



## **Minutes of the General Meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011**

**Attendance:** Carol Neary, Jenny Arthur, Mandy Irwin, Gillian McNarey, Darlene Macri, Melanie Baines, Janelle Kemp, Margaret Sewell, Eduardo Paez, Warren Aubin, Lyndall Ross (minutes), John Browett, Denise Chapman, Sandra McMahon, Annette Matheson, Wendy Inwood, Santina Ayoub, Penny Packham, Geoff Hastings

**Apologies:** Debbie Walther, Les Gardner, Murray Jewkes, Jacquie Smith, Craig Petersen

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**Meeting Opened:** 8.15pm

### **Acceptance of February Minutes:**

Moved by Carol Neary      Seconded by Melanie Baines      Carried unanimously

### **Business Arising:**

- \$100 000 Sporting Chance Grant – the P&C Executive met and reviewed requirements including the need to have the money spent by July 2011. It was decided to proceed with the work through Public Works
- The Meet the Teacher evening for parents of Year 7 children was held. Denise Chapman and other Year 7 parents present agreed that the evening was well organised and a very useful introduction to the school.
- Newsletters – inconsistency in availability of hard copies as well as uploading to the school web site.  
**ACTION: Geoff to ensure latest newsletter is uploaded to the school web site**
- The P&C Executive (Carol, Les and Murray) along with Geoff Hastings met with the Labor and National local candidates for the upcoming State Election as well as the Shadow Minister for Education to outline the schools need for a gym. Carol reported that in general people were unaware of the schools size and lack of a gym facility.
- Warren Aubin confirmed that the petition regarding the traffic lights at the corner of Keppel and Stewart Streets was presented to the Traffic Committee of Bathurst Council. The Committee was in agreement to put the matter before a full Council meeting. There is likely to be some dispute about whether council or the RTA should fund a traffic study (up to \$300K) and any alterations to the intersection.

### **Presidents Report:**

- As tabled - copy attached

### **Treasurers Report:**

- As tabled at AGM

## **Principals Report:**

- The school has been allocated 2 new staff based on recently submitted enrolment figures. The main pressure point exists in Yr 8 (at capacity) and the new staff will allow another core class to be created taking the Yr 8 classes back to 7 groups (1 accelerated learners class; 3 independent learners classes each of about 26 students and 3 supported learners classes each of about 22 students). Yr 11 will also receive an extra English class while there will be expansion in Yr 9 wood technology and photography. There will be further discussion about other options eg tutorial group for Yr 10 science.
- There are 2 staff positions currently being advertised – Science Head Teacher and Music Teacher
- Heather Wiggins is transferring to Oberon HS and this will mean that the school needs to seek a specialist chemistry teacher.
- An ex student, Brent Dickson, has been doing some great work with Chill Factor. His services may be retained depending on the new appointment to the music staff.
- The hall is being used by the Table Tennis Club on Monday nights. It was decided to only charge a minimal fee in the hope that they will engage with students too.
- Geoff advised he will be away for Terms 3 & 4 as he has the opportunity to lecture on behalf of CSU in Ontario, Canada. Gaye Dunshea is likely to relieve as Principal.

## **Fundraising:**

- Bunning BBQ – Les Gardner and Murray Jewkes are willing to coordinate this – thanks!
- Coates Hire is willing to sell chocolates for the school – thanks Tina!  
**ACTION: Carol to liaise with Les re ordering and advise Tina on procedure**
- Trivia Night – discussion re the timing of this fundraiser especially as the Hastings will be away in an already busy Term 3. Consider week 6 or 7 of Term 2 if prizes and quiz master can be arranged.  
**ACTION: Geoff to liaise with Wendy Hastings re Trivia Night and SRC re obtaining prizes**
- Elections – no volunteers to run a BBQ or cake stall, therefore this will not proceed.
- Could P&C sell laptop covers for the laptops issued to students?  
**ACTION: Geoff to present details of the options that he is aware of at the next meeting.**

## **General Business:**

- Discussion about the reporting of funds raised through the Uniform Shop and Canteen and how decisions would be made re spending.  
**ACTION: To be included as a standing item at each meeting for the Principal to report to**
- Discussion about the location of the Uniform shop if the new gym is built. Geoff assured all that the shop needs would be considered as a part of any changes.
- Discussion about the Year 10 jersys including confirmation that the Uniform Shop will be able to tender for the work.
- Darren Hamilton has requested that P&C consider purchasing 2 folding shade tents with the school name on them. All agreed that this investment could be useful at a range of events and should proceed if funds allow.

Meeting closed 9.10pm

**Next Meeting: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 7.30pm.**