



Bathurst High Campus P&C Association



Minutes of the General Meeting held Wednesday 2nd November 2016

Attendance: Trevor Liu, James Mearns, Geoff Hastings, Craig Luccarda, Michael Smith, John Browett, Gillian McNarey, Craig Petersen, Kathy Howard, Mandy Irwin, Carol Neary, Penny Packham, Sarah Veilande, Gaye Dunshea and Melanie Baines (minutes)

Apologies: Caroline Gold, Sandra Hamer, Ann Begg & Linda Ralls

Meeting Opened: 7:30 pm

Acceptance of the September 2016 Minutes:

The September 2016 Minutes were accepted.

Moved: Gillian McNeary. Seconded: Michael Smith. Carried unanimously.

Business Arising

- BYOD: Fairfax Funding Programs have been written and teaching will be commencing over the next two weeks in our feeder Primary Schools. Program includes a digital portfolio called "This is Me" Also the school has purchased an extra 32 laptops for Maths & PdhPE to replace older ones. The replaced computers will in turn be updated and then added to the computer loan pool.
- Disabled Access: Has been completed and now available for use by children using crutches to use. It was suggested that these students should be accompanied by 1 student to carry their bags and to assist with lift operation.
- Performance Arts Space Curtains: Completed and being used to good effect for the musical Oliver
- Pavers fund raisers: Held over until our February 2017 meeting.

Correspondence

In:

- Emails giving updates on Gonski, from the P&C Federation which has been circulated. Notification of proposed sale of the Sports and Recreation organisation. This sale would have a negative impact on several activities which are carried out regularly as part of the school year. From Kelso campus Principal regarding the success of the funding request for the Kelso Bus Interchange Hoping to have it built over the next holidays in readiness for the first term 2017. Now planning to investigate options for funding for bus shelters.

Out:

Nil

Presidents Report

Since the last meeting Trevor has participated on the Principals Recruitment Panel; the art work for the electronic sign has been sorted and progress has been made over the new signage.

Wendy Inwood has graciously agreed to be our P&C Representative for the Hastings Scholarship and we had 2 parents on the Parent teacher night volunteer to do training and participate on recruitment panel

Treasurer's Report:

Over the last two months only accounts activity has been associated with sales of chocolate. There are some chocolates and lollies which we need to sell at the meeting.

Principal's Report

1. The advertisement for the Principal's position closed today. I would like to introduce the new Principal to the executive of the P&C when they come to visit if that is ok.
2. The signs are going in tomorrow and should be operational in the next couple of weeks.
3. RAM. The total turnover for the school is now about 11.4 million dollars including wages but most of this is locked into non transferable funds. In looking at our RAM for this year.
4. The Milestones summary is up for presentation and this shows the achievements of the school this year. I would like to present the next iteration of the school plan to a group in December as part of the transparency of how we are targeting the RAM money. How should I do this? I think it is important that this body be consulted on the way we target funds at the strategic plan.
5. The RAM increase in the papers of \$834, 000 is not correct or is based on very dubious figures. I will demonstrate from our printout how I see it at this stage.
6. We are already getting significant numbers of students being accepted into early entry. I think our processes are excellent for these applications and huge support was given to students led by Gaye Dunshea and including Sandra Chapman and Rhys Harvey.
7. A proposal has been put forward to make the Mulvey Cup happen in the middle evening of a visit. What does the P&C think?
8. I am so impressed with Oliver. The teachers and students have done a wonderful job to bring this together and it is a very enjoyable experience. For me, it was incredibly heartening to see the facilities being used with all its potential being utilised. I would like to thank the P&C for their support over the last five years as we have developed the PAT and Gym. This is the first time they have been used for a full performance.
9. It is really pleasing to see the new parents being involved in a panel. I think that is a wonderful initiative to include them in school processes.
10. We are starting our initiative to go into primary schools and teach technology skills in the form of a learning and personal portfolio. Eglinton tomorrow morning and Bathurst Public and West Bathurst next week.
11. Schools Plus presentation – Google Schools Plus

Canteen Account \$6785.22

and School Uniform Account \$19,435.27

College Principal's Report

College Staffing

As we approach the last days of 2016, there are a number of staffing positions that I am aware will change.

Mrs Chapman (Head Teacher Senior Studies, Bathurst HC) will take leave prior to retiring. Mrs Chapman has been a tireless worker who has kept me very organised over the last couple of years. I know that students, parents and staff alike have appreciated her expertise in all things to do with shared courses, Future Directions and HSC Seminar Days.

Ms Burt has been relieving in the role of Head Teacher Junior Studies, Bathurst HC, since Mrs Bertolin left for Canobolas Rural Technology HS at the beginning of 2014. Ms Burt has done an outstanding job coordinating School Within a School, enrichment programs and supporting lexplore with our partner primary schools. Now that Mrs Bertolin has been confirmed as a permanent deputy principal at Canobolas, Ms Barr (currently Head Teacher, Science, Bathurst HC) has moved into this position.

I am in the process of upgrading one of the College Head Teacher positions to Deputy Principal status, in order to further enhance the work of the College Executive. This will be largely funded through an allowance that the College receives due to my position as Deputy President of the NSW Secondary Principals' Council.

Of course, Mr Hastings is retiring after 11 years as Principal, Bathurst High Campus. During his extensive career, Mr Hastings as provided outstanding service to schools throughout the central west of NSW as well as serving as an executive member of the NSW Secondary Principals' Council. As well as being named a Life Member of SPC in June this year, I was privileged to be present when he received a prestigious national award from the Principal Australia Institute. I wish Mr Hastings all the very best for the next phase of his career. I am already aware of other avenues that Mr Hastings will be pursuing and I know that he will be quite busy in 2017!

High Achievers' Reception

Parents of our top achievers in Years 10 and 11 at both campuses will have already received their invitation to the Annual High Achievers' Reception, to be held at the Charles Sturt University School of Engineering on Tuesday 31st January. This is the first week that students are back at school, and is a great way to kick off the academic year.

Year 12 students will receive their invitations as soon as the HSC results are released on Thursday 15th December.

Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday to all!

Craig Petersen
College Principal

General Business:

- The implications of the possible sale of the Sports and Recreation Camps were discussed. A petition is being put together by the PSSA and will be forwarded to the P&C Federation. Trevor will put together a response highlighting the effects of increased costs, child protection issues, risk management and decreased service impacts. Increased profits decreases services with the inherent inequity for students of a regional high school. This letter would be sent to our local member.
- Working on student numbers for next year over the two campuses of 1830. It was noted since the Colleges' formation in 2006 the College has experienced a higher rate of growth than predicted by the Bathurst City Council figures and also greater growth than in other school sectors. Other signs of the health of the college are the changes of staffing between campuses (around 10 in 2017).
- The Year 10 Formal preparations are going well as are the Year Commendation ceremonies. Treasurer will liaise regarding the usual P&C funding of prizes. Most of the Commendations are in the last week of November or first week in December in the PAT.
- Media reports regarding Naplan results having bearing on whether students will be able to sit the HSC have created stress amongst students. Geoff explained by sitting the HSC students have achieved the required standards. Early in 2017 information will be circulated to students and parents to clarify the situation.
- Induction of School Leaders for 2017 will be held November 18th and SRC and Peer Support ceremony will be held December 7th.

Business Without Notice:

- Acknowledgement of Geoff's great work as Principal of BHC over the last 11 years as well as his huge contribution to the establishment of the Denison college.

Meeting Closed at 9:15pm

Next Meeting: Trevor will liaise regarding Decembers meeting being a Farewell Dinner for Geoff