



Bathurst High Campus P&C Association



Minutes of the General Meeting held 1st May 2013

Attendance: Sarah Veilande, Craig Petersen, Jenny Arthur, Gillian McNarey, Mandy Irwin, Vickie Osborne, Darlene Macri, Sandra McMahon, Brendan McMahon, Melanie Baines, Carol Neary, Wendy Inwood, Penny Packham, John Browett, Robyn Jonassen, Geoff Hastings, Rachel Bailey, Sally Fearnley, Trevor Liu, Linda Ralls, and Lyndall Ross (minutes)

Apologies: Leanne Jones, Keith Peisley and Margaret Sewell

Meeting Opened: 7.40pm

Acceptance of the March Minutes:

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

Moved: Sarah Veilande Seconded: Wendy Inwood Carried unanimously

Business Arising:

- Drop off zone. The matter is still before Council.
- School App. The development of the App has been finalised and paid for. The App is now going to iTunes before it is released for downloading. This process will take about 4 weeks.
- Capital Works for a COLA. This proposal has been put on hold as another project has become a higher priority. (Need for optic fibre for solar cells at the Ag Farm / Aquaculture Centre will be discussed in the Principals Report).
- EFTPOS facilities. The school has ordered a wireless EFTPOS machine to overcome the lack of lines. This will cost approx. \$120 upfront for the machine and then approx. \$40 / month.
- Gym update. Geoff has shown a number of prospective tenderers through the school. Preliminary work will start soon.
- Centenary celebrations. There will be an Open Day at the school on 24/5/13. Tours (led by SRC and Leadership Team) will be available during the first 3 periods (including to the Aquaculture Centre). An old time assembly will be held in period 4. Yr 10 is currently completing HSIE projects about the school and these will be on display at the Open Day. 350 people currently booked for the ball (200 paid); payment to be finalised by 17/5/13.
- Representation at Western Region Carnivals. Problems with the swimming appeared due to a number of factors at various stages in the process not just the entries made by the school. Geoff reported that from next year for athletics and swimming:
 - Information re the school carnival and Western qualifying times will be put in the daily notices, mentioned at assembly and given at the carnival itself.
 - A system is being developed so that students get recognised for entry in to an event, position in race and place in age group. Participation will be noted on the cover of reports
 - The top three (overall) performers in each age group will be recognised through the current award structure. Certificates will be given at assembly.
 - After students have nominated for the Western Carnival, they will be given a print out of their races to check and sign. Students and the school will keep a copy.

- The school will organise relay teams for CHS to the best of their ability.
- School fees. Geoff reported that fees are contributions and are included with General Contributions. *Technology* pays for printing by students plus access to things like the laptop trolleys that are not supplied by the government. It also helps maintain the network which is mostly not supported by any contribution. *Service Contribution* helps with access to booklets and materials such as mathematical booklets and English booklets. It is targeted at supporting printing and copying.
- Yr 8 TAS class changes. Jenny Stirling is continuing to investigate the impact of class changes and see if projects can be completed.
- Yr 10 jerseys. Geoff confirmed that the jerseys will arrive in June. Parents commented that they are due in the last week of Term 2 which is over 3 months after the orders were meant to have closed. Parents were unhappy that the students would effectively only wear the jersey for one term.
- Astley cup jerseys. Geoff advised that there will be a school jersey (similar to the design used for the 2012 Astley Cup). This will be standard and years of significant representation will be embroidered on to the jersey.

Correspondence:

- **In:**
 - A letter from Amanda Fazio (Labor Party, MLC) asking for feedback on the impact of funding cuts. If parents wish to comment they can contact Ms Fazio at State Parliament or email: amanda.fazio@parliament.nsw.gov.au
 - A letter from the McMahon family outlining their concerns with the swimming carnival.
- **Out:**
 - Donation to the Royal Far West Childrens Scheme

Presidents Report:

- No report presented.
- Carol commented on the representation of the student Leadership Team at the ANZAC Day ceremonies and thanked Craig Petersen and Keith Peisley for their support.

Treasurers Report:

- As presented by Wendy Inwood:
Our current balance in our interest bearing account is \$22,402 and in our working account is \$1825.
Our only outgoing this month was \$87.50 for Jo Bright to look over last year's books and she really did a magnificent job. Our net profit for the year was \$493.
Chocolate sales show a current profit of \$759.

Principals Report:

- As presented by Geoff Hastings:
 1. Geoff outlined an opportunity to obtain \$15000 worth of solar cells. It is proposed to put these on the roof of the Aquaculture Centre and make the operations at that site more energy efficient. Students would also be able to get practical experiences learning about the use of such products. However, to make the project to DET standards, there would have to be a fibre optic cable link. Geoff asked P&C to consider supporting the provision of the optic fibre cable which would cost approximately \$12200. Discussion occurred and the P&C Treasurer confirmed that we could provide the funds. It may be possible to eventually recoup half the funds as a joint funded capital works project (as had been proposed for the COLA) – this would not be until next year.
MOTION: The P&C will provide \$12200 to assist with optic fibre connection and the development of solar energy capacity at the Ag Farm.
Moved: Carol Neary Seconded: Melanie Baines Carried unanimously
 2. A large section of the road in Hope Street was repaired and resurfaced during the holidays.
 3. Staff changes. (i) Mark Glover has taken leave without pay but is unlikely to return to the school. A good replacement is available and will be announced shortly.

(ii) Wendy Byles retired at the end of last term following decades of service to BHC. A farewell concert will be arranged. Brent Dickson will lead Concert Band in the short term. Current staff, Beatrice Merriman and Veronica Mannock are both completing a course in conducting and are likely to take on new roles with the bands next year.

- 4 BHC have received their first national partnership funding - \$290,000 over 2 years - to focus on literacy or numeracy in Yrs 7 & 8.

Denison College Principals Report:

- As presented by Craig Petersen:
 - Craig reported that he is currently on a secondment to work on the Rural Student Action Plan. Keith Peisley is filling in as College Principal.
 - The School Development Days focusing on the National Curriculum saw a considerable amount of work done in preparation for the new courses in English, maths, science and history being implemented for Years 7 and 9 in 2014.
 - The Future Directions evening is scheduled for 24th July 2013.

Fundraising:

- Chocolates – continuing to be sold at the LPI.

General Business:

- Craig gave an informative presentation on how subjects are marked and scaled. He made particular comments:
 - ATAR scores reflect how well a student has done in a course compared to all other students in that course. It is their position / rank.
 - For the HSC, a student's band will be determined by how closely they meet the band descriptor or standards for that subject. There are no limits on the number of students in each band – if a high number of students meet the criteria for a band 6, they all would receive a band 6. Objectives and outcome standards are written for each subject and are available on the Board of Studies website.
 - Overall scaling and moderation of scores is completed by a complex algorithm.
 - Craig advised parents that students should not choose courses under the perception that they are hard / easy or likely to be scaled. Students are more likely to achieve a higher mark in something that they are interested in or have abilities in.
 - Further information is available on the UAC website.

Business Without Notice:

- Year 10 Work Experience. A parent asked the current procedure for work experience. Geoff reported that participating in work experience is optional and can be done for one or two weeks. It is scheduled to occur towards the end of November. The Careers Advisor can assist with finding a suitable placement or students can find their own. Students who don't complete work experience will do other activities such as TAFE "taster" courses.
- Trivia Night. A former teacher, Stuart Evennett, has offered to help with the Trivia Night especially as Wendy Hastings is currently busy with other commitments. Discussion occurred about if there should be a Trivia Night this year (given the Centenary Celebrations) and if so when it should occur.

ACTION: Finalise a decision at the next P&C meeting.

Meeting closed: 9.20pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 5th June 2013 at 7.30pm