

Minutes of General Meeting held 6th February 2013

Attendance Leanne Jones, Robyn Jonassen, Margaret Sewell, Carol Neary, Atul Rege, Jenny Stirling, Darlene Macri, Wendy Inwood, Mandy Irwin, Jenny Arthur, Craig Petersen, Gillan McNarey, Vickie Osborne, Sarah Veilande, Geoff Hastings Linda Ralls and Melanie Baines (minutes)

Apologies Sandra Hamer, Bev Nancarrow, Trevor Liu, John Browett, , Penny Packham, Rachel Bailey and Lyndall Ross

Meeting Opened: 7:30 pm.

The November Minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Carol Neary Seconded: Margaret Sewell Carried unanimously

Business Arising

1. House Competition : The House cup competition has been reinstated and led by Darren Hamilton. The Swimming Carnival will be held next week. Year 11&12 will attend in the morning and go to TAFE in the afternoon
2. 2013 Yr 10 Jerseys: Notes will be sent home regarding cost & sizing. Date for Yr 10 dinner to be organised
3. The 2012 Yr 10 dinner went very well.
4. 2013 Yr 7 Camp will be held March 13,14 & 15, notes will be sent home soon.
5. Drop Off Zone is currently before the Traffic Committee at Bathurst Regional Council Geoff will follow up regarding progress at Council
6. Wednesday time changes are working well.
7. Future proofing the water supply has been attended to with the incorporation of water tanks into the gym design. Funding set aside for this purpose may be reassigned for other purposes: discussed later in meeting.
8. PBL program is continuing to develop initially focussed on playground behaviour now emphasising classroom behaviour.

Principals Report

- Agriculture Teacher position is to be readvertised. Sarah Veilande was endorsed to act as P&C representative again.
- Any P&C member interested in helping out on Interview Panels is encouraged to do so. Craig Petersen can train up people for the role.
- Finance Committee has suggested money previously put aside to assist with water supply may be put towards air conditioning the Library. There are several alternatives being explored to ameliorate the problem. New curtains may be a good initial step. Quotes are being sourced

College Principals Report (as tabled)

Expanded College Team for 2013

The Denison College team, which supports staff and students at both the Kelso High and Bathurst High Campuses has grown (again) for the commencement of the 2013 year.

The following table shows the college team, their key responsibilities, and location.

NAME	ROLE	LOCATION
<i>Suzanne Kissell</i>	<i>Executive Assistant</i>	<i>Denison College</i>
<i>Jim Browning</i>	<i>Head Teacher Senior Studies</i>	<i>Bathurst High Campus</i>
<i>Wendy Murphy</i>	<i>Head Teacher Senior Studies</i>	<i>Kelso High Campus</i>
<i>Richard McFarlane</i>	<i>Head Teacher Junior Studies</i>	<i>Kelso High Campus</i>
<i>Jude Bertolin</i>	<i>Head Teacher Junior Studies</i>	<i>Bathurst High Campus</i>
<i>Craig Miller</i>	<i>Moodle Course Developer</i>	<i>Kelso High Campus</i>
<i>Damien Allen</i>	<i>Online Learning Coordinator</i>	<i>Bathurst High Campus</i>
<i>Lesley Macreadie</i>	<i>Moodle Help Desk</i>	<i>Kelso High Campus</i>
<i>Shane Fitzpatrick</i>	<i>Vocational Education & Training Coordinator</i>	<i>Kelso High Campus</i>
<i>Sharon Mendes</i>	<i>Vocational Education & Training Coordinator</i>	<i>Bathurst High Campus</i>
<i>Denis Behan</i>	<i>School Within a School Project Officer</i>	<i>Kelso High Campus</i>

Recognition for outstanding achievement!

Over 50 students from both campuses of Denison College were recognised for their outstanding achievements at the annual High Achievers' Reception held at Charles Sturt University on Wednesday afternoon.

Students who achieved in the top performance band in the 2012 HSC or who achieved outstanding results across a range of subjects in Year 11 or Year 10 received their awards in front of over 140 guests including Col Sharp (CSU Bathurst Head of Campus), Carole McDiarmid (Regional Director, Western NSW Region) and Peter Harvey (School Education Director, Bathurst).

I congratulate all the award recipients, their families and their teachers who have all contributed to this excellent result!

School Within a School

SWAS commenced for the year on Monday 4th February. It targets a small group of students in Year 10 and provides an alternate pathway for those who might otherwise find it difficult to engage with mainstream curriculum.

In partnership with a number of agencies, including TAFE, Verto, headspace and Octec Youth Connections this program has proven successful in helping young people to achieve a number of very worthwhile credentials and go on to either continue their studies in Year 11, or transition into the workforce.

In fact, the success of the program saw Denison College receive the Director-General's Award for School Achievement at the end of 2012.

Shared Courses = Expanded Opportunities

Those senior students studying shared courses commenced their lessons on Monday 4th February. The shared courses mean that senior students can have access to subjects at both campuses. This is a feature of the college which means that we can run more courses and make sure that we are getting the very best out of the resources at our disposal.

It can sometimes be a bit daunting starting a course at the other campus for the first time, but results over the last five years show that students successfully undertaking and completing shared courses perform very well in the HSC.

Mrs Murphy (KHC) and Mr Browning (BHC) are responsible for co-ordinating transport and ensuring that everything runs as smoothly as possible. Please contact them if they can be of any assistance in relation to shared courses.

P&C Presidents report

- No report due to start of school year

Treasurers Report (as tabled)

We finished 2012 with \$1971 in our cheque account and \$23,782 in our interest bearing account. This comes to a total of \$25,753.

The profit from Jasmyn's chocolate fundraising for the year was \$2015.

Our current position is that the P&C has agreed to fund air-conditioning for the school library which is expected to cost \$10,000. (We haven't received an invoice yet).

And now for something that needs to be discussed. At the end of last year, I attended the two school finance committee meetings as the P&C rep. The aim of the meetings was to compare the amount the school had available for spending with the wish lists of the various faculties and program committees. Available money was approximately \$90,000 and the wishlists totalled around twice that at \$180,000 which meant some serious culling had to be done.

The PBL programme asked for \$5800 which along with everything else was closely examined and in the end they required funding of \$2300 which, given that we have excess funds at the moment, I thought the P&C might be able to provide. I realise we gave them \$1500 in November but that was all we gave them in 2012 and the new amount is for 2013.

*Motion to supplement PBL program (via Uniform Account) \$2300 carried unanimously .
Also motion to give \$500 seeding fund for thumb drives for students, carried unanimously.*

General Business

1. BHS Centenary Celebrations. Greg Hyde has been commissioned to do a Print of Bathurst High School. A Dinner Dance will be held May25th at the Leagues Club and an Open Day will be held in conjunction with the event. A hard cover book is being compiled for the occasion. Wendy Inwood, Robyn Jonassen, Linda Ralls & Melanie Baines have volunteered to assist with the organisation.
2. The Architects design brief for the gym was presented at the end of the year. It was well received and showed his passion for the project. Geoff hopes to have the "walk thru" ready for presentation at the next meeting.
3. The Year 12 Graduation was a fabulous success and thankfully Mandy Irwin & Jenny Arthur will continue to be on the organising committee for 2013 as well.

Next Meeting Wednesday March 6th 7:30 pm