



Bathurst High Campus P&C Association



### **Minutes of the General Meeting held Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015**

**Attendance:** Gillian McNarey, John Browett, Cassandra Jones, James Meares, Chris English, Geoff Hastings, Trevor Liu, Kathy Howard, Mandy Irwin, Jenny Arthur, Craig Petersen, Sandra McMahon, Lyndall Ross, Carol Neary, Michael Smith, Jenny Stirling and Melanie Baines(minutes)

**Apologies:** Sandra Hamer, Kylie Shead, Vicki Osbourne, Linda Ralls, Yolonda Phillips, Sarah Veilande, Merryl David, Megan Bond, Penny Packham and Leanne Jones

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**Meeting Opened:** 7:30pm

#### **Acceptance of the March 2015 Minutes:**

The March 2015 Minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Carol Neary      Seconded: Mandy Irwin Carried unanimously

#### **Business Arising**

- BYOD is progressing well with good student utilisation. The BYOD Committee recommends including the IPAD Mini with keyboard attached to the list of suitable devices. They are also working on increased distribution of BYOD suitable stickers aiming to leverage the retailers to provide devices from \$250.
- Canteen has received 1 quote for the splashback and in the absence of further quotes it was agreed at the meeting to accept and go with the first quote.
- School Plan is addressed in the Principals report
- All advertisements for Teacher Positions are out & the teachers currently in position will be there until the end of the semester.
- Selection for House Captains: The selection process is being formalised and aligned with the Leadership Team processes. Nominations will be in Year 11 and run from October to October. This will improve the recognition and build the House Captain role.
- Selection for Sporting Teams & timeliness for Parent notifications: Geoff used his experience as a Football trainer. All teams are run by the goodwill of teachers and training is done in their spare time with other teachers volunteering to cover classes if games occur during the coaches teaching time. Selection processes vary between coaches and there is always some late inclusion to teams as the availability of players is subject to change. Add to this the inherent difficulties in co-ordinating with other schools and you get some idea how notifications can be last minute. Geoff will investigate if improvements can be made on the BHS side. Discussion regarding BHS teams forfeiting games if notification from opposition is less than 4 or 5 days was agreed not to be a viable solution. It was also agreed that Facebook was not a suitable first line of communication so Geoff will investigate opportunities for Variance of Routine (VOR) notifications to be aligned with Texts to parents giving them details of games & costs.

- Pupil Free days will be added to calendar but Geoff reminded all parents to rely more on the School Calendar accessed via Millenium rather than the external calendar accessed through the website as the former calendar is more detailed.

### **Correspondence**

- **In:**
  - From email a reminder for the District P&C. No one interested in becoming involved.
  - Email from Wendy Inwood regarding the requirements to change ING signatories.
- **Out:**
  - Nil.

### **Presidents Report:**

- The email list for P&C members is being reviewed/updated.
- Calls for Meeting agenda items will be asked for routinely but the people who bring up these items need to talk to them at the meetings.
- KHS will directly receive our agendas and minutes now.

### **Treasurers Report**

Apologies from Sandra Hamer and aims for a more formal report next month.

Our meeting agreed to a motion for the removal of the signatories Les Gardner and Wendy Inwood from the ING Direct account to be replaced by Sandra Hamer and Melanie Baines. Moved: Trevor Liu Motion carried unanimously.

### **College and Campus Principal's Report of Strategic directions for 2015-2017**

The strategies agreed to will be for both campuses and while the purpose statements are being finalized these are best described in terms of three areas

- 1) Learning and Assessment: Denison students will experience excellence in learning and assessment.
- 2) Values and Culture: Denison students emerge as innovative, confident, creative and informed citizens who make positive contributions to the local, national and global community.
- 3) Professional Excellence: Every member of staff at Denison collaborates and learns in order to demonstrate their professional best. This collaboration and learning is driven by exemplary leadership.

## Principal's Report

Geoff then presented BHC plan in a concept map.

ALARM Implementation	HSC Mentoring and Study Support	Writeways Implementation Writing				PBL Reinvigoration		Mentoring Aboriginal and RAISE
NAPLAN Specific Writing	Learning and Assessment	High Achieving Aboriginal Mentoring				Maths Tutoring	Values and Culture	Specialist "Youth Worker" Support
Numeracy Implementation	Mathematics Practice Collaboration and 6 - 7 transition	Denison Online (Google, BYOD etc)				Attendance Support	Attendance Explanation	Reduce Repeat Suspensions
			Learning and Assessment		Values and Culture			
				School Plan 2015-2017				
			Professional Excellence					
Professional Development Framework		Aboriginal Culture Induction						
Aboriginal Education Team	Professional Excellence	Mentoring for promotion and beginning teachers						
Achieving Other Targets	Leadership and Specialist Coordination	Higher Levels of Accreditation						

## **College Principal's Report, March 2015**

### **Preliminary Study Day**

197 Year 11 students from both campuses attended the Preliminary Study Skills Day held at Bathurst High Campus on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March. This was a phenomenal response and it was a great chance for students from both campuses to use the new facilities of the Performing Arts Theatre. Sessions included Note Taking, Exam Preparation, Time Management and establishing a study timetable.

### **RYDA**

Around 130 Year 11 students attended the annual RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) workshop at Mount Panorama on 19<sup>th</sup> March. This event is most valuable in teaching young drivers the potential dangers and hazards that are inherent in driving. It is a great awareness-raising activity and always stimulates a lot of discussion about road safety and associated topics.

### **HSC Seminars**

We will be hosting the annual Central West HSC Enrichment Seminars at CSU on 16 June. All of the major HSC courses will be covered. A highlight of the day will be workshops on ☐☐☐☐ ☐☐☐☐ run by Bell Shakespeare. We are also expecting a range of outstanding guest presenters and experienced HSC markers to be delivering sessions.

### **HSC Mid-course Exams**

Year 12 have almost completed these exams which have been run across both campuses over the last two weeks. Normal shared courses will resume next term.

### **iLearn and Iexplore**

Transition programs have been up and running for some weeks now, with students from our partner schools getting the opportunity to participate in activities at the secondary campuses. These programs will continue throughout the majority of the year and always elicit very positive feedback.

### **CSU Future Moves and Your Tutor**

CSU Future Moves are piloting the [YourTutor](#) online tutoring service in 10 selected partner schools across the Central West and Port Macquarie regions in 2015. Due to the strong working relationship between Charles Sturt University and Denison College we have been invited to participate as part of this pilot.

[YourTutor](#) is an online tutoring service operating 3pm-10pm Sunday to Friday. Your Tutor 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](http://www.yourtutor.com.au). This service will be provided free of charge to our students by Future Moves. We anticipate getting student access set up in the first couple of weeks of Term 2.

### **School Development Day Term 2**

This will be a combined College activity with all teaching staff participating in a BYOD training activity at the Kelso High Campus. The focus will be on supporting teachers to further develop their understanding of Google Apps and Microsoft Office 365 and tools including Nearpod, Quizlet and ThingLink can be used to increase student engagement and participation in class.

Craig Petersen

College Principal

**General Business:**

- Bus Departures: Some parents have reported students missing afternoon buses when their last lesson is in K block. The school will contact the bus companies and the duty teachers will monitor the bus bays. The Head teachers will let staff know to give the bus students (in K block last lesson) permission to leave 5 minutes early if required.
- School Notices sporting events discussed earlier by Geoff
- The school has EFTPOS to facilitate payment for excursions
- Geoff will contact parent re band fees.

**Business Without Notice:**

Western Advocate recently published an article reporting 34% of BHS student population being from the lowest income quartile. Geoff spoke to this framing it as an Equity issue. BHS celebrates the fact that it accepts all students from all backgrounds and aims to provide them with a quality education. Instilling values, attitudes and skills to become independent learners that will enable them to become valuable members of society no matter what post school career they seek. Also Public Education has been shown to produce higher university retention and completion rates. He is happy for all parents to pass on this good news story to whoever asks about it.

Parents reported a great improvement in the District Swimming Carnival and congratulated MS Withyman on her coordination on the day. There was a combined Denison College relay who performed well.

A reminder regarding the Year 7 commendation ceremonies coming up

**Meeting Closed at 9:20pm**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday 6th May 2015 at 7.30pm**