



**Bathurst High Campus P&C Association**



### **Minutes of the General Meeting held Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016**

**Attendance:** Gillian McNarey, Cassandra Jones, Trevor Liu, Kathy Howard, Mandy Irwin, Sandra Hamer, Jenny Stirling, James Meares, Linda Ralls, Michael Smith, Alexa Barr and Melanie Baines (minutes)

**Apologies:** Carol Neary, Caroline Gold, Vicki Osborne, Geoff Hastings, Craig Petersen and Sarah Veilande .

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**Meeting Opened:** 8.00 pm

#### **Acceptance of the February 2016 Minutes:**

The February 2016 Minutes were accepted .

Moved: Mandy Irwin Seconded: Gillian McNarey Carried unanimously

#### **Business Arising**

- **BYOD:** Years 7 to 10 have over 60% of students bringing their device to school daily. This is a big Improvement and we are now aiming for 80%, which is considered the maximum achievable. The network is coping well with slightly slower times noticed only during roll call. Students without devices are able to access them from computer pods, library loan and there is some capacity for Year 12 students to hire them if required.
- **Disabled Access:** In the Principals report.
- **Performance Arts Space Curtains:** In Principals report.
- **School Fees:** Options for distribution being considered but online payments start March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- **Impact of Gonski Funding** will be incorporated as part of a presentation in April's meeting about school learning and teaching targets in 2015, including an update on the 2015 to 2017 school plan.
- **Kelso Bus Interchange:** Kelso is taking the lead and there has been some progress with funding being made available for railings to improve student safety.
- **Pavers fund raisers:** Two companies Signature and Design a Brick. Their costs are comparable per unit. There is no minimum order but orders over 100 are postage free. Recommended selling price between \$25-\$50. Areas preposed for possible installation include around the support unit or hall. A flyer could be drafted for the Parent teacher evenings and include on line payment options. Sandra will check freight costs.

## **Correspondence**

### **In:**

- P&C Federation Council inviting delegate nominations. After discussion it was agreed participation does not serve us at present. Furthermore there was consensus not to put up a delegate for the regional P&C either
- Invitation to P&C Forum in Cowra. No one available to attend.
- Invitation to Kelso Campus Whole School Welcome 10/3 Sandra will attend.
- Email from another Uniform company. Not relevant to BHS
- Receipt for donation to charity of our chocolate sellers choice (thank you gift)

### **Out:**

*Nil*

## **Presidents Report:**

In 2015 we as the Denison College Bathurst High Campus P&C conducted 9 meetings and were fortunate to be involved in the life of the school and our students.

The process of “Consultation” is a recognised organisational and business theme and, with the support of the School and College Executive we’ve had the opportunity to be consulted in the various operations and activities of the school which directly affect our students and fellow parents.

I would say that the P&C is a forum for understanding, feedback and information in issues like.

- The School Plan. Timetabling. Teacher Selection. Finance Committee.
- Student Wellbeing programs.
- The effect of Capital Works and improvements.
- Information Technology (BYOD).
- Management of the following Funds.
  - Monitoring the use of the Canteen, Uniform Shop, Trout and Goldie College Funds.
  - Supporting the School with funds for “extras” not in contract
  - Support for Students and groups who represent the school
  - Successful Financial Audit.

I’d like to thank my fellow members of the P&C Committee, Carol, John, Mel and Sandra for their willingness to take on a role, it’s great working with you.

I’d like to thank you all, for the part you’ve played, particularly when you’ve brought your concerns to this meeting, listened to an issue, given your opinion and “voted” on a resolution. The success of this group belongs to you and your willingness to participate. It’s a great opportunity to experience and understand how well the school is functioning, with the resources it has!

We’ve also been able to work together with the understanding that all students, not just our own, should have the same opportunities and access to resources.

Thank you again for your participation in the Bathurst HS P&C Association.

Trevor Liu  
President 2015.

## **Treasurer’s Report:**

## Bathurst High Campus- Denison College P&C

1st February- 29th February 2016

**Westpac Account**

Opening Book Balance from 31/01/2016 \$4,873.95

**Income**

Date	Details	Category	Amount
16/02/2016	Cadbury chocolates	Cadbury fundraising	\$425.00

**Subtotal** \$425.00

**Expenses**

Chq. No.	Date	Details	Category	Amount
200062	3/02/2016	BHC- reimburse for cricket shirts	School expenditure	\$711.82
200063	19/02/2016	Brian Atkinson- audit	Other	\$180.00

**Subtotal** \$891.82

**Book Balance** \$4,407.13

**Bank Statement Reconciliation**

Balance as per Bank Statement at 29/2/2016 \$4,407.13

Plus Outstanding Deposits \$0.00

Less un-presented cheques \$0.00

**As per Book Balance** \$4,407.13

**ING Account to 29th February 2016**

Opening Book Balance from 31/01/2016 \$10,918.06

**Income**

Date	Details	Category	Amount
29/02/2016	Interest	Interest	\$19.52

**Expenses**

No.	Date	Details	Category	Amount
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**Balance** \$10,937.58

## **Principal's Report**

1. A new timetable is currently underway. This is a normal process as high schools receive their staffing from actual numbers in late Feb. Our staffing has come in virtually the same as the anticipated staffing but the current timetables has far too many classes split between two teachers. We have looked at our curriculum structure and to try and increase flexibility and reduce split classes there will be some changes in compulsory classes. In year 9, the girls and boys classes will be changed and become streamed but multisex classes.
2. Work on the new lifts and access has commenced. Hines constructions have the contract. They also built the gym and performing arts centre. There will be some disruption but the school will benefit. The entire project will take about 6 months
3. Maths Tutoring, bands, vocal group and all the other co curricular activities are now up and running.
4. Final quote for the curtains has come in at \$25000 for everything including new curtains, electric motor and an extremely professional backing sheet that I am told is essential and fantastic. As per the motion passed last P&C meeting I have accepted the quote.
5. A reminder about parent teacher evening for yr 11 and 12 next week. Jenny will fill you in but this has been moved forward from term 2 because it was felt it would be more useful before the mid course exams for year 12 and as an effective introduction to year 11 for parents of students doing the preliminary course.
6. Athletics carnival is on next Wednesday. We are running with Wednesday carnivals because it minimises disruption to senior students, especially those from Kelso and Bathurst doing shared courses.
7. Would it be possible to put aside about 40 minutes at the next meeting so that a presentation can be done to show the progress towards school learning and teaching targets in the 2015 school plan and to present the update of the 2015 – 17 school plan based on our progress so far. This would include the proposal on the spending of flexible resource funds for 2016, a proposal for P&C input.

## **Discussion from Principals report**

Aiming to run a musical this year perhaps "Oliver"

Parent Teacher evenings coming up and keen for feedback from P&C

The District Athletics will be held in Dubbo and Ms Withyman will be the Team Manager .

The sports leaders are meeting fortnightly with their Induction Ceremony happening next Thursday. Their roles are evolving but they are really getting involved making reports at assemblies, assisting at the carnivals so adding to the value to the role.

Canteen Account \$28142.07 and Uniform Shop Account \$18332.92

## **College Principal's Report**

### **Central West Secondary Principals' Council**

Denison College hosted the CWSPC meeting at Bathurst Goldfields on Thursday and Friday 11-12 February. 18 principals from schools from Lithgow in the east to Condobolin in the west and all towns in between worked solidly over the two days on a range of issues including Workplace Health & Safety, teacher accreditation, technology for education and, of course, needs-based funding for schools (otherwise known as Gonski – visit [www.igiveagonski.com.au](http://www.igiveagonski.com.au) or speak to your campus principal for more information).

### **SES Cadets**

It was a privilege to be able to attend a special assembly at the Kelso High Campus at which students who participated in the SES Cadet Program in 2015 were presented with certificates acknowledging their achievement.

### **Kelso High Campus Bus Bay**

I know that many members of the Bathurst and Kelso communities share serious concerns about the bus interchange at Kelso High Campus. A number of meetings have been held with community members and local council and it appears that a way forward may have been found. This may be the first step towards alleviating some of the current pedestrian congestion issues. Contact Mr Sloan, Principal Kelso High Campus, for more information.

### **Minister's Meeting**

As part of my responsibilities as Deputy President of the NSW Secondary Principals' Council, I am privileged, on occasion, to meet with the NSW Minister for Education. At our last meeting in February I advocated for further improvements to the provision of rural and remote education, including Aurora College – the virtual selective high school at which we currently have seven students participating in a shared curriculum with their home campus.

### **Ignite the Spark, Fuel the Fire**

This was the title of a major conference on differentiation which was held at the University of NSW on 19 February. I was invited to be part of an expert panel which opened the conference. Most of the other panellists were principals from selective high schools in Sydney. I spoke with great pride of the work done at both of our campuses in the way of providing opportunities for students to reach their potential. As well as the outstanding work being done by teachers every day in knowing their students and providing them with challenging and relevant curriculum, I particularly commented

upon the work done by the Head Teachers Junior School, Miss Townend (KHC) and Miss Burt (BHC), in providing a raft of enrichment activities for junior students.

Craig Petersen, College Principal

**General Business:**

- Notice for Western Hockey Team trials came very late. Jenny Stirling will investigate.

**Business Without Notice:**

- Nil

**Meeting Closed at 8:57pm**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday 6th April 2016 at 7.30pm**