

MINUTES OF MOUNT ASPIRING COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9 JULY 2013 AT 6.00 P.M.

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

In Attendance: Maxine Bird (Secretary),

Apologies: Eden Brown, Greg Thornton

CURRICULUM REPORTS:

Science

Lincoln Bruce gave the Board a tour of the new Science blocks. On display were science equipment and workbooks. He also showed the board how the students and parents could access information about the curriculum plan and timetable, assessments etc., via the website.

Discussion and questions regarding Lincoln's report included:

- Workbooks fit for purpose, matter of researching these themselves, have good ones at present
- Thinking tests developed by the department, to benchmark students and monitor progress
- Tests before and after units to also monitor progress
- Professional Development: NCEA Jumbo Day of limited value; CO Science cluster very good
- Need to find ways of achieving merit and excellence. NCEA AME scoring does not necessarily foster competition. Suggested a percentage marking for the top students.
- Students not as motivated to do well, science is hard, incentives such as knowing that they may be able to skip some intermediary courses at Uni.
- Students tend not to study for exams. May be more revision skills need to be taught
- PB4L, over the whole school, will address attitude and motivation issues

Lincoln left

Technology

Simon King showed the Board around the Design classroom and the workshops. He was able to show us the equipment that is available to students and some of the projects.

HOD of Computing, Denise Bruns and HOD of Food Technology, Deb McMillan joined us in the staffroom. Discussions and questions around their reports included:

- Equipment: workshop equipment almost too much for the amount of space they have; Leggo robots in computing great; all but one ten year old oven replaced

- A 3D printer would be good, but prices still coming down
- Limitation to BYOD is the inability to print directly from their own device
- A lot of time spent on one on one teaching of health and safety around the use of saws
- Have to deal with students on Pathway, OP and sports etc. Sometimes need to be flexible about the number of credits they can achieve. Remembering that it is often about a pathway to a career. Staff felt that it was a reality of most schools and that it was managed well at MAC. Paul felt that this was worth a special discussion at Board level.
- Connections with community: Students access Barista training in Cromwell; built weta motels for DOC; workshop project at beginning of junior years, something for school, sense of ownership; individual left a significant no. of tools to the school
- Gender imbalance in technology

Simon, Denise and Deb left

SPECIAL TOPICS:

Special Needs

The Board had been provided a written report from Dawn Bosley.

Discussions included

- Read and write gold did not take off. Good tool but would like to see all Y7s use it, and then might carry on
- Behavioural needs are more difficult to see effective results
- Number of students with special needs is increasing here and nationally
- Prefers not to have a designated area/unit. Likes to be amongst the teachers and mainstreaming students is the preferred option
- Some good knowledge of students with special needs from feeder schools, although dyslexics not often identified prior

SELF REVIEW:

NAG4 Finance and Property

Still being worked on. Some delay as Property Manager was away. It was agreed not to start another self review until this one was completed.

REPORTS:

Principal's Report

W Bosley spoke to his written report which was circulated prior to the meeting.

Deputy Principal appointment made. Dean Sheppard from Wellington High School. Start date 2 September. Acting roles in the interim have been finalised. Dean to be limited to one class for the remainder of the year.

Congratulated for getting Safety Committee up and running.

International Learning Centre Report

Written report received by the Board prior to the meeting.

A marketing analysis is currently being prepared. Tracey Hames, is a new staff member who comes with similar experience to Claire. She has been asked to have input as well as Claire our ILC manager. Report should be available for the next Board meeting.

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

R. Hemingway/D. Schikker

Carried

At this point the Board resolved to move out of committee

R. Hemingway/J. Watherston

Carried

Finance

The May 2013 Financial minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Maxine asked for approval for a grant application to COGS for SIC expenses of \$520

RESOLVED: To approve a grant application to COGS for SIC expenses of \$520

R. Hemingway/T Gibson

Carried

RESOLVED: That the Finance Report for May 2013 be accepted

R. Hemingway/T Gibson

Carried

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Deputy Principal Farewell

The Board were invited to a morning tea farewell for Greg Thornton on Thursday.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting on 11 June 2013 had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 June 2013 were a true record

R. Hemingway/P. Tamati

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence schedule was included with the agenda.

DATES

Next Board meeting:

Tuesday 13 August, 6.00pm

Next Meeting Agenda:

Learning Area:	Mathematics and Statistics
Self Review:	NAG4 -NAG1 postponed
Strategic Aim:	SA1-6 Reviewed
Special Topics:	Pathways and Hostel
Other:	
General Business	

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed as a true copy of the minutes:

Chairperson

Date