



Bathurst High Campus P&C Association



Minutes of the General Meeting held 6th March 2013

Attendance: Sandra Hamer, Sarah Veilande, Melanie Baines, Vickie Osborne, Jenny Arthur, Gillian McNarey, Mandy Irwin, Darlene Macri, Carol Neary, Wendy Inwood, Leanne Jones, John Browett, Robyn Jonassen, Geoff Hastings, Trevor Liu, Linda Ralls, Margaret Sewell and Lyndall Ross (minutes)

Apologies: Craig Petersen, Rachel Bailey, Jenny Stirling, Penny Packham and Bev Nancarrow

Meeting Opened: 8.00pm

- Carol acknowledged today as P&C Day

Acceptance of the June Minutes:

The February 2013 Minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record with the amendment to General Business item 3 that Mandy Irwin and Jenny Arthur are on the 2013 Yr 12 Grad committee rather than “continuing”.

Moved: Wendy Inwood Seconded: Sarah Veilande Carried unanimously

Business Arising:

- Drop off zone. This item has reportedly “disappeared” from Councils agenda.
ACTION: Geoff to resend information and proposal to Council
- 100 year celebrations. Bookings are being taken for the ball. There are 40 tables each of 10 people. A school magazine (Burr) marking the 100th year is being collated. It will be a historical record rather than a glossy production. Cost will be approx \$35 – 40.
- Other matters discussed elsewhere in meeting

Correspondence:

- **In:**
 - Canteen Menu
ACTION: Geoff to ensure that the latest menu is available on the school website
 - P&C Journal
 - Information on the Royal Far West Childrens Scheme. Discussion took place about the operation and numbers of children from BHC that visit the service.
MOTION: P&C will make a donation of \$50 to the Royal Far West Childrens Scheme
Moved: Melanie Baines Seconded: Lyndall Ross Carried unanimously
ACTION: Wendy to send the donation on behalf of P&C

Presidents Report:

- No report presented – key issues highlighted as a part of the AGM

Treasurers Report:

- As presented by Wendy Inwood:

Our available funds in our working account are \$1385.98 and our interest bearing account has a balance of \$22341. Since last meeting we have given the school \$2300 for the 2013 PBL program and so far this year the profit from our fundraising chocolates is \$214.85.

Principals Report:

- As presented by Geoff Hastings:
 1. *Two new teachers have now be employed. The school numbers (approx 950) meant an increase of 2 and the ability to create another core English class. I was asked if we needed a demountable but decline the offer. Would be better to use the library and classrooms. Mr Nathan Rollinson and Mr John Biddle have been employed. Ms Ward and Ms Magill will go on maternity leave next term and we have trained replacement teachers ready to go. Yr 10 will have a new timetable in place from 25/3/13.*
 2. *The new Xsel space is now in operation and the PAS has been upgraded.*
 3. *Gym report – meetings continue and final design now in place. First graphics available. Tender documents being prepared – for release late March. Still on time – building likely to start May or June.*

Geoff presented the images for the gym and discussed layout including the tiered seating in the Performing Arts area.
 4. *Year 11 RYDA tomorrow. So important that we transfer classes there for the day.*
 5. *Proposal for the development of Bathurst High App from funds.*

Geoff explained that the App would facilitate communication to / from the school and parents. It will be free to download. The set up cost is \$1600 and then approx \$60 / year. The App is funded as a part of Student Management – it does not impact funding for curriculum programs.

MOTION: The P&C supports the use of funds (\$1600) to develop the Smart App

Moved: Trevor Liu Seconded: Carol Neary Carried Unanimously

ACTION: Geoff to email a link with a sample of the App
 6. *Suggestion from PBL committee for a total of \$600 from canteen funds for prizes for the random pizza win to happen twice a term from students getting awards.*
 7. *Attendance procedures as part of school plan looking particularly promising. Emphasis on late students, marking of rolls and especially senior attendance issues where they are not signing in, we have overcome this and we seem to be running at nearly 90% attendance across the school. This is a great start for the year.*
 8. *Bit of a run of students pushing each other and grabbing each other. We treat this very seriously so have a no tolerance policy. Also have a no risk policy for students and health so we would ask for ambulance help if there is any doubt at all.*
 9. *There is a group coming from Sydney that are highly recommended. They do anti bullying workshops and presentations.*
 10. *Initial data from PBL team is very good and we feel that the afternoon meetings are working extremely well for the way the school runs. Initial feedback from P&C?*

PBL Grandstand Awards is a name change only.
- Other matters discussed:
 - Canteen
 - Remains tendered until Oct 2013 however tender can be revoked if there is a breach of conditions
 - There have been changes within the company running the canteen (eg name change) but the canteen remains operational
 - the EFTPOS service has been down and this impacts on income
 - Income generated in the last year is \$39299.51
 - Uniform Shop
 - Some funds (approx \$2400) have been used to support students and restock the shop.
 - There is approx \$2550 of profit available.

Denison College Principals Report:

- Prepared by Craig Petersen and presented by Geoff Hastings

Primary Partner Transition Activities

- *The iLearn (KHC) and Iexplore (BHC) programs have commenced for 2012 and have been a huge hit with students and teachers alike. These are our transition programs for students who are currently in Year 6 and are anticipating enrolling at one of our campuses.*
- *Students get the opportunity to visit the campus and participate in some secondary experiences and access some of our specialist facilities for the first time.*
- *In the past, these activities have been supported by the Helping Hands: Transition to Year 7 grant from the NSW Government. Unfortunately, this funding is no longer available to schools.*
- *For information about these programs, contact Mr McFarlane (KHC) or Ms Bertolin (BHC).*

Enrichment Opportunities for 2013

- *The first college enrichment activity took place on Friday 22nd February with 25 students from both campuses participating in a Visual Arts Enrichment Workshop at headspace.*
- *A combined College team drawn from students in Years 9 and 10 participated in the Science and Engineering Challenge hosted at James Sheehan High School in Orange on Tuesday, 5th March, accompanied by Mr Stelling (BHC) and Mr Luccarda (KHC). Late in the afternoon the team was coming first, but were pipped at the post in the last event for the day and came a very pleasing third place in a field of eight.*
- *Planning is underway for the Mind Marathon hosted by East Hills Boys High School. The Denison College team performed extremely well in this activity last year and I am looking forward to similarly outstanding results in 2013. An exciting development in this year's program is the opportunity for girls to also be involved in the expanded program.*

Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Program

- *Approximately 140 Year 11 students from both campuses will participate in the annual RYDA program at Mt Panorama on Thursday 7th March. This is an exceptional safety awareness program. My thanks to Mr Bolus (KHC) and Mr Baillie (BHC) for coordinating the activity. Thanks, as well to Rotary for providing the opportunity.*

Central West HSC Seminar Day

- *The senior team are currently preparing the program for the annual HSC study day which will be held on Tuesday 25th June at Charles Sturt University. We are anticipating 300 students from throughout the central west will attend. Presenters will be HSC experts with experience teaching and marking the HSC. This year we are also hoping to have a significant keynote speaker to open the event. All students who are serious about maximising their HSC results must attend.*

Fundraising:

- *Chocolates – continuing to be sold at the LPI.*

General Business:

- *Capital Works – Joint Funding Program. Geoff gave an overview of the program including the fact that the Govt will match any P&C contribution dollar for dollar. Discussion took place about possible projects including a COLA at the front of the school (estimated cost of \$20K without guttering). Applications are due in early April.*

P&C members present agreed that the project was worth pursuing if cost and timeframes can be managed.

ACTIONS:

- 1. Geoff to clarify if P&C would need to pay upfront for the project and then seek reimbursement**
 - 2. Geoff to obtain quotes for COLA**
 - 3. Geoff to discuss with P&C Executive if application needs to be finalised before the next P&C meeting.**
- *P&C Committee Representatives. The following people were endorsed to represent the P&C:*
 - *Finance Committee – Sarah Veilande*
 - *School 100 Yr celebrations – Mel Baines, Linda Ralls and Robyn Jonassen*
 - *Yr 12 Graduation Ball – Jenny Arthur and Mandy Irwin*

- Canteen (incl tender process later in year) – Trevor Liu
- Newsletter Distribution. Geoff highlighted the benefits (particularly cost) of trialling to access the Newsletter electronically. He proposed to start this with the next edition but still offer a hard copy for those who can't access via internet. It was suggested that information about options be sent with the invoices for student fees.

MOTION: The P&C supports the electronic distribution of the School Newsletter so long as people still have the option to receive a hard copy.

Moved: Melanie Baines Seconded: Leanne Jones Carried Unanimously

Business Without Notice:

- Student recognition. Congratulations to Melanie Arthur, Young Citizen of the Month (January) and Alex Neary, Young Citizen of the Month (March)
- Engineering activity. Positive feedback from the Yr 9 and 10 students who attended the enrichment workshop in Orange.
- School fees. Some students have reportedly been asked to pay their school fees so that they can participate in elective subjects despite invoices not yet being issued.

ACTION: Geoff to remind staff where the process is up to and that the school can make arrangements for disadvantaged students.

- Yr 10 Jerseys. Information has been distributed about the jerseys. Payment is due by 12/3/13.
- Burr. A reminder to families that the 2012 Burr is available for collection. The magazine will be posted to last years Yr 12 (that don't have other family members at the school).
- Yr 7 Information Evening – was well received and the text message a useful reminder. Future advertising should make it clear that there is info from 4-6pm – some parents thought it was just to drop in between 4 and 6pm.
- Year group photos. Positive feedback has been received and the photos will be displayed at the school.
- Charity support. Discussion about organisations that P&C, teachers and students support including Stewart House and Headspace. Geoff reported that the SRC tends to follow Headspace feeling that they offer benefits to the largest number of students.
- Swimming and Athletics Carnivals. It was suggested whether increased interest and participation could be achieved through themes or dressing up for the carnivals (eg house points for best dressed).
- EFTPOS facilities. Geoff felt that the current financial system would not allow use of EFTPOS. Some members reported that other public schools offer the facility.

ACTION: Geoff to contact Bathurst Public School to clarify use of EFTPOS

Meeting closed: 9.10pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 3rd April 2013 at 7.30pm