



Denison College

Bathurst High Campus P&C Association



Minutes of the General Meeting held Wednesday 2nd September 2015

Attendance: Gillian McNarey, Chris English, Sandra McMahon, Carol Neary, Cassandra Jones, James Meares, , Trevor Liu, Kathy Howard, Mandy Irwin, Jenny Arthur, Meryl David, Linda Ralls, Geoff Hastings, Rachael Bailey, Sarah Veilande, Lyndall Ross, Jenny Stirling, Craig Petersen and Melanie Baines(minutes)

Apologies: Sandra Hamer, Caroline Gold, Vicki Osbourne, Kylie Shead, Michael Smith, John Browett, Leanne Jones, Stephanie Scott and Penny Packham .

Meeting Opened: 7:30pm

Acceptance of the August 2015 Minutes:

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

Moved: Trevor Liu Seconded: Jenny Arthur . Carried unanimously

Business Arising

- BYOD the Consultant comes weekly on Thursdays. Faculties book his services for Professional Learning sessions. Geoff has a meeting scheduled next week.
- Oval Pumping System query Geoff assumes the work has been completed and will confirm by email.
- A straight Autism class has been agreed to by the Department. Modification of facilities will commence as soon as the finances come through.
- Disabled Access planning continues.
- The Year 10 Jumpers for 2016 were discussed. Usually around one third of the year purchase them and as year 10 is no longer an exit time in secondary schooling the school was planning to phase them out. The Year 10 formal will continue as it is an opportunity for students to dress up. After discussion it was agreed Geoff will have discussions with some of next years Year 10 students regarding a jumper for 2016 and junior years will be informed of the cessation of the Year 10 jumpers . This move is hoped to increase the purchase of Senior jumpers in Year 11&12. Students will continue to be allowed to wear PSA & Astley cup jumpers
- Performance Arts Space Curtains :Geoff has been investigating various grants . It is looking promising for a Community grant where funds will be used from the P&C shared accounts to provide the money for upfront purchase then half will be reimbursed by the grant scheme.

Correspondence

● **In:**

- A request for financial support for some of the prizes for speech nights. The P&C does this annually and the cost is usually \$500 . Carol Neary moved the P&C will continue to assist financially the annual Presentation ceremonies. Mandy Irwin seconded and carried unanimously.

● **Out:**

- Nil
- Geoff will ensure clear labelling of the P&C pigeon hole for next meeting.

Presidents Report:

- A quiet month in which Trevor has signed up for the Gonski updates and RSVP for the end of year Presentation events.

Treasurers Report

Bathurst High Campus- Denison College P&C

1st August- 31st August 2015

Westpac Account

Opening Book Balance from 31/07/2015 \$4,941.35

Income

Date	Details	Category	Amount
Subtotal			\$0.00

Expenses

Chq. No.	Date	Details	Category	Amount
				\$0.00
Subtotal			\$0.00	
Book Balance			\$4,941.35	

Bank Statement Reconciliation

Balance as per Bank Statement at 31/8/2015	<u>\$4,941.35</u>
Plus Outstanding Deposits	<u>\$0.00</u>
Less un-presented cheques	\$0.00
As per Book Balance	\$4,941.35

ING Account to 31st August 2015

Opening Book Balance from 31/07/2015	10796.04
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Income

Date	Details	Category	Amount
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Expenses

No.	Date	Details	Category	Amount
			Balance	<u>\$10,796.04</u>

Principal's Report

1. Calendar – Year 12 Presentation 18th September at 10 am
2. Tell Them From Me parent survey about to open. Ideas about the best way to get a representative sample. Phone call and follow up is a suggestion using Community Engagement Funds. Could we have some volunteers Tell From Me Survey who are willing to give a go and give us feedback before we release it further?
3. At a Professional Learning day today with Stephanie. There is a new Well Being Framework that will add to what we are already doing: Main points:
 - Main Concepts are Connect, Succeed, Thrive. Covers behaviour, anti bullying, support, attendance, student leadership and
 - Is designed to build on strengths
 - More counsellor positions
 - Support for PBL
 - Money for schools to support student support officers.Steph Scott, the Relieving DP is leading the review of policies in light of the Wellbeing Framework. We will come up with a working document to present to P&C for feedback in November. There will also be considerable student input into the document. It is an evolution of what we do, not a revolution.
4. We can do curtains for the Performing Arts Centre as a Joint Funding initiative. Decision.
5. Money for community engagement – do we employ a Community Liaison Officer? Discussion.
6. Repair for Gym – Jenny to report
7. Captains elections – lots of participation from candidates and the student body. Very pleasing. Noticed that the captains' speeches now contain references to our facilities as the best. This would not have happened before this year.
8. Year 12 joint major projects night was a big success – first year we have combined the major projects. Will try to get more Year 11 there so they can see what is needed. Thrilled to see the 3D printers as part of the IT major projects. Also the use of the stage in the PAT and green screen for Multimedia.

Canteen Account 22,414.81 and Uniform Shop Account \$13,823.62

College Principal's Report,

Future Directions

Future Directions interviews have been completed at both campuses and teams are now hard at work on finalising the College shared lines.

My thanks go to Mrs Murphy, Mrs Chapman and Mrs Kissell for their organisation of this major event. Thanks, too, to the many parents and family members who were able to make themselves available to meet with college staff.

School Leaders

It has been an absolute pleasure to be able to see our Year 11 student leaders at both campuses present themselves as candidates for Captain. The quality of the speeches has been absolutely wonderful and the 2016 Captains promise to uphold the exemplary standards set by our current leaders.

Mind Marathon

Denison College participated in the annual Mind Marathon at East Hills Boys' HS earlier this year and again acquitted themselves extremely well. I was very pleased to help Miss Townend present certificates to the Kelso High contingent at a formal assembly on 1 September.

This activity, along with *Kids Teaching Kids* and our other special focus College Enrichment Days, provides an outstanding opportunity for our students to showcase their talents. The College team is currently investigating additional extension opportunities for students in the future.

Craig Petersen
College Principal

General Business:

- From Principal's report all present at the meeting with students at the school agreeable to being contacted to do the Tell Them from Me Parent Survey and to provide feedback regarding the readability, ease of completion etc as part of a pilot study .
- Also discussion around best use of Grant money for Community Liaison. It was agreed to hold over until next meeting.

Business Without Notice: Nil

Meeting Closed at 9:20pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 7th October 2015 at 7.30pm