

# MURPUTJA GOVERNING COUNCIL MINUTES



**Date:** 23/06/2021

**Time:** 17:06

## **In Attendance**

Serena Umula (Chair)

Elaine Woods (2<sup>nd</sup> Chair)

Mathew Charleston (Principal)

Astrid Reavley (Minutes)

Anton Baker

Joseph Peters

Patricia Tunkin

Marita Baker

Michael Baker

Cassie Ann Woods

Glenn Batty (SAPOL)

Alicia Martschink (SAPOL)

## **Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes from the November 2020 meeting were approved by Serena Umula, Anton Baker and Joseph Woods

## **Principal's Report**

Mat introduced himself and handed out the Principal's report. The subjects covered in the report were:

- Attendance: has been very low. But student enrollments are starting to increase now. During the period of low attendance, the time was used productively by staff by cleaning up and removing clutter in classrooms and around the school grounds.  
It is important that parents support the increased school attendance, by making sure their children go to school on a regular basis.
- Reading: regular attendance will ensure improve reading in particular. Reading skills are a vital step in moving forward in all subjects and should be practiced daily. All students will learn to improve their reading skills in both Pitjantjatjara and English. AE's will play a vital role in this.
- Side Improvement Plan: Several key documents have been drafted which inform our long term improvement agenda:
  - Statement of Purpose
  - Vision statement
  - External Review: An External Review is scheduled to be held during term 3 in week 5. This will involve a panel attending our site, conducting interviews, visiting classrooms and then producing a report with recommendations to move forward.
  - Grounds & Facilities: Significant efforts are underway to improve the facilities, grounds, classrooms and resources throughout the school. The new toilet block is already onsite and just requires the finishing touches to become operational. New cupboards have been ordered for classrooms and are due to being installed in week 5 of term 3. Ideas and quotes have been sought to upgrade the junior and Family Centre playground with a \$20,000.00 grant available to help fund this work. PYEC have also agreed to support the installation of a fire pit/BBQ area and landscaping near the new toilet block.
  - Principal Position: The Principal position is due to be advertised very soon. It will be advertised for a 12 months period (2022). The outcome of this should be made public early to middle of term 3.

## Annual Report

The last annual report was put together by Warren Giles and copy was given to council to read.

## Budget

A copy of the budget was given to council and explained by Mat Charleston. The budget is very healthy. Only a few changes were made. Which included Literacy and classroom improvements. Other than that, the budget looks pretty much the same as it did the previous year.

There is still no preschool teacher and the position will continue to be advertised.

## Vision

Murputja Anangu School is moving forward in training staff to be experts in teaching our student to improve their reading skills in both languages. Each teacher to become an expert in the diagnostic assessment of student's learning and in provision of high quality reading instruction and intervention. Teachers will work as case managers of their student's learning.

## Discipline

Mat has let council know that stealing, constant disruptive or violent behavior will not be tolerated and will result in a student being taken home for the rest of the day. In severe cases of violent behavior the student will be suspended and Police will be informed. Property damage, theft or assault will be reported to Police and can result in charges. All staff and students have the right to feel safe at school.

Glenn Batty from SAPOL reiterated Mat's statement and also reminded community that they are responsible for their children. Children need a reasonable bedtime to be able to absorb what is being taught at school. If children stay up too late at night, they will be tired in the morning. Which results in children either not coming to school or being tired and irritable and not wanting to learn.

Parents are also responsible for sending their children to school or can be fined up to \$5,000.00 in court for failing to do so.

## Other Business

- Basketball Court: The school is still waiting to hear about the resurfacing of the basketball court. This will be followed up and hopefully tabled at the next meeting with a result.
- Shed Extension: Awaiting the quote from Furnell to extent the bike shed to turn the back part via a partition into an air-conditioned art room. This quote should be available in term 3.
- Mobile Phone Policy: All student mobile phones are to be handed into the front office and will be returned at the end of the school day. Ideally it would be best, if no mobile phones would be brought to school. This is to alleviate jealousy, fights and damages.
- Tractor: Mat informed the council that Fregon School is interested in buying the school tractor and asked the council on their thoughts around the subject, pointing out that it may cost some money to get it serviced and repaired as well as making some adjustments to it to make it WHS compliant. The council voted unanimously to hold on to the tractor and to go ahead with necessary repairs.

## Close Meeting

18:37 hrs closed by Serena Umula (Chair)