



## **Minutes of the General Meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

**Attendance:** John Browett, Melanie Baines, Annette Matheson, Bev Nancarrow, Jenny Arthur, Mandy Irwin, Darlene Macri, Gaye Dunshea, Carol Neary, Murray Jewkes, Margaret Sewell, Wendy Inwood, Craig Petersen, Les Gardner, Warren Aubin, Paul Toole, Pat Ford, Lyndall Ross (minutes)

**Apologies:** Denise Chapman, Gillian McNeary, Penny Packham, Leanne Jones, Debbie Walther, Jim Browning, Darren Hamilton

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**Meeting Opened:** 7.30pm

### **Acceptance of November Minutes:**

The Minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Wendy Inwood      Seconded: Darlene Macri      Carried unanimously

### **Business Arising:**

- Local Schools, Local Decisions – Mel Baines reported on some of the information she heard at the information session. There appears to be differing views about the benefits and it still seems unclear exactly what will be expected. There is no definite evidence of a cost benefit and a lot of responsibility is being put back on to Principals.  
([www.schools.nsw.edu.au/lslld](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/lslld))

**ACTION:** *Monitor outcomes following consultation – due Feb 2012*

- Auditing requirements still being pursued – hold over decision until 2012.
- Wendy purchased and sent a gift for Jasmyn for her support this year in selling chocolates
- Security in the Uniform Shop – Gaye advised that it is possible to have a phone line put in however this will be up to Daylight. They are aware of this option.

**ACTION:** *Gaye to request that holiday opening hours of the uniform shop be displayed on the web site.*

- Gaye reported that she did check the canteen and on that occasion did not have any concerns for what was being sold (no chocolates etc). There were also no students serving.  
Discussion occurred about reported staffing issues (including supervisors resignation and lack of superannuation payments) and the removal of the coffee machine

**ACTIONS:** *1. Review terms of contract and meet with operators early in 2012 (and then follow with regular meetings)*

*2. Investigate companies that offer free coffee machines if you purchase their coffee*

### **Correspondence In:**

- Kandy Kennedy advised that she has been selected in the Australian Track and Field team to tour Canada. The cost of the tour will be \$6800 and she would like financial assistance to attend.  
Discussion occurred about programs that are being commercially run to offer experiences for talented students in sport and the arts.

**MOTION:** The P&C will provide \$400 sponsorship if the tour is found to be a school endorsed / official DET selection process for the team.

**ACTION:** *Gaye to make enquiries about the team and their selection process. She will also find out if there is another BHS student to be involved. If P&C support required, Gaye will advise Wendy.*

### **Presidents Report:**

- No formal report presented.
- Thanks to all for their various contributions over the year.
- The Presentation Night ran well this year – thanks to those involved.

**Treasurers Report:**

- No formal report presented.

**Principals Report:**

- No formal report – Gaye reinforced positives of the year including the Trade Training Centre and progress in the campaign for the gym.
- A P&C representative is needed for the Budget Committee meetings next week.  
MOTION: Bev Nancarrow will represent P&C on the Budget Committee  
Moved: Carol Neary Seconded: Lyndall Ross Carried Unanimously
- There have been (and will be) some staffing changes particularly involving the english, maths and science departments.
- Kathy Howard is currently finalising the timetables for next year.
- **Statement for Canteen** – \$19199.84 (year to date from 11.2.11).
- **Statement for Uniform shop** – \$4435.51

**Denison College Principals Report:**

- No formal report but Craig did acknowledge the leadership and work Gaye has done in Geoff Hastings absence. Craig also acknowledged the support of the P&C.

**Fundraising:**

- Chocolates – continuing to be sold at the LPI.

**Special Business:**

- Meeting with State Member for Bathurst, Mr Paul Toole particularly to discuss the need for a gym and tour the proposed site.  
All agreed that this was a needed project and that there would be benefits for the students, staff and community.  
**ACTIONS: 1. Everyone to keep publicising the need when able particularly targeting Peter Harvey, Paul Toole, Adrian Piccoli and Carole McDiarmid**  
**2. Craig to update the original proposal and submission particularly to highlight the current number of students and the projected numbers from feeder schools (as these are actually higher than the numbers in the original proposal). This should be reviewed when student numbers are known in February and sent to Peter Harvey, Paul Toole, Adrian Piccoli and Carole McDiarmid. Paul agreed to also make further representation to Minister Piccoli.**  
**3. P&C to write to Paul and ask him to invite the Education Minister, Adrian Piccoli, to come to the school and meet with the P&C when he is next in the electorate .**
- Tour of Trade Training areas – thanks to Pat Ford for showing P&C these fantastic assets to the school.
- Farewell to Murray Jewkes and Les Gardner with sincere thanks for all your efforts and contributions to the P&C and Bathurst High.

**General Business:**

- There was late (written) notice to parents about both the Presentation Night and Leadership Induction. The information was also not on the web site due to migration problems.

**Business without notice:**

- Discussion about the benefits of segregated classes as students have expressed mixed views on this matter. Gaye reported that there has been success noted in some Yr 9 and 10 groups (including science and PDHPE) but not in others (eg LOTE). It is hoped to continue segregated classes in science, although this will have to be reviewed if enrolments go up.

Meeting closed: 9.10pm

**Next Meeting: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2012 at 7.30pm.**