

# MINUTES OF MOUNT ASPIRING COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 3 MAY 2016 AT 6.00 P.M.

**Present:** Tracey Gibson, Luke Faed, Richard Hemingway (Chair), Diana Schikker, Paul Tamati, John Watherston;

**In Attendance:** Maxine Bird (Secretary), Dean Sheppard, [curriculum presenters]

**Apologies:** Wayne Bosley, Bella Berry

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## ***CURRICULUM REPORTS:***

### ***MATHEMATICS***

Cameron answered questions supplied earlier.

Remedial hours starting properly in Term 2, as staff required for shortfall in Term 1. About 20 students from Year 7 and Year 8 have been identified from previous year's data. Sessions to be kept to under 6 students at a time.

Deficit in Maths specialist teachers and high turnover of staff has affected the continuity from year to year. Return of a specialist maths teacher this year from leave will help the situation.

One staff member competent at teaching Calculus and so are now training up another teacher to be able to do this. But higher demand for Statistics especially for careers.

Y9 Integration programme could be helped by having a curriculum leader to build the course. As the HOD feels disconnected with Maths in that area. Have focussed on trying to keep to a maximum of 2 teachers per class for Y9. Teaching as Inquiry will also help.

Building blocks needed in Y7-10 to improve consistency of teaching through the year levels. Have attempted collaboration with local primary schools, but no return approach.

Remedial 7 hours per week working students 4 x Y7, 3 x Y8.

### ***SCIENCE***

Lincoln Bruce answered questions previously provided. His written answers are attached.

Richard congratulated Lincoln on the 2 Physics scholarships earned.

### ***PHYSICAL EDUCATION***

Alistair Hose answered questions previously provided. His written answers are attached.

Alistair was congratulated on a good report.

## *OUTDOOR PURSUITS*

Dave answered questions previously provided. His written answers are attached.

## *FOOD AND NUTRITION*

Deborah McMillan was unable to attend tonight but provided written answers which are attached.

## *COMPUTING*

Denise Bruns took us over to the computer room, where she showed us some of the activities they do in computing and electronics including some fascinating work with Lego robots. Ideally it would be good to get more of these. Some health and safety aspects are considered with hot glue guns, soldering irons and long cords some of the issues.

A new specialist computing teacher employed last year should improve the consistency of computing staff.

The current structure has no Year 7 & 8 computing classes. This does have some effect on the Year 9 option. The main issue is trying to convince female students to take the subject, when they do they are often the higher achievers.

## ***SPECIAL TOPICS:***

NAG4 leave until new Board. Maxine to provide last report and recommendations.

## ***DISCUSSION TOPICS:***

### **BOT Election**

Richard will do a push in the newsletter. Nominations close 20 May. CES let us know as nominations come in.

Should we consider an 18 month election, so that there is not a risk of a full change over of Board? The opposing view is keeping the same team for 3 years, could be disruptive.

Nothing can be done for this term, but needs to be a discussion with the new Board.

### **Charter**

Special meeting week before next board meeting to finalise. Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> lunchtime 1- 2pm.

## ***REPORTS:***

### **Principal's Report**

Wayne's written report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Having the student rep on the H&S committee considered a good idea.

Great news on the 10 classroom block.

QLDC have been advised of our interest in pool land.

### **Property**

Written report received by the Board prior to the meeting.

## **International Learning Centre Report**

Written report received by the Board prior to the meeting.

ILC numbers not consistent throughout the year. Definite trend towards Term 3 and 4.

## **Finance**

Minutes of the last finance meeting in February were circulated.

Van re upholstery and replacement discussed. Agreed a plan of replacement should be done.

## ***MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING***

Minutes of the previous meeting on 9 February and 22 March 2016 had been circulated prior to the meeting. Richard suggested some changes to the circulated minutes, which were discussed and agreed to by the Board.

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2016 were a true and accurate record

R. Hemingway/J. Watherston  
Carried

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 March 2016 were a true and accurate record

R. Hemingway/D. Schikker  
Carried

## ***CORRESPONDENCE***

The correspondence schedule was included with the agenda.

**RESOLVED:** To accept inwards correspondence

D. Schikker/J. Watherston  
Carried

## ***GENERAL BUSINESS:***

### **Uniform**

Consult with Wayne about when rules were changed. Defer complete change over of winter uniform to next meeting.

## ***DATES***

Next Board meeting: **Tuesday 31 May 2016, 5.30pm**

Next Meeting Agenda:

Learning Area: English, Arts, Social Sciences, Learning Languages

Self Review: NAG 4

Strategic Aim:

Special Topics: Special Needs

Discussion Topics: BOT Elections

General Business

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

**Signed as a true copy of the minutes:**

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**Chairperson**

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**Date**

Action Plan

Van replacement plan	Finance committee
NAG4 audit and recommendations 2013	Maxine
Uniform policy to Board	Maxine