



Bathurst High Campus P&C Association



Minutes of the General Meeting held 3rd June 2015

Attendance: Sandra Hamer, Michael Smith, Megan Bond, Cassandra Jones, Alexa Barr, Geoff Hastings, Stephanie Scott, Kath Howard, Mandy Irwin, Jenny Arthur, Gillian McNarey, Carol Neary, John Browett, Trevor Liu, Linda Ralls, James Meares and Lyndall Ross (minutes)

Apologies: Craig Petersen, Melanie Baines, Vickie Osborne, Leanne Jones, Yolanda Phillips and Penny Packham

Meeting Opened: 7.40pm

Acceptance of the May Minutes:

The May 2015 Minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record with the amendment to the attendance list – Gaye Dunshea should be listed as being present at the meeting and Kathy Howard should be listed as an apology

Moved: Sandra Hamer Seconded: Mandy Irwin Carried unanimously

Business Arising:

- BYOD. Geoff reported that more teachers are using electronic resources in the classroom. The school is also investing in a further 45 laptops of which 30 will be in the library and 15 will be for day loan to targeted Aboriginal students.
- Autism Class. Geoff reported that this class will be offered at the school. The school are investigating if H31 can be converted into a learning space (including with internet and smartboard) and a room in the Piper St block can be used for students with special needs.
- Eisteddfod sponsorship. A \$100 donation was made to the Eisteddfod Society.
- Referencing. (i) Discussion occurred about the use of Wikipedia as a resource. Staff present agreed that Wikipedia can be used by students as it can contain relevant information. Students need to be taught to think critically so that they know when to seek further or alternate information. (ii) The school is looking to adopt a consistent way for students to reference quotes and resources used in assignments (etc). This is likely to be the Harvard system.

ACTION: *Geoff will advise when a system is decided upon and provide further information to parents if required.*

Correspondence:

- **In:**
 - A letter from Felix Quinn, a BHC student who has been selected in the NSW CHS team to play in the upcoming All Schools U16s Rugby Union Championships.
MOTION: *That the Treasurer, Sandra Hamer, review the terms of financial support that P&C has previously set and provide a donation to Felix in line with the set amount.*
Moved: Lyndall Ross Seconded: Jenny Arthur Carried Unanimously
 - A letter from Jennifer Browning accepting her nomination as a school patron and offering to attend events such as Presentation Night.
 - Kelso High P&C Minutes for May and of their special P&C meeting in June

- Emails from the P&C Federation as tabled including a media release in response to the Federal Budget and Gonski funding.

ACTION: Trevor will update the contacts for the P&C executive with the P&C Federation

- Various advertising materials including for playground furniture
- Information about the ASG National Excellence in Teaching Awards
- **Out:**
 - Trevor sent a letter to the people nominated to be patrons of the school.

Presidents Report:

- No formal report was presented as it was a relatively quiet month and the main matters are reported elsewhere in the Minutes.

Treasurers Report:

- As tabled and presented by Sandra Hamer:
 - Expenses – Bathurst Eisteddfod Society (\$100) and Chocolates for fundraising (\$505.36)
 - Income – Nil
 - Account balance: \$5344.65
- Canteen account: \$17932.55
- Uniform shop account: \$12284.20 (income for 2015 being \$4559.30)

Fundraising:

- Chocolates – continuing to be sold at the LPI.

Principals Report:

- As tabled and presented by Geoff Hastings:
 1. *Calendar – Astley Mulvey Cup versus Orange 11th and 12th June; Creative Arts showcase 16th June; HSC Study day; Commendation Assemblies 18th June*
 2. *Presentation of Milestones for School Plan – explanation of how they work to drive school*
 3. *Letters of compliment for our representatives in a number of areas. We have been congratulated on our students in the community and I will read out a few letters. (Feedback from Lithgow Festival of Speech adjudicator; parent attending the Big Band Bash; Angela Pryce (Head Teacher Georges River HS); and the Western Region hockey coach).*
 4. *Bring Your Own device Update – spending on new laptops. Limits on our ability to deliver these devices. Spread our use of Google classroom. Would P&C like a demonstration of how this is used in a class?*
 5. *Update on the Autism class as we try to find a site for them. I believe we will have to keep H31 open and we should invest in that site.*
 6. *Presentation of the milestones document as a separate agenda item. This is the driving force of our improvement program.*
 7. *All staff have been trained in the new Performance Development Framework and executive staff are starting their Performance Development Process that is starting in 2016. There is an associated handout for the process.*
 8. *Two classrooms have been set up in mathematics with flexible furniture and two teachers have reported it has a significant effect on pedagogy. Each classroom costs about \$7000 to set up.*
- Other matters discussed:
 - ALARM – Learning and Response Matrix
 - Analysing and responding to texts at a higher level
 - Templates available in Google that students use
 - Alexa Barr will be relieving D Principal for Jenny Stirling
 - Your Tutor. Geoff requested feedback from anyone whose student is using this resource being run in conjunction with CSU.

Denison College Principals Report:

- Prepared by Craig Petersen and presented by Geoff Hastings

HSC Seminars

We will be hosting the annual Central West HSC Enrichment Seminars at CSU on Tuesday 16 June. All of the major HSC courses will be covered. A highlight of the day will be workshops on The Tempest run by Bell Shakespeare. We are also expecting a range of outstanding guest presenters and experienced HSC markers to be delivering sessions. It is expected that all Year 12 students will attend this event.

We currently have approximately 400 student registrations from schools throughout the Central West. This will be the largest event in recent years. Congratulations to Mrs Murphy (HT Senior Studies) for her efforts on this.

Astley Cup

Whilst our usual college policy is that shared courses are 'sacrosanct', I have instructed the college team to cancel shared courses next Thursday/Friday (11-12 June) due to the Astley Cup Home Round.

There is just no way that we will be able to cover classes with the number of teachers needed for supervision and the disruption to routine.

Shared Courses during the Away Round (Thursday, 25 June) will run as scheduled, although they likely will be impacted due to student absence. Teachers have been advised of this and asked to make sure that they cater for those BHC students who will be absent representing their campus.

CSU Future Moves, Your Tutor and “What’s Uni Like?”

*Charles Sturt University Future Moves staff, Ben Morris and Allison Charters, introduced the **YourTutor** program to students at both campuses last month. [YourTutor](http://www.yourtutor.com.au) is an online tutoring service operating 3pm-10pm Sunday to Friday. YourTutor includes access to Maths, English, Physics, Biology, Chemistry, plus assignment research for all subjects, writing and grammar, and high school and university study skills. More information is available on the Your Tutor website www.yourtutor.com.au. This service is provided free of charge to our students by CSU Future Moves.*

*A **MOOC** is a Massive Open Online Course. MOOCs are aimed at unlimited participation and access via the world-wide web. For the last year or so I have been on a Steering Committee with staff from CSU guiding the development of such a MOOC, called “What’s Uni Like?” This MOOC is designed to give young people an idea about whether or not uni might be suitable for them and to help prepare them to be successful at university study.*

The national launch of “What’s Uni Like?” is planned for 3rd July, but we are hoping to have a ‘soft launch’ at Denison College in mid-June. This will be a great chance for our students to get a head start on the rest of the country and to consider whether or not they might want to aspire to going to university.

CSU Scholarships

I was very pleased to be able to attend a presentation ceremony for scholarship recipients held CSU Bathurst on Friday 29 March. I was even more pleased to see previous Denison College students receiving a number of scholarships. Well done to: Keegan Jacobson (BHC 2014) who received the Bathurst Regional Council Scholarship; Heidi Annand (KHC 2012), was awarded the Gordon Bullock Memorial Scholarship; Kate Finlayson (KHC 2013) was presented with the EMMA Accolade Scholarship; and Brittany Irwin (BHC 2013) received a CSU Foundation Scholarship. Keegan also gave a very impressive Vote of Thanks on behalf of the recipients.

Future Directions Night – 23 July

Future Directions is the process that we use across the college to support students in planning for the transition from Year 10 to future study or work. In addition to having the Year 11 2016 Subject Selection Procedures outlined, parents and students will have the opportunity to talk to teachers from both campuses about the wide variety of courses available for study.

There will also be the opportunity to meet representatives from a range of other employment and training organisations including Charles Sturt University, TAFE, VERTO and Skillset. This is a must for all students and parents who are considering enrolment in either campus in Year 11 2016.

This year's function will be held at BMEC from 6:00pm on Wednesday 23rd July (Term 3 Week 2).

General Business:

- Curtains. There is a need to purchase curtains for the stage in the new performing arts area (the curtains that were transferred from the old hall stage need too much repair to bring up to standard). New curtains are estimated to cost between \$40K and \$50K . Discussion occurred about fundraising options including renting the hall, holding a formal dinner dance and concerts / performances by various (student) groups with an entry charge. It was also suggested that a dedicated fund be set up for the fundraising. This could allow donations to be made at any stage.

MOTION: P&C support a joint funding account with the school to quarantine money for the school stage curtains project

Moved: Trevor Liu Seconded: Carol Neary Carried unanimously

ACTION: *Geoff will talk to the Creative Arts staff and investigate other funding options.*

- Trivia Night. Discussion occurred about whether to hold the annual Trivia Night. This usually occurs early in Term 4. Some members proposed that there be a focus on fundraising for the curtains through performances (as above) while some members felt that it would be possible to hold both events.

ACTION: *P&C to make a final decision about all fundraising events for the remainder of 2015 at the next meeting.*

Business Without Notice:

- It was noted that a number of students from the school are involved in the upcoming production of the Carillon Theatrical Society, High School Musical. People are encouraged to attend and give their support.

Meeting closed: 9.00pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 5th August 2015 at 7.30pm