



Denison College

Bathurst High Campus P&C Association



Minutes of the General Meeting held 7th August 2013

Attendance: John Browett, Sarah Veilande, Jenny Arthur, Gillian McNarey, Mandy Irwin, Darlene Macri, Melanie Baines, Wendy Inwood, Robyn Jonassen, Gary Jonassen, Jenny Stirling, Margaret Sewell and Lyndall Ross (minutes)

Apologies: Linda Ralls, Anne Morrison, Bev Nancarrow, Craig Petersen, Geoff Hastings, Trevor Liu, Carol Neary and Vicki Osborne

Meeting Opened: 7.35pm

Acceptance of the August 2013 Minutes:

The August 2013 Minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record - after being read as no hard copy was available.

Moved: Wendy Inwood Seconded: Robyn Jonassen Carried unanimously

Business Arising:

- Drop off zone. This should be completed in the school holidays. There will be a space at the front of the school which will only allow drop off / pick up between 8.45am – 9.15am and 3.15pm – 3.45pm. Half hour parking will be allowed at other times.
- School App. Geoff to report on revised search term and use at the next meeting. Parents commented that ongoing advertising (to the school community) is needed to continue to encourage use. There was a question about whether photos can be uploaded via the App.
- Farewell for Wendy Byles. An afternoon tea will be held on Wed 18th Sept at 4pm. Wendy will be given a copy of the Centenary Burr and a print of the school.
- SRC / Denison College Junior School Trivia. Jenny reported that plans have been revised. This will now be held later in Term 4 for just 3 periods. Yr 7 will be at KHC and Yr 8 at BHC.
- Canteen Lease. There has reportedly been considerable interest in the tender and a number of packages have been sent out. The plan is still to appoint quickly so that the successful tenderers can start in Term 4.

Correspondence:

- **In:**
 - Information brochure Alcohol – Celebrations and Supply.
- **Out:**
 - Letter to the Federal Member for Calare, John Cobb encouraging him to support the full funding of the Gonski recommendations if his party forms the next government

Presidents Report:

- No report as Carol was not present

Treasurers Report:

- As presented by Wendy Inwood:

It's been a quieter month with our only activities involving the chocolate fundraising. Our current profit for that for the year stands at \$1190.

We have available funds of \$1411.80 in our working account and we have \$10,360.96 in our interest bearing account.

Principals Report:

- Presented by Jenny Stirling:
 - Geoff and Craig are both attending a Principals Conference
 - Captains have been elected – congratulations to Jedd Betts and Jess Fearnley.
 - A number of groups and students did well at the Bathurst Eisteddfod including all the music groups.
 - Anne Murray (Yr 12) recently received the prestigious Ministers Award for Excellence while Lesley Wade received a Teachers Award.
 - A survey – “Tell Them From Me” – is currently being offered to students
 - Subject selections have occurred for relevant years
 - School student numbers for 2014 are estimated to be 960 with approximately 190 in Yr 7
 - A demountable is now being considered for the school campus (near the cricket nets) rather than at the Ag Farm (as mentioned last meeting)
 - Discussion re Bring Your Own Device
 - ACTION: Geoff to provide a presentation to the November meeting**
 - Request for P&C financial support to put a cover over the Outdoor Learning Area and to complete the supply of data projectors throughout the school.
 - MOTION:** The P&C supports the use of income from the canteen to be directed toward a cover for the OLA and for data projectors.
 - Moved: Melanie Baines Seconded: Margaret Sewell Carried Unanimously
 - ACTION: P&C will consider direct financial support if needed.**
 - Uniform Account: \$1486 to the end of April 2013
 - ACTION: P&C recommend that the school contact Daylight and request them to bring their financial terms up to date.**
 - Canteen Account: \$45237

Denison College Principals Report:

- No report as Craig was not present

Fundraising:

- Chocolates – continuing to be sold at the LPI. Profits as noted in the Treasurers Report.
- Trivia Night. Arrangements are in place for 18/10/13 however more prizes are needed.
 - ACTION: All members are encouraged to seek donations or buy items that could be used for prizes. Items should be left at the school – front office.**

General Business:

- Subject selections for Yr 11. Some concern was expressed that Yr 10 students were told about “weighting” of subjects and encouraged to choose subjects that would scale better in the HSC when they attended interviews for their subject selections for Yr 11. This was perceived to be contradictory to what Craig Petersen and others spoke about at the Future Directions evening and also at previous P&C meetings.
- Concert Band. Some concerns were raised about the quality of rehearsals especially as some students are disruptive with talking and interjections. It was acknowledged that after any change in director it will take some time to re group but rehearsals should also remain purposeful. Musicality should be encouraged by doing things such as tuning instruments both individually and as a group and developing a repertoire of

pieces to play. Jenny felt that Andrew Smith (as Head Teacher) was aware of issues and occasionally attended band rehearsal.

- Use of technology. A question was raised about the use of laptops and applications such as Facebook, Snapchat and Google Plus. Jenny stated that it is difficult to stop students using these applications. While they can be blocked on the laptops, most students have smart phones and so would still be able to access them. Jenny said that the school encourages appropriate use of technology rather than blocking.

Business Without Notice:

- Nil

Meeting closed: 8.28pm (!!)

Next Meeting: Wednesday 6th November 2013 at 7.30pm