but difficult for NCEA practice in groups, where they needed some smaller spaces. A short throw data show projector would also be useful.

HOD of Art, Murray Allen, discussed the desire for Art subjects to be a full year option for year 9, because skills based subjects cry out for more time. He also felt that it was limiting students, when they were only allowed to choose 2 out of the 3 arts, as they were grouped in learning areas, when they were all so different.

It was noted that most Professional development opportunities were in the North Island, and therefore expensive.

Emily and Murray left.

SPECIAL TOPICS:

PB4L

Power point presented re PB4L. Wayne explained that Positive Behaviours for Learning, was a 3 year contract with the MOE, which started in 2013. It was all about positive reinforcement to achieve desired behaviours, by catching the students doing things right.

The 1st year was very theoretical, the 2nd year has become about personalising it to the MAC way. The MAC pillars were decided as **R**espect **O**wnership **S**elf-Responsibility **E**xcellence (is an attitude). The process was to start off with evidence at the beginning of where you're at, starting to put strategies into place, and then more data, to prove it is making a difference.

So far PB4L has targeted litter, lateness and uniform, and has shown definite improvement. The use of rewards by way of Gotcha cards and rewards, reinforces positive behaviour. The focus ensures that all staff are consistent, to send a strong message to students.

Student leaders have been set the task to present PB4L in “student speak” via a video clip and signage. Dunstan College work closely with us, we went to their school to collect data, and they will reciprocate in two week’s time.

SELF REVIEW:

NAG6 Legislation

John presented the report and recommendations, last year’s checklist, this year’s working copy of the checklist signed by Wayne, and any follow ups. Reported only minor follow ups, very good overall.

Recommendations:

- Hard copy file of each report be filed and a digital copy on intermac
- Feedback from NZSTA was that we went too far, and a lot of the items in the checklist are included in other Nags. Just three items
- Any legislative changes advised via NZSTA, be forwarded to the EO.

John noted a Christchurch company that manages Board reviews, and maybe this is something for discussion in the future.

NAG 2

Diana reported that the process has started, talked to Wayne about who to ask the questions of. Should be completed by next month.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Police Vetting

Dean, Wayne and Luke Faed looked at how we might change our current processes, in regard to police vetting parents going on overnight trips. The Board discussed how this might be handled in the detail to protect parents’ privacy, but agreed in principle to moving forward with this. It was also agreed that police vetting did not replace all our current mechanisms for deciding parent volunteers.

Communication

This is to be our discussion topic for next month. Decided it was timely to look at how we communicate with our community.

REPORTS:

Principal’s Report

Wayne’s written report which was circulated prior to the meeting.

Option structures currently a discussion point with staff. Procedures regarding class sizes, student choices.

The Blues awards, MAC waiata and Marae visits were discussed and agreed that terms 2 and 3 were good times to start the planning for these.

At this point the Board moved that the public be excluded from the Board meeting to discuss a student discipline issue. This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the LGOIM Act 1987.

W. Bosley/R. Hemingway

Carried

At this point the Board resolved to move out of committee

R. Hemingway/ I. McNabb
Carried

Property

Written report received by the Board prior to the meeting.

Hostel

Written report received by the Board prior to the meeting.

International Learning Centre Report

Written report received by the Board prior to the meeting.

Finance

The minutes of the April finance meeting had been circulated prior to the meeting

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting on 9 April 2014 had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 April 2014 were a true and accurate record

P. Tamati/J. Watherston
Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence schedule was included with the agenda.

RESOLVED: To accept inwards correspondence

D. Schikker/J. Watherston
Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS: NIL

DATES

Next Board meeting: **Tuesday 10 June, 5.30pm**

Next Meeting Agenda:

Learning Area: Technology

Self Review: NAG 2 & 2a, NAG 3

Strategic Aim:

Special Topics: SCT

Discussion Topics: Communication

General Business

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed as a true copy of the minutes:

Chairperson

Date

Action Plan

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