



Bathurst High Campus P&C Association



Minutes of the General Meeting held Wednesday 7th September 2016

Attendance: Sandra Hamer, Trevor Liu, James Meares, Geoff Hastings, Craig Luccarda, Michael Smith, John Browett, Gillian McNarey, Craig Petersen, Cassandra Jones, Mandy Irwin, Gaye Dunshea and Melanie Baines (minutes)

Apologies: Caroline Gold, Carol Neary, Linda Ralls, Kathy Howard, Sarah Veiande and Penny Packam .

Meeting Opened: 7:30 pm

Acceptance of the August 2016 Minutes:

The August 2016 Minutes were accepted .

Moved: Sandra Hamer Seconded: Trevor Liu Carried unanimously

Business Arising

- BYOD: The school has been attending meetings learning about upcoming releases of devices which are at better prices and designed to withstand the rigors of students (for example tolerate a one metre drop) . This will enable them to be better able to make recommendations as part of the new BYOD partnerships with Primary schools. The equity issues will also be addressed and discussed with partner principals next term.
- Disabled Access: Has been completed and the final walk around will be Thursday September 8th. The scaffolding however will be kept in place until the start of term 4 in order to protect the dirt areas that have been seeded with grass
- Performance Arts Space Curtains: Held over until our November meeting.
- Pavers fund raisers: Held over until our November meeting.

Correspondence

In:

- Emails offering interactive greeting cards as a fundraising opportunity. After discussion to meeting agreed not to pursue this offer. Update regarding the Gonski campaign including comparative funding highlighting increases to independent and nongovernment schools at the expense of public schools.

Out:

Nil

Presidents Report:

Trevor contacted the council regarding the Kelso High Bus interchange and was informed they are awaiting the grant approval before works can proceed.

He also reported the paying for excursions online procedure is going well as is the online bookings for Parent Teacher nights.

Treasurer's Report:

Bathurst High Campus- Denison College P&C

1st August- 31st August 2016

Westpac Account
Opening Book Balance from 31/7/2016 \$4,346.78

Income

Date	Details	Category	Amount
3/8/2016	AGM subs	Other	\$24.00
17/8/2016	Cadbury chocolates	Cadbury chocolates	\$495.00
Subtotal			\$519.00

Expenses

Chq. No.	Date	Details	Category	Amount
200068	3/8/2016	P&C Fees and Insurance	Other	\$923.00
200069	26/8/16	Mondelez Chocolates	Cadbury fundraising	\$531.55
Subtotal			\$1,454.55	
Book Balance			\$3,411.23	

Bank Statement Reconciliation
Balance as per Bank Statement at 31/8/2016 \$3,942.78
Plus Outstanding Deposits \$0.00

Less un-presented cheques			
200069	26/8/16	Mondelez Chocolates	\$531.55
As per Book Balance			\$3,411.23

ING Account to 31st August 2016
Opening Book Balance from 31/7/2016 \$11,034.56

Income

Date	Details	Category	Amount
31/8/2016	Interest	Interest	\$16.70

Expenses

No.	Date	Details	Category	Amount
				\$0.00
Balance			\$11,051.26	

Principal's Report

1. This is a little bit of a different Principal's report as this will be my last year as Principal at Bathurst High Campus. Eleven years is a long time to be a Principal in the same school and so it is time to do something different. I am making this known now so that the changeover process can start to take place as early as possible in term 4.

As a result there needs to be a P&C representative elected to be on the panel. The representative would need to do the online panel training course if they had not done it already.

The course can be found at <http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/careers-centre/e-learning>

2. Can the two members of the P&C who are on the finance meetings this year be confirmed so I can organise the finance office to let you know the dates.

3. We will need to have possibly two new panels formed for positions besides the Principal. Could we do the nominations tonight – one would be a HSIE position and one a TAS Computing position.

4. I would like you to consider the spending proposal I have put in front of you regarding signage at the school.

5. Can we put feedback on the Parent/Teacher evening structures on the agenda for November meeting as this is the first time it is being trialled?

6. Reminder about the Year 12 Presentation Day at 10am Friday 23rd.

HASTINGS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

The Hastings family have had a very long association with Denison College –Bathurst campus. A relationship that spans about 40 years that has provided much joy to all the family in numerous ways. As a consequence, the family has decided to award two scholarship to students worthy of, and needing financial assistance to achieve her/his goals.

The scholarships target students aspiring to attend university but whose personal circumstances may prevent them achieving their potential in their senior years.

Nominations will be accepted from staff who are directly involved with the student and who will attest to their potential success. Each candidate will be required to support their nomination with a 300 word submission outlining how the money could assist them.

The funds for both scholarships will be kept in a Denison College-BHC account, managed by the P&C and drawn upon by the students for the purchase of school-related materials or excursions.

There are two separate scholarships. One for a student entering Year 11 and then another for a student entering Year 12.

- 1) The recipient of the 11/12 award is to be an individual who identifies as Aboriginal and who has a successful academic record. There are two components to this award. The Year 10 into 11 award is \$1000; that same student will receive an additional \$2000 for Yr11 into 12, if and only if she/he continues to demonstrate they are on track for a university degree program.

If there is no suitable student of Indigenous background then the award may be presented to a non-Aboriginal student who is in need of financial assistance to achieve their goals. Similarly, if the Year 10-11 recipient does not maintain a successful program in Year 11, they will not be eligible for the second instalment. As a consequence, the selection panel may choose a different but worthy student for the \$2000 scholarship.

- 2) The second scholarship is for a student entering Year 12, whose chances of academic success leading to a university degree program would be enhanced with such financial assistance.

If the recipient of the first award is a female, then it is *preferable* for the student receiving award 2) be male – and vice versa.

The selection panel will consist of a member of the Hastings family, the Principal or nominee and a P&C representative, with a majority decision required. The panel will assess the written applications and interview each candidate before awarding either scholarship.

The awards will be presented at Denison College-Bathurst campus Annual Presentation Night by a member of the Hastings family.

Canteen Account \$12103.39 and Uniform Shop Account \$19848.67.

College Principal's Report

Future Directions

Future Directions interviews are complete! 280 students and their parents have met with cross-campus teams to discuss career and study plans. I would like to thank those parents and carers who were able to make the time to come to the campuses and meet with College staff.

Now that the interviews are complete, we are in the process of reviewing the choices made by the students and making the final decisions about what subjects will run for Year 11 2017. I expect that this will be finalised by Wednesday 14th October.

West of the Divide Stage Band European Tour

A number of Denison College musicians have the privilege of doing something very special this year. 88 talented musicians and singers gathered in Dubbo during the July holidays to start polishing performances they will present in world famous venues in some of the music capitals of Europe. The intensive weeklong rehearsals were part of the preparation for the West of the Divide Stage Band and Choir for their European Performance tour in September and October.

Students from both campuses of Denison College and all over regional NSW will perform, undertake masterclasses and workshops, share musical experiences with local students and enjoy concerts and recitals in Vienna, Salzburg, St Gilgen the Mozart Village, Hodonin, Budapest and Prague.

The tour is an opportunity to enrich the talents of the outstanding musicians and singers, taking their local regional and state experiences to an international level.

Highlights of the tour include:

- masterclasses and workshops with renowned conductors at musical meccas such as Salzburg's Mozarteum, Vienna's Wiener Konzerthaus and the Budapest Operetta and Musical Theatre;
- immersing themselves in the amazing acoustics as they perform in Matthias Church, Budapest, performing with Czech student musicians in the 14th Century Church of St Havel, jamming with jazz musicians on one of Prague's famous River Vltava jazz boats and entertaining with an impromptu recital in the 900-year-old Benedictine Abbey church at Melk; and
- enjoying the opera *La Traviatta* in the ornate Prague National theatre.

The 88 students chosen for the West of the Divide ensemble earned their place through outstanding performances at choral and concert band programs held for students from local public schools.

Photo: Emily Sennett, Georgie Hayes, Elizabeth Talbot and Kathleen Murphy (KHC) and Lewis Dunshea, Aiden McBurney and Alex Grace (BHC)

International Principals' Meeting

In late August I was privileged to be one of only two NSW school principals to be able to make a flying visit to Perth to participate in the International Confederation of Principals' (ICP) *Global Leaders' Forum*. ICP represents the peak principal associations from all over the world, and 75 principals from every continent were visiting Perth for one of their regular executive committee meetings.

As well as having the opportunity to speak to principals from all over Australia and such diverse places as Denmark, Ireland, Finland, Kenya and Nigeria (to name a few), I was also able to contribute to the ICP response to the *Incheon Declaration for Education 2030* which sets out the vision for education across the world for the next fifteen years.

Craig Petersen
College Principal

General Business:

- Geoff presented his proposal for the Hastings Family Scholarship. Motion by Trevor Liu and seconded by James Meares that the P&C accept Geoff's proposal for P&C involvement in the

panel to annually award the scholarship. Carried Unanimously. Discussion regarding who will represent P&C this year. Will report back next meeting.

- P&C representative for upcoming panels were discussed. Trevor Liu will be on the Principal panel, Sarah Veilande on the HSIE panel and Cassandra Jones for the new IST position panel. Carol Neary is on the panel for the new Head Teacher Junior Studies (a college position). In order to increase the pool of parent representatives available for future panels a TXT will be sent to all parents and training for this role can now be done on line.
- The Finance Committee also requires two parent representatives. This committee will meet on two afternoons in the last week of term 4. Sandra Hamer and Melanie Baines volunteered.
- Parent feedback is invited after Year 7 to 10 Parent Teacher Night in September.
- After discussion regarding proposed school signage Sandra Hamer put forward a motion, seconded by Gillian McNarey That funds be given, from the joint school/P&C accounts for the supply and installation of a double sided electronic sign on the corner of Keppel and Hope streets. And from the P&C account funds be given for 2 new static signs. One directing visitors to the office and the other for the Agriculture and Aquaculture Farm. Carried unanimously.
- Processes for the election of school captains and vice captains were discussed. Voting has been completed and announcements will be before the end of term. The voting for the Leadership team will be held early in term 4.

Business Without Notice:

- Clarification of school break times as recess 11:00 to 11:30 and lunch 13:15 to 13:45.
- Dates for the musical Oliver are November 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 with matinees on 3rd and 4th.
- The Denison College will be celebrating 10 years in 2017 Keep March 18 free to be part of the celebration.
- High Achievers will be held January 31st 2017 in the new Engineering Faculty Building at CSU.

Meeting Closed at 9:15pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday November 2nd 2016 at 7.30pm To be held in the Staffroom