



Bathurst High Campus P&C Association



Minutes of the General Meeting held 5th June 2013

Attendance: Keith Peasley, Sarah Veilande, Jenny Stirling, Jenny Arthur, Gillian McNarey, Sandra McMahon, Melanie Baines, Carol Neary, Wendy Inwood, Robyn Jonassen, Geoff Hastings, Sally Fearnley, Trevor Liu, Linda Ralls, and Lyndall Ross (minutes)

Apologies: John Browett, Craig Petersen, Leanne Jones, Margaret Sewell, Anne Morrison, Penny Packham, Rachel Bailey, Mandy Irwin, Darlene Macri, Vickie Osborne and Bev Nancarrow

Meeting Opened: 7.35pm

Acceptance of the May 2013 Minutes:

The April 2013 Minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record

Moved: Wendy Inwood Seconded: Trevor Liu Carried unanimously

Business Arising:

- Drop off zone. Council staff have done preliminary investigations and agreed to a drop off zone to be in operation at the front of the school until 9.30am. Their recommendations will be put forward at a Council meeting and if endorsed will be sent on to the RMS. This is likely to take a few months.
- School App. The App is still being reviewed by Apple for quality etc.
- Gym update. Geoff will be attending a meeting tomorrow for the announcement of the company that has won the tender to build the gym. The process is running to schedule at this time.
- Centenary celebrations. All present agreed that the various functions went well. Special acknowledgment was made of the presentations and displays produced by Yr 10, as well as the involvement of the SRC and staff.
- Yr 8 TAS class changes. All units have a common learning base so that classes can change. Pat Ford will contact parents who expressed concern about the actual practical projects not being completed.
- Solar panels at the Aquaculture Centre. The solar panels are on the roof. A quote has been obtained from the Govt contractor to install the fibre optic cable and access points – it is for \$12 242. The P&C will make a donation to the school (as per motion at last meeting) so that the school can purchase the service without a GST component.
ACTION: Apply for a capital works joint funding rebate when these are next called for.
- Farewell for Wendy Byles. It is proposed to hold a short performance and afternoon tea on Mon 24/6/13 from 2pm. Wendy will be given a copy of the Centenary Burr and a print of the school.
ACTION: Geoff to contact Wendy and publicise final arrangements
- Trivia Night. Discussion occurred and those present agreed to proceed especially if the SRC can assist with obtaining prizes. Proposed date is 18th October 2013.
ACTIONS: 1. Geoff to confirm Stuart Evennetts availability for 18/10/13
2. Geoff to request input from the SRC

Correspondence:

- **In:**

- Letters accepting the role of School Patron from Trent Copeland and Paul Toole.
- P&C Journal – copies distributed.
- Bathurst Eisteddfod Society – seeking donations.

MOTION: The P&C sponsor \$100 in prizes for the band sections of the eisteddfod

Moved: Carol Neary Seconded: Melanie Baines Carried unanimously

- Information on how to nominate a teacher for the National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEiTA).

Discussion occurred and all agreed that this was not the best process to recognise BHC staff. There is a professional learning committee at school who have input in to NSW Government awards.

Geoff is happy to take any nominations / suggestions from P&C or individual parents to that committee for consideration.

- **Out:**

- Letter inviting Trent Copeland, Paul Toole and Barbara Anderson to be patrons of the school.

Presidents Report:

- Carol acknowledged the significance of the school centenary celebrations and efforts of a number of people.

Treasurers Report:

- As presented by Wendy Inwood:

Our current balances are \$22,521 in our interest bearing account and \$1967 in our working account with our only activity for the month relating to chocolate fundraising.

Our chocolate profit so far for the year is \$902.

Principals Report:

- As presented by Geoff Hastings:

1. *Email I sent to staff re the 100 years anniversary*

“Dear All

I am sorry I cant be at school Monday as I have commitments in Sydney that I must meet regarding the next iteration of technology in schools. So I have gone for second best and rather than say thank you in person want to pay tribute to everyone for their contribution to Friday and Saturday. Those two day marked the culmination of our efforts to celebrate 100 years of Bathurst High and what a success it was. You may or may not have heard from our visitors but we had hundreds go through the school and the dinner was sell out. The two days were such a success because of the contributions of the students, parents and community supporters and, most particularly, the teaching and non teaching staff of Bathurst High.

I am not going to single out individuals in this email but we all know who they were and I will approach them individually this week. The two days could not have been carried by a few people but whether it was the superb organizational capacity of the admin staff, the assembly, the afternoon activities, the dinner dance, the hall display, the digitized resources, the 100 year Burr book or the Greg Hyde painting they were a great success and did a great deal for the already excellent reputation of this campus. All this was done within the constraints of the normal running of the school, NAPLAN etc. Educational leaders, past students, parents, Principals or other schools, the President of the Teachers Federation, the DDG were all in the school during those two days and were stunned by what we had achieved. Not bad for a regional high school, not bad for any educational setting.”

2. *Presentation at next meeting on the Analysis and Action for the National Partnership. Employment of a HT Teaching and Learning, Extra L&ST position and 3 or 4 Mentors proposed. Literacy focus.*

3. *Next SDD program about ongoing National Curriculum work and development of work samples with RoSA in mind for years 10 and 11.*

4. *HSC Study Day – School for Year 12 Transferred*
5. *Current attendance 89.9% - state average for High Schools is 88.4%*
6. *Process for our Year 7 identified class. Application form.*
7. *Astley Cup – jumpers for team members of getting stuff on back and/or embroidery.*
8. *School Excellence in Languages, Debating, Swing Factor, Sport.*

Denison College Principals Report:

- As presented by Keith Peasley:
 1. *HSC seminars – request for comment early Term 3*
 2. *Future Directions – progress report Booklets changes, process from now onwards*
 3. *SDD Term 3 – National Curriculum Phase 4, plus Year 11 workshops*
 4. *Work of College Head Teachers – Junior initiatives, processes in Senior school*
 5. *Online Learning Team – supporting the connecting of FNC schools into the Moodle.*
 6. *Visit from NSWTF, SPC, DEC representatives.*

Fundraising:

- Chocolates – continuing to be sold at the LPI. Profits as noted in the Treasurers Report.
- Trivia Night.

General Business:

- Swing Factor attended the Big Band Bash in Port Macquarie on the weekend. Several people acknowledged the efforts of Andrew Smith. There was also good feedback received regarding the bands decision to pursue performance opportunities rather than just competitive ones.
- Gonski Review. Discussion occurred about the benefits the funding will bring to BHC. All agreed that the Gonski reforms appear to be fair and promote quality education for all students.
ACTION: Carol and Mel to arrange to meet with the Federal Member for Calare, John Cobb, to request that he represents our view that the coalition should not abandon the Gonski reforms and funding if they win government at the upcoming election.

Business Without Notice:

- Lease of canteen. Discussion occurred reviewing the operations of the canteen and deciding whether to put the lease of the canteen up for tender when the existing lease finishes.
MOTION: The P&C recommends that the lease of the canteen be put to a tender process.
Moved: Wedny Inwood Seconded: Robyn Jonassen Carried Unanimously

ACTION: Discuss lease conditions further at the next P&C meeting.

Meeting closed: 8.40pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 5th June 2013 at 7.30pm