

MINUTES OF MOUNT ASPIRING COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7 AUGUST 2018 AT 6.00 P.M.

Present: Shona Brown, Tracey Gibson, Ed Nepia, Joe Strawson, Marty Toomey (Chair); Dean Sheppard (Acting Principal),

In Attendance: Maxine Bird (Secretary),

Apologies: Wayne Bosley, Luke Faed, Paul Tamati,

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting on 3 July 2018 had been circulated prior to the meeting. Changes suggested to the Uniform Review update.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 3 July 2018 with the stated adjustments, were a true and accurate record

M. Toomey/S. Brown
Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence schedule was included with the agenda.

Steph Combe's email re R rated movies was discussed. The Board requested that reply be sent to Steph thanking her for bringing this matter to our attention and advising that staff will be briefed and the staff handbook updated.

NZSTA magazines, enquire if we can get digitally. Also Education Gazette reduce copies.

Uniform Committee Update

Shona and Joe shared information on progress to date, including results of the latest surveys.

The survey results were shared. The committee feel they are at the point where they need direction from the Board on the following:

1. Degree of formality
2. Proposed timetable and information to Community
3. Colour palette – including clarification on history.
4. Committee membership

As any uniform change would not be implemented until 2020, it was felt an interim policy for next year should be developed, particularly considering warmth, gender neutrality, mufti guidelines. It was also requested that management work with staff on the enforcement of the interim uniform policy.

The Board felt that the survey data needed to be analysed further by a third party statistician. This would ensure we had key demographic information and that the conclusions are free from unintentional bias. Shona to contact local provider to see if this work can be completed asap. BOT to pay the cost of having the data analysed.

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

M. Toomey/E. Nepia
Carried

At this point the Board resolved to move out of committee

M. Toomey/D. Sheppard
Carried

SELF REVIEW:

NAG6 Legislation

Nil to report.

Attendance Procedure

Some further investigation required regarding senior exeat sign out and Year 7 & 8 permissions from parents. Procedure to come back to next BOT meeting.

REPORTS:

Principal's Report

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

Student numbers very high for Year 7 intake next year. The junior option structure has had to be changed for the 2019 year to cope with this. Wayne has advised the MOE that we will need 4 extra classes for the start of the year. Unfortunately the cost of further portacoms takes money away from the new build. Concern over some pressures in the school in the arts (music and performing arts) and PE, but it is important to consider the cost-benefit of spending money on interim solutions that aren't part of the long-term solution.

MAC tries to ensure that all options are available to all students but not every student will get exactly what subjects they want, which is as much about scheduling as resourcing. Arts are in the first stage of the new build.

The Board discussed a hostel scholarship for candidates that would otherwise be excluded due to financial hardship. The Board agreed in principle to doing this but would first of all need to work out how it could do this, maybe via bequests or an external Trust? Dean and Maxine to scope the idea.

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

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D. Sheppard/E. Nepia
Carried

At this point the Board resolved to move out of committee

D. Sheppard/J. Strawson
Carried

Finance

Financial reports were circulated to Finance committee but no meeting was held.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Teachers Strike

The upcoming strike does not apply to MAC as we employ under the Secondary Teachers' contract. NZSTA have advised all schools that further strike action may be possible and that further action may extend to secondary schools.

ERO Review

Based on a three year cycle an ERO review is due this year, but they usually give a half year's notice, so most likely to be in 2019. The Board suggested that we consider starting the consultation for our Charter review well in advance of the ERO review..

Cellphone Review

The cellphone review is ongoing with discussion at staff meetings. The IT team have also been working on possible policy statements. The first consideration has been around student access to social media, movie channels (e.g. Netflix), using the school system. The second part of the discussion is around cellphone use. Any policy will come before the Board for adoption. Consider whether the school should not only be setting rules, guidelines, policies for class time but also break times. Also consider the parent and senior student roles for responsible cellphone use by students.

DATES

Next Board meeting: **Tuesday 11 September 2018, 5.30pm**

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Signed as a true copy of the minutes:

Chairperson

Date

Action Plan

Letter of reply to Steph Combes	Marty/Maxine
Advise staff of R rating rules and add to handbook	Dean
NZSTA re digital magazines	Maxine
Education Gazette about less copies	Maxine
Investigate history of uniform colours –speak to teachers who have longevity with the school	Dean
Attendance procedures –further investigation	Maxine