



Bathurst High Campus P&C Association



Minutes of the General Meeting held Wednesday 4th May 2016

Attendance: Gillian McNarey, Carol Neary, Trevor Liu, Kathy Howard, Mandy Irwin, John Browett, Craig Petersen, James Meares, Linda Ralls, Ann Begg, Cassandra Jones, Sarah Veilande, Karen Mounce-Stephens, Geoff Hastings and Melanie Baines (minutes)

Apologies: Caroline Gold, Gaye Dunshea, Vicki Osborne, Sandra Hamer and Darren Hamilton.

Meeting Opened: 8.00 pm

Acceptance of the April 2016 Minutes:

The April 2016 Minutes were accepted .

Moved: James Meares Seconded: Mandy Irwin Carried unanimously

Business Arising

- BYOD: The school is part of a consortium which has been successful in winning a grant under the Fairer School's Program . The \$200,000 will see the BYOD program expanded into partner primary schools. A school development evening will be held where a trainer from Microsoft will present "OneNote" and how it can be integrated into the Google classroom environment. One benefit will be the teachers ability to set up a note book in the Google classroom which will facilitate the learning for all students.
- Disabled Access: Is proceeding but there have been some disruptions with existing cables and pipes being damaged.. Hopefully it will be completed by next term.
- Performance Arts Space Curtains: Andrew Smith will demonstrate.
- School Fees: Can be paid online through the school website. Feedback from parents is that it works well. Geoff will start to promote its use.
- Impact of Gonski Funding presented in Principals report.
- Kelso Bus Interchange: No change
- Pavers fund raisers: Held over to the June meeting

Correspondence

In:

- Nil

Out:

Letter to the Nicholls family.

Presidents Report:

Quiet month.

Attended the Parent Teacher Night. Felt the process went well with the five minute slots working well and teachers well prepared with notes about individual students.

It was further discussed at the meeting that these evenings were more of an introduction for parents and if there are issues flagged then another meeting can be arranged

Treasurer's Report:

Will be reported at the June meeting.

Principal's Report

1. Current positions – Deputy Principal in the middle of the process and will be completed at the end of next week. Learning and Support Teacher being resolved over next week. Need to advertise the Welfare Head Teacher now.
2. New timetable has started. Check on anyone interested in being part of the curriculum review.
3. Lift construction continues and it is quite intrusive on the school. Students have been excellent as they adapt to various inconveniences.
4. Senior Leadership Team and representatives from SRC were the leaders who marched on Anzac Day. Captains, Vice Captains and members of the leadership team represented the school at the Dawn Service.
5. Curtains are complete and paid for. Andrew Smith demonstrated tonight and spoke about future development opportunities.
6. Change of staff is going smoothly – Michael Fox to Mathematics, Rhys Harvey taking over as Careers Adviser. Doing a great job on both counts.
7. Recent meeting of Aboriginal education committee demonstrated the number of programs running in the school for the students. There is a good mixture of academic achievement, wellbeing and cultural programs. The Committee is an extremely strong group of about 10 teachers, executive staff and support staff that meets every third Wednesday. It is just one of the teams meeting at the school every week.
8. Upcoming events – Green Day, NAPLAN, Preliminary Midcourse exam week, Report writing for teachers.
9. We have created a Public Speaking and Debating position. Luisa Simeonidis is the teacher who has been given time. Many debating and public speaking teams and opportunities have started.
10. We are on FACEBOOK – like us!!

Canteen Account \$31 414.79 and Uniform Shop Account \$18,958.91 But the money for the performance space curtains will be deducted soon

A parent representative will be required for Head Teacher Welfare. Sarah Veilande was nominated.

College Principal's Report

May 2016

Empowering Leaders of Learning

Denison College hosted over 40 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 Breakpear. *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.

All participants will be working on a project designed to have maximum impact on student learning over the next term or so. We will be discussing these plans and fine-tuning them at a follow up day early in June.

Central West HSC Seminar Day

Planning for the annual HSC Seminar Day is well underway. This event is critical for all Year 12 students and will be held at CSU on Tuesday 21st June. This year we are expecting close to 400 students from schools across the central west. Presenters this year include JC Burke (the author of the HSC text The Story of Tom Brennan), Bell Shakespeare (presenting on *The Tempest and Hamlet*), Ben North (specialist English presenter) and a range of local teachers who are experienced HSC teachers and markers.

My particular thanks to Mrs Murphy for her key role in organising this, despite currently working as an advisor at Rural & Distance Education.

Craig Petersen
College Principal

General Business:

- The musical Oliver will be performed in term 4. Auditions have been held and they are proceeding to Call Backs to help finalise the cast.
- Parent feedback recognising how well presented and respectful the Bathurst High students were who took part in the 10:30am Anzac March.
- Suggestion for the installation of lighting at the exit from the school gym to Piper street to enhance safety.
- Andrew Smith demonstrated to those attending the enhanced features of the Theatre. New fire rated curtains with replaced tracking for ease of use, new LED lighting which is not only more energy efficient but has enhanced lighting effects , new radio microphones for improved sound and a cyclorama which may make the use of painted scenery a thing of the past. The capabilities of these new features will be further enhanced with additional purchases of a short throw projector and additional microphones for the use of the stage manager. After the demonstration there was much discussion regarding how this facility is currently being used for student classes and for the broader community as well as further opportunities to enhance this community asset.

Business Without Notice:

- Nil

Meeting Closed at 8:58pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 1st 2016 at 7.30pm To be held in the Staffroom