



Bathurst High Campus P&C Association



Minutes of the General Meeting held 6th June 2012

Attendance: Sarah Veilande, Melanie Baines, Gillian McNarey, Jenny Arthur, Mandy Irwin, Darlene Macri, Carol Neary, Wendy Inwood, John Browett, Geoff Hastings, Margaret Sewell, Craig Petersen, Bev Nancarrow, Trevor Liu and Lyndall Ross (minutes)

Apologies: Debbie Walther, Vickie Osborne, Sandra Hamer, Sharlene Bingham, Denise Chapman and Manuela Giovenco

Meeting Opened: 7.35pm

Acceptance of the May Minutes:

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

Moved: Wendy Inwood Seconded: Darlene Macri Carried unanimously

Business Arising:

- Discussion about the swimming and athletics carnivals held over until the next meeting.
- Revenue and priorities for school spending.
 - Geoff reported that the school has received approximately \$55 000 from the government outside of budget supplementation.
 - Guidance has been sought from Helen Gorman who has financial experience. A review will occur towards the end of this term.
 - Discussion about the possibility of pooling revenue (from canteen and P&C with school money). Money does not necessarily have to be spread across all faculties – it could be given to just one or two high cost items or areas deemed to be a priority.
 - The Finance Committee are due to meet before the next P&C. Bev will attend on behalf of the P&C and report back at the next meeting.

ACTION: Discuss needs and priorities for spending at the next meeting

- Election process for school leaders. Discussion took place about the election process including
 - Geoff felt that the current system does work well. Voting is not compulsory but a good return rate is received.
 - Only Geoff and 1-2 other staff are involved in the counting and distribution of votes. Actual numbers of votes received by any candidate is not disclosed.
 - Weighting of votes (higher value of senior students and teachers votes)
 - The reasons behind conducting separate votes for the role of captain and vice captain (rather than winner becoming captain and second place vice captain). Some students only wish to be considered for the position of Vice Captain or to be on the leadership team due to the time commitments to be Captain
 - Perception that some students don't understand the voting system and how to make their choice count across the 2 votes (captain and vice captain)

ACTION: Geoff to consider possible options and report back to the next meeting for further discussion

- Year 12 matters. Geoff reported that Des Crawford has completed a profile of each student in Yr 12 so that he can target them with the information that they may need (eg some going to sample lectures at university; university entrance requirements). He has also prepared a letter to parents explaining various processes – it is currently with Geoff for signing.

Correspondence:

• **In:**

- Information on how to nominate a teacher for the National Teaching Awards
- P&C Journal
- Request for support from the Royal Far West Childrens Service

MOTION: P&C donate \$50 to the Royal Far West Childrens Service

Moved: Wendy Seconded: Darlene Carried: Unanimously

- Letter from Lydia Nancarrow seeking sponsorship to assist with the costs of her participation in the CHS State Football Team in the All Schools tournament and for possible selection in the team to then go to the Nationals. Lydia attached copies of relevant information including verification of CHS selection and costs (\$396 for the tournament plus accommodation and travel).

Discussion took place about the amount of sponsorship P&C should offer to any students. As a guideline it was felt that students incurring large costs (over \$1000) will be offered a 5% subsidy while students with costs under \$1000 could receive up to 10% with the final amount decided on a case by case basis.

MOTION: P&C will donate \$100 to Lydia Nancarrow to assist with costs of representing in the CHS Girls Football Team.

Moved: Trevor Seconded: Jenny Carried: Unanimously

• **Out**

- Sponsorship to the Bathurst Eisteddfod Society

Presidents Report:

- As presented by Carol Neary:

We have finally captured the Holy Grail – funding for the gym. At this point it would be appropriate to express thanks to past P&C Presidents and committees who have worked hard for the cause. In particular to Barbara Anderson who started the ball rolling so many years ago. Others have kept the flame alive even when it seemed the cause was hopeless. It was certainly a proud moment for me to be sitting there with Barbara and Wendy Ross when Mr Piccoli made the announcement! I would also like to thank Geoff for his efforts in keeping the focus and to Craig Petersen for continually prodding Minister Piccoli at the airport. Thanks to Mr Paul Toole for supporting this project and also to former member Gerard Martin who supported the project even when his government did not.

Now that we have the funding I hope we can work together to ensure that the finished product will serve Bathurst High and the wider community well both now and into the future.

I would like to express appreciation on behalf of the P&C as a representative parent body to Wendy Byles for the hard work she put into the BHC Concert band which culminated in the release of a CD featuring them last month. The band sounds fantastic on the CD and it is a wonderful achievement for our school. Thanks also to Jo Lawrence for recognising the talent of these students and kick-starting the project.

Thank you to Wendy for beavering away at the Trivia Night organisation and to those people who have scavenged prizes. Keep them coming!

Finally, we wish BHC good luck in the Astley cup. May we eat oranges and do whatever we need to do the Dubbo –ites!

Carol also acknowledged the contribution of Pat Ford and Joe Hardy at the last P&C meeting held at the Ag Farm.

Treasurers Report:

- As presented by Wendy Inwood:

During the month, I transferred \$1000 from our interest bearing account to our working account so we didn't run short. Thanks to a recent chocolate deposit we now have \$1764.05 in our working account and \$23,211 in our interest bearing deposit. Our outgoings for May included a cheque for \$100 for the Eisteddfod Society and payment of a Cadbury invoice.

We also effectively loaned the School \$400 for less than a week. This came about because the school agreed to contribute to the Concert band's lunch for the CD launch but the school could not get the RSL to invoice them in time for the paperwork to be done so the P&C organised a cheque and was reimbursed as soon as possible by the school.

Principals Report:

Geoff led discussion in 3 areas:

- Gym and Performing Arts Complex.
 - Now that funding has been committed, a brief is being developed to give to the architects
 - Project Scope – refer summary attached
 - Types of use – try to keep flexible use of space (eg walls and seating not fixed); possible use by community groups
 - Stage and flooring will be dictated by proposed use
 - Need to ensure clear use of existing (hall) space so thta the area is not turned in to classrooms
- Every Student, Every School
 - Refer media release from Education and Communities (copy attached)
 - This is a State Govt initiative (with the Fed partnership funding) that will particularly impact on the ways students with a disability are supported in mainstream classes – especially those with lower levels of support funding. At Bathurst High, Teacher Aide Learning Support funding will be cut by around \$30000 per annum. This equates to approx. 2.5 days per week of Teacher Aide time.
 - As a positive, there will be an increase in support teacher professional learning
 - It is likely that Bathurst High will receive some supplementary funding to keep Aide support in place for this year but planning will need to commence for next year. Parents of affected students will be contacted directly.
 - Students in the designated Support Unit will not be affected.

ACTION: Carol to write to the State Member, Paul Toole, to express the P&Cs concerns that these changes will bring
- School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program
 - Geoff distributed a range of information about the program. Details can be found at www.deewr.gov.au/schoolchaplaincyandwelfare
 - The school has received a Federal Govt grant of \$20000 per annum for 3 years.

- At Bathurst High, the role being developed is around welfare work including developing programs / clubs for students at lunch time, supporting +ve engagement and facilitating links to appropriate support services.
- The worker may tie in with the current school counsellor but will not do any counselling. They will not be a chaplain.
- Discussion took place about an appropriate incorporated body to employ the worker. Those P&C members present agreed that there were not any advantages in the P&C being the employer (at least from an administrative point of view). Those present felt that Geoff should approach the local organisation Head Space. They are an organisation who would understand the quality and skills needed in an employee and also relevant awards / admin requirements.
- The school will have control over the position and type of programs offered, while the incorporated body will employ the person and receive up to 10% of funding for admin.
ACTION: Melanie to act as the P&C representative for the School Chaplaincy program
- Revenue
 - Canteen - \$29100
 - Uniform Shop – approx. \$4000 (approx. value as reporting system has crashed)

Denison College Principals Report:

- As presented by Craig Petersen
 - * *Year 7 2013 Information Nights at both campuses (1 May). Great roll up at both.*
 - * *West Connex Planning - Denison College Moodle to be an integral part of a broader regional strategy to enhance student access to curriculum and improve the quality of teaching throughout Western NSW Region.*
 - * *Claymation enrichment activity BHC & KHC students 1 June – lots produced with great effort and standards. Sandra Chapman is interested in developing a permanent program*
 - * *Health Pathways meeting - Orange 4 June. Pathway to either Cert III Health Assistant qualification or Pre-entry CSU Bachelor of Nursing through the completion of 2 uni health subjects.*
 - * *Bathurst Focus Group - collaborating on supporting School Within a School, implementing Breakaway program in Term 3*

Upcoming Events

- * *School Within a School Partnership Agreement 8 June. TAFE, CWCC, Headspace, OCTEC, Centacare all involved.*
- * *Moodle Coordinator's course 13-14 June*
- * *HSC Seminar Day 19 June*
- * *Future Directions process. Senior Studies Guide distributed 17 July, Future Directions Night at CSU 25 July. Interviews at KHC week commencing 13 August, followed by BHC week commencing 20 August. (During Trial HSC)*
- * *Probus debate 1 August. Teams from BHC and KHC will take part with the overall best team named the 2012 Denison College debating champions.*
- * *Mind Marathon enrichment activity 27 August – for Yr 7 and 8 students.*

Fundraising:

- Chocolates – continuing to be sold at the LPI.
- Bunnings BBQ to be held 5/8/12.
ACTIONS: 1. Wendy and Mel to coordinate
2. Wendy to circulate details by email early in T3, including a roster.
- Trivia night to be held 22.6.12.
Thanks to all who brought donations tonight or have left them at the office.
ACTIONS: 1. Geoff to book the hall from 3pm on 22/6/12

2. *Set up will be completed from 3pm on 22/6/12*
3. *Organisation of prizes - 2pm on 20/6/12 in Staff Room*
4. *Geoff to arrange publicity on the school noticeboard, web site & notices*

General Business:

- Items listed on the agenda were covered elsewhere in the meeting

Business Without Notice:

- Uniform matters
 - Some people, including those on the leadership team, have identified the need for a knee length straight skirt for girls. The skirt would not need an emblem or any feature other than being a suitable shade of navy blue.
ACTION: Mandi to ask Daylight Uniforms if they can supply a suitable skirt
 - There is reportedly a problem with the size or “stretchiness” of the current hoodies. Mandi advised that she and the supplier are aware of the problem.
- Some people have commented on the number of excursions and events (such as Astley Cup) happening in quick succession. Geoff reminded P&C that excursions are usually linked to a particular section of the students curriculum or when facilities (eg play or movie) are on – it can therefore be difficult to arrange alternative times. Geoff also reminded everyone that the school will always try and include students in activities and he can make arrangements to assist families experiencing financial hardship.
ACTION: Geoff will discuss excursions (etc) with the school executive, particularly to ensure that all opportunities are being fully evaluated.
- Some parents have noted that their children have had an influx of assignments and tests within 2 weeks. All present felt that it would be better if workloads could be more evenly distributed over the term rather than just around the time that reports are being written.
- The Western Region Dance Festival was very successful. Students from Bathurst High performed well and looked great. Our students involved in stage management were complimented for their efficiency.
- The school production of Jungle Drums will take place on 24th and 25th July.
 - In the production of Seussical there were reportedly not enough microphones
ACTION: Wendy will discuss needs with Andrew Smith and contact the Carillon Theatrical Society if additional microphones need to be borrowed.
 - Geoff advised that a clash with the Yr 10 info night at CSU could not be avoided but students will receive relevant information.
- Roll call notices. There are reportedly inconsistencies in messages being passed on. Geoff reported that students can access via Millenium
ACTION: Geoff to see if notices can be made available via the Parent Portal
- Positive Behaviour for Learning. Several parents have noted that positive incidents have been reported less frequently this term.

Meeting closed: 9.20pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 5th September 2012 at 7.30pm

(Note that since the June P&C meeting, the August meeting has been cancelled).