St Arnaud Secondary College School Council Meeting
Wednesday 17th August, 2016
Library - 6:30 p.m.

Present: Meagan Ferguson (President), Vanessa McCormick (Acting Principal),
Gerald Feeny (Vice President), Carmel Young (Acting Assistant Principal)
Sharon Douglas, Maxine Reid, Anthony Briggs (Staff Rep.).

1. Apologies
Darleen Baldock, Tom Hamilton, Casey Hando, Colin Macgowan, Catriona Thoolen

2. Presentation by Dr Joanna Day (Senior Education Improvement Leader)
Principal Selection School Council Briefing
PowerPoint presentation Part 1: The Process
Composition of Selection Panel
- President
- Parent Member
- Two nominees of Secretary – SEIL and another principal
- Staff representative

Matters to be formalised by 16th September for advertising of vacancy on 30th September
PowerPoint presentation Part 2: Commencement of Process
6:48 p.m. Vanessa McCormick left the room, being a prospective applicant.
Concluded at 7:25 p.m.

Presentation by Katharine Francis (School Nurse)
Condoms In Schools
Our Local Government Area has an alarmingly high rate of Chlamydia and other STIs,
also having few locations for provision of free condoms anonymously. Katharine
proposed that free condoms be available at school, via herself, and other staff members,
specifically Mr Reynolds, Mr Knight, Mrs Chapman. A bowl of envelopes will be located
in the Year 12 area outside Mr Reynolds’ office. Each envelope contains two condoms,
lubrication sachet, and card containing health and legal information.
Proposal approved, on a trial basis until end of 2016.
C. Young mentioned that Respectful Relationships ought to form part of any induction in
this initiative. Agreed.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting [Meeting held prior to Combined Councils at StAPS]
3.1 Minutes – 21st June, 2016 (C. Young)
   Moved M. Ferguson/S. Douglas, “That the Minutes of Meeting 21st June, 2016, be
   accepted by Council”. Carried.


5. Correspondence – none.
6. **Principal’s Report**

6.1 Child Safety Standards – for tabling and discussion at next meeting.
6.2 Social on 28th July; approx. 60 students attended, a worthy event.
6.3 State Squash Championship
6.4 Snow Camp
6.5 Staffing: Sue Upton will return to work in week 9 of Term 3; Mary-Ellen Batchelor has returned to work; Claire Ison from Wycheproof Secondary College, thanked for her timely assistance of Food Technology Program, with appreciation for her release from Wycheproof SC; thanks to Alex Downes for her solid support as regular CRT in recent weeks.

7. **Community Relations Report** – no meeting.

8. **Finance Report**

8.1 Finance Minutes – 10th August, 2016

“That the Financial Statements for June and July 2016 as presented be accepted by School Council.”

Moved V. McCormick/M. Reid. Carried.

“That the Journal Reports for June and July 2016 as presented be accepted by School Council.”


“That the School Council ratify Payments for June and July 2016:
1/6/2016 – 30/6/2016 - $49,776.34
1/7/2016 – 31/7/2016 - $85,540.97”

Moved V. McCormick/M. Reid. Carried.

8.2 Meagan Ferguson suggested that the College should consider altering its banking arrangements in favour of Bendigo Bank at the maturity of the MECU Account in January 2017. Meagan mentioned that she had discussed banking with the Bendigo Bank with Councillor Casey Hando, currently a proprietor of Bendigo Bank Branch in St Arnaud.


Planned catered meeting at the college scheduled for Term 4, as instituted by Branko Lukic, has been cancelled, to be held at a location agreeable to members.


Renovations have been undertaken in Rooms 17, 20, 25. Improvements include new furniture, ICT additions, reconfiguration of learning stations.

Jason Burke has built a ramp at entrance to Rooms 8/9, and repaired and painted many outdoor furniture installations. His dexterous and creative efforts are praised and appreciated.

11. **S. R. C. Report**

School Social; Jeans for Genes Day; Whole School Assembly for Term 3.

12. **Curriculum Committee** – no Minutes from meeting held on 15th August, 2016.

Victorian Curriculum in 2017; Prioritisation of Curriculum for the future, with regard to ‘High Reliability Schools’.

13. **School Council Award**

Boys Squash Teams which recently competed for State Championship, both champions and runners up. Congratulations in order, for the second year running.
14. **General Business**


14.2 Minute of Volunteers (statutory requirement) active at the College:
Helen Burns, Chris Batters, Gaye Batters, Jan Coates, Diane Devereux, Paul Devereux, Martin Dodgson, Matilda Douglas, Sharon Douglas, Debbie Feeny, Tricia Goode, Donna Harkness, Melissa Hendy, Barb Kershaw, Amelia McIntyre, Elisha O’Donnell, Yvette Saint, Jane Sutherland, Maurie Wood

14.3 M. Ferguson provided advertising material regarding Bendigo Bank Scholarships to the principal for dissemination to students.

14.4 Vanessa McCormick will be on LSL on 7th, 8th and 9th of September 2016.

14.5 Approval of council sought for Fun Run fundraising activity in benefit of Julianne Baldock to be organised by VCAL PDS class, to be held at Lord Nelson Park on 14th October 2016. Approved.

14.6 Approval of council sought for overnight stay of Year 9 students on Monday 22nd August 2016, as part of Enviro Week activities. Approved.

Meeting closed at 8.25 p.m.

Minutes: A. Briggs

Next meeting: Wednesday 14th September, 2016.