



Bathurst High Campus P&C Association



Minutes of the General Meeting held Wednesday 3rd August 2016

Attendance: Sandra Hamer, Carol Neary, Trevor Liu, James Meares, Geoff Hastings, Michael Smith, John Browett, Gillian McNearey, Denise Chapman, Sarah Veilande, Alexa Barr, Craig Petersen, Ryan McLuskie, Mandy Irwin, Georgia Matthews and Melanie Baines (minutes)

Apologies: Caroline Gold, Gaye Dunshae, Kathy Howard, and Penny Packam .

Meeting Opened: 7:30 pm

Acceptance of the June 2016 Minutes:

The June 2016 Minutes were accepted .

Moved: Carol Neary Seconded: Michael Smith Carried unanimously

Business Arising

- **BYOD:** The school, as part of a consortium has been successful in gaining funding from the Vincent Fairfax Foundation. The funding is to develop the BYOD program into partner primary schools to introduce students to the use of Google Classroom and One Drive. It will also increase awareness of parents about the use of technology in schools. The funding is over 3 years and is seed funding, but the aim is to make the program sustainable in the long term.
- **Disabled Access:** Is proceeding and several lifts are installed but awaiting Telstra technicians to install the phone lines. The ramp appears to taking the most time to complete.
- **Performance Arts Space Curtains:** The curtains can be used but due to their weight a new bar will have to be installed to hold them up. They will have to be operated manually but should protect the white cyclorama well. The short throw projector will cost about \$8000.
- **Pavers fund raisers:** The cost of freight for 40- 60 bricks is \$300. However Graham Bourkes' Transport has agreed to freight them for free as a back fill load. The bricks are best displayed when mounted on existing walls and there are several suitable areas around the school. Next meeting will discuss the ordering process and ask for volunteers to manage it.

Correspondence

In:

- Emails from the P&C Federation regarding capacity building courses, current representative vacancies and Federation membership renewal.
- Patron acceptance from Jennifer Browning

Out:

Nil

Presidents Report:

Quiet two months

Noted school reports showed comprehensively what the students were doing and complemented the teachers on the effort put into individualised comments about the students.

Treasurer’s Report:

Bathurst High Campus - Denison College P&C

1st April- 31st May 2016

Westpac Account
Opening Book Balance from 31/3/2016 \$4,310.44

Income

Date	Details	Category	Amount
11/5/2016	Cadbury chocolates	Cadbury fundraising	\$475.00
Subtotal			<u>\$475.00</u>

Expenses

Chq. No.	Date	Details	Category	Amount
200065	8/4/2016	Flowers - J Sterling retirement	Other	\$40.00
200066	22/5/2016	Mondelez Chocolates	Cadbury fundraising	\$505.36
Subtotal			<u>\$545.36</u>	
Book Balance			\$4,240.08	

Bank Statement Reconciliation
Balance as per Bank Statement at 31/5/2016 \$4,745.44
Plus Outstanding Deposits \$0.00

Less un-presented cheques
200066 22/5/2016 Mondelez Chocolates Cadbury fundraising \$505.36
As per Book Balance \$4,240.08

ING Account to 31st May 2016
Opening Book Balance from 31/3/2016 \$10,958.48

Income

Date	Details	Category	Amount
30/4/2016	Interest	Interest	\$20.27
31/5/2016	Interest	Interest	\$19.02

Expenses

No.	Date	Details	Category	Amount
				<u>\$0.00</u>
Balance			<u>\$10,997.77</u>	

Trevor Lui moved for the payment of \$923 to continue our membership to the P&C Federation and for our insurance for 2016 -17. Carried unanimously .

Principal's Report

1. We have the Fairer Schools Funding and will submit a report when planning is done. Briefly, it is about bringing BYOD lessons to stage 3
2. Head Teacher Welfare process has started.
3. Curtains can be used to cover back of stage but need a new rails to support the weight.
4. Head Teacher Welfare position is in process. Sarah Veilande is P&C rep
5. Information on newsletter – it is out on website.
6. HSC exams start next week with speaking exams for German and Japanese. Trials the week after.
7. Our processes for early entry have started – we had a very successful meeting last week where it was explained. Very confident that we have the process covered although the unis keep throwing complexities at us.
8. Not bringing BYOD devices. We will treat it in a similar way to books not being bought but would like to do it as part of a start of the day check.
9. I am presenting our milestones document which shows us what we are achieving in terms of the school plan just to explain our planning processes.
10. Our leadership team continues to keep going – Blood Bank tomorrow and recognition with certificates of students who are doing a fantastic job without necessarily being recognised all the time for outstanding achievement.

Canteen Account \$10057.94 and Uniform Shop Account \$19435.27.

College Principal's Report

Future Directions

As soon as we returned from school holidays, I met with all of Year 10 at both campuses to open the annual Future Directions process. This was followed by a parent information evening at BMEC on Thursday 21st July which attracted more than 400 students and parents. Representatives from both campuses were joined by other education and employment providers to give parents and students advice about career pathways.

Students have now handed in their Transition Action Plans and college staff are in the process of considering the curriculum arrangements which will best meet student interest and need.

Parents and carers of Year 10 students should shortly receive their letter of invitation to attend the Future Directions interviews to be held at Bathurst High (15-17 August) and Kelso High (18-19 August).

(Picture – some of the 400+ students and parents discussing their Future Directions with educators and employees)

Skillset Awards

On 29 July I had the privilege of attending the SkillSet 2016 Awards. It was fantastic to be able to congratulate past student, Curtis Branagan, receiving his Eastern Region Apprentice of the Year Award. Curtis previously attended the Kelso High Campus.

(Picture – 2016 Apprentice of the Year Curtis Branagan with College Principal, Mr Petersen)

Welcome Back, Mrs Murphy

Mrs Murphy has returned to her position as Head Teacher Senior Studies (Kelso High Campus) after spending most of the first half of this year working as a consultant at Rural & Distance Education. I would like to acknowledge the outstanding work of Mrs Howarth in relieving in this role during Mrs Murphy's absence. Similarly, I would like to thank Mrs Howard for filling in for Mrs Chapman as Head Teacher Senior Studies at Bathurst High Campus at the end of last term. It is a great strength of the college that we have a large number of very capable teachers at both campuses who are able to take on significant leadership roles across the college.

Craig Petersen

General Business:

- Alexa Barr, Head of Science gave a short presentation regarding BHC Valid results for 2015. Valid is the science equivalent of Naplan and is mandatory in Yr8 and voluntary in Yr10. The test is done on line and enables analysis comparing students' results to equivalent schools and student growth between years 8 and 10. Results concluded 83% of students demonstrated expected or greater growth between year 8 and 10 at BHC. Also notable were our aboriginal students whose results showed twice the state average growth.
- Introductions were made of new/ returning staff members Craig Luccarda as Deputy of Middle school. Georgia Matthews for the English Department and Ryan McLuskie for PDHPE on an exchange from Scotland
- Geoff reported the water tanks purchased by the P&C last meeting have been installed and are now full. The arborist has reviewed the trees and fortunately none require removal.
- Parent feedback recognising how well the Future Directions night at BMEC went. As well as the SRC run Trivia night.

- Canteen Update Ladies are happy to supply hot water for noodles but cannot reheat leftovers brought in from home. Also plastic forks for these noodles will cost 10 cents. The P&C meeting agreed to support the continued stocking of small packets of eucalyptus lollies which students purchase for sore throats. At the most recent Health Inspector review the canteen scored a five star rating. Canteen managers will attend the next School Canteen Expo on September 6.

Business Without Notice:

- Query regarding TAFE Open Day Geoff will ask Careers Advisors to follow up.
- Discussion regarding Absent notification via txt despite notifications from parents via School App. This is a work in progress and Admin will continue to refine the procedures.
- Also discussed difficulties with students not bringing their devices to school and rough handling of school bags leading to damage of some devices.

Meeting Closed at 9:15pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 3th September 2016 at 7.30pm To be held in the Staffroom