



Bathurst High Campus P&C Association



Minutes of the General Meeting held Wednesday 6th April 2016

Attendance: Gillian McNarey, Carol Neary, Trevor Liu, Kathy Howard, Mandy Irwin, John Browett, Jenny Stirling, James Meares, Linda Ralls, Ann Begg, Caroline Gold, Veronica Manock, Karen Mounce-Stephens, Geoff Hastings and Melanie Baines (minutes)

Apologies: Cassandra Jones, Gaye Dunshea, Vicki Osborne, Sandra Hamer, Craig Petersen and Sarah Veilande .

Meeting Opened: 7:30 pm

Acceptance of the March 2016 Minutes:

The March 2016 Minutes were accepted .

Moved: Mandy Irwin Seconded: Gillian McNarey Carried unanimously

Business Arising

- **BYOD:** Recent change of recommendation on the website to laptops. This trend is happening in other schools as well. Laptops can be purchased for around \$300 and are proving to be more useful than other devices.
- **Disabled Access:** Is proceeding but there are some variations occurring to the initial brief as next year we will be enrolling a vision impaired student. These will include increased numbers of ramps, railing and high contrast surfacing.
- **Performance Arts Space Curtains:** These will go up in the first week of the upcoming holidays. The May P&C will be held in the Performance Space so the P&C parents can admire them.
- **School Fees:** Software proving complicated. However all excursions can be paid for online now and Geoff invited all present to try paying online to be able to provide feedback.
- **Impact of Gonski Funding** presented in Principals report.
- **Kelso Bus Interchange:** Trevor provided a letter of support to Kelso High Principal for submission to Bathurst City Council. The Council has put in for a grant for \$80,000 to fund safety improvements.
- **Pavers fund raisers:** Held over to the May meeting

Correspondence

In:

- P&C Federation Council Elections and invitation to a Collaboration Forum (Sydney)
- Request for letter of support regarding the Kelso Bus Interchange
- Gonski website update with Video clips of Principals explaining how their school's have used their Gonski funding.

Out:

Letter to Kelso Principal in support of the need for improvement of the Kelso Bus Interchange

Presidents Report:

Attended to correspondence.

Been informed that KHS P&C is going into recess. This is a temporary measure.

Treasurer’s Report:

Bathurst High Campus- Denison College P&C

1st March- 31st March 2016

Westpac Account

Opening Book Balance from 29/02/2016 \$4,407.13

Income

Date	Details	Category	Amount
22/03/2016	Chocolates	Cadbury fundraising	\$405.00
31/03/2016	Interest	Interest	\$1.07
Subtotal			\$406.07

Expenses

Chq. No.	Date	Details	Category	Amount
200064	14/03/2016	Mondelez Chocolates	Cadbury fundraising	\$502.76
Subtotal			\$502.76	
Book Balance			\$4,310.44	

Bank Statement Reconciliation

Balance as per Bank Statement at 31/3/2016	\$4,310.44
Plus Outstanding Deposits	\$0.00
Less un-presented cheques	\$0.00
As per Book Balance	\$4,310.44

ING Account to 31st March 2016

Opening Book Balance from 29/02/2016 \$10,937.58

Income

Date	Details	Category	Amount
31/03/2016	Interest	Interest	\$20.90

Expenses

No.	Date	Details	Category	Amount
Balance			\$10,958.48	

Principal's Report

Staff Development Day for Term 2- EduTech conference at Canobolas High and will involve Guest Speakers and workshops.

Building

All on schedule. Other works for vision impaired student will also occur this year as part of this building contract and additional works.

Staffing

Bethany Carter successful at Merit Selection for English teaching position.

Maths teacher for the remainder of the year will be Michael Fox.

Careers Advisor - Rhys Harvey

Tegan Burke -0.4 teaching load (year9 coaching and some HSIE) and 0.6 day to day casual.

Gaye Dunshae - Senior Deputy

Darron Hamilton - Middle School Deputy until Merit Selection process is completed for J Stirling replacement.

Timetable

Quite a few changes had to occur with increased numbers

Teachers have shared information on students where changes have occurred

Parent Teachers Night

Good feedback from senior Parent/Teacher night being earlier than normal

Available for bookings on the portal now. In weeks 1 and 2 of next term.

Will start the next 3 terms on a week B

Canteen Account \$30,187.52 and Uniform Shop Account \$18,958.91

College Principal's Report

April 2016

Empowering Leaders of Learning

Denison College hosted leaders from secondary schools across the central west at CSU Bathurst on Wednesday and Thursday 6-7 April for this innovative program led by Dr Simon Breaskpear.

Empowering Leaders of Learning is all about equipping our school leaders with the strategies and skills to drive improvements in teaching practice that can impact positively on student learning.

Our aim is to ensure that our executive teachers are at the forefront of educational leadership and are able to create a culture of continuous improvement. I am really pleased that 21 of the 40 participants are from the two campuses of Denison College.

Preliminary Study Skills Day

This annual event was held at the Bathurst High Campus on Monday 4th April. It was fantastic to see almost 300 year 11 students from the two campuses combining to focus on the essential skills needed to achieve success in the senior school. Presenters from both Kelso and Bathurst campuses were joined by Elevate Education and CSU Future Moves presenters on topics ranging from time management to exam preparation to using Google tools in the senior school. My particular thanks to Mrs Chapman, Mrs Howarth and Mrs Kissell for their organisation and management of this event.

Year 7 2017

It seems incredible, but the transition process for next year's Year 7 cohort has already begun, with iLearn and IExplore having completed their first rotation at each campus. The Year 7 2017 Parent Information Evenings were held on Tuesday 5th April and we are more than happy with the response to date. For further information on transition to high school, please contact Ms Townend (Kelso HC) or Ms Burt (Bathurst HC).

Staffing

Mrs Murphy (Head Teacher Senior Studies, Kelso HC) has been asked to extend her role at Rural and Distance Education through Term 2. Mrs Howarth will act as her replacement for the duration of Mrs Murphy's secondment.

Mrs Stirling (Deputy Principal, Bathurst HC) retires at the end of Term 1 and I would like to acknowledge the outstanding contribution that she has made to public education, Bathurst High and Denison College. I wish her all the very best for a long and enjoyable retirement.

Craig Petersen
College Principal

General Business:

- The musical Oliver will be performed in term 4. Auditions are currently being held and there will be male and female performers cast.
- Acknowledge the recent sad loss of a student who graduated in 2016 . Also the beautiful celebration of his life with many current students and recent graduates attending.
- Geoff Hastings made a presentation of several strategic directions Learning & Assessment, Values & Culture, and Professional Excellence being undertaken by the school. How Gonski funding has been utilised to enhance these. He also discussed the self assessment tool which the school is using to evaluate its own performance. The meeting explored ways to engage families as part of this process.
- Small presentation to Jenny Stirling in recognition of great service to Bathurst High over the years and to wish her well in her retirement.

Business Without Notice:

- Veronica Manock made a short presentation regarding an idea for increasing the student use of hats at school. Rather than having a “school” hat , do a group purchase of hats from town which are both sunsafe and “cool”. The entire P&C attendees were very supportive of the initiative.

Meeting Closed at 8:57pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 4th May 2016 at 7.30pm To be held in the Performing Arts Centre

Entre through Piper Street