



Denison College

Bathurst High Campus P&C Association



Minutes of the General Meeting held Wednesday 6th August 2014

Attendance: Lyndall Ross, Geoff Hastings , Gillian McNarey, Wendy Inwood, Mandy Irwin, Craig Petersen, Jenny Stirling, Michael Smith , Linda Ralls, Kathy Howard , Sandra McMahon, Lisa Roffe and Melanie Baines (minutes)

Apologies: Sandra Hamer, Carol Neary, Trevor Liu , Robyn Jonassen, Ann Hogin, John Browett, Margaret Sewell, Jenny Arthur, Leanne Jones , Sarah Veilande, Sarah-Jane Beuzeville and Darlene Macri.

Meeting Opened: 7.30pm

Attendees were commended for coming out for the last meeting of winter.

Acceptance of the May 2014 Minutes:

The May 2014 Minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Wendy Inwood Seconded: Gillian McNarey Carried unanimously

Business Arising

- P&C Information on Website all minutes including AGM's now on back to 2010
- Canteen now has own tab & staff will explore further information to be posted e.g. information for people new to the school, availability of Eftpos etc.
- Queries regarding Elective metal work classes & School Farm requires further investigation.
- Inclusion of assessment weighting on Millennium will be actioned.
- Wendy I sent email to Mr Cobb re the Chaplaincy program reply red out & attached to minutes
- Det policy on Defibrillators in schools is currently being drafted in the interim the advise is not to purchase or accept donations of the same.

Correspondence

- **In:**
 - Email from KHS P&C suggesting another meeting held over to next meeting.
 - P&C Association Call for Election of Councillors & Delegates no volunteers from meeting but asked to consider as NSW Govt needs a parent body to consult on policy.
 - P&C Association Renewal of Membership/Insurance completed
 - P&C Association eNewsletter circulated
 - Healthy Kids Insurance Offer no action as already insured
 - Harlequin School Backpacks after discussion not pursued
 - Butterfly Foundation Workshop offer not pursued as Body image addressed within existing curriculum.
- **Out:**
 - Patrons letters sent.
 - Reply & cheque sent to Year 12 Student to assist with Studio Rehearsal costs

Presidents Report:

- Successful tour of our new gym on June 16.
- P&C association membership & insurance renewed
- “Correspondence In” circulated by email
- Parent Teacher Interviews Booking System & 5 minute timer alarm in Gym worked much better. Booking system may be improved by including faculty next to teachers name and having appointments printed out in chronological order.

Treasurers Report:

- As presented by Wendy Inwood:

The balance of our working account is \$4090 and our interest bearing account is \$10,522. Since our last meeting we sent a cheque for \$50 to Royal Far West and a cheque to student Claire Woolmington for \$60 which was 10% of her anticipated costs since the costs were under \$1000. This cheque had not been presented up to yesterday.

- Profit from chocolates stands at \$1500 but I am waiting on an invoice of around \$500.
- Jenny Stirling suggested her daughter may be able to help with the audit . Wendy will contact & liaise .

Principals Report:

Principal's Report August

1. Gym and Performing Arts Centre

It has been pleasing to see the extensive use of the new facilities for classes in all sorts of different Key Learning Areas. We now have a moveable stage for assemblies and we are installing the video facilities as soon as possible. The fitness laboratory is nearly ready for use with all the equipment installed and it is all systems go.

In the upstairs classrooms lessons are taking place in virtually all key learning areas and, already PDHPE have expanded their learning experience and included dance as an area of learning in Year 10 PDHPE. I am sure that all our year 10 students enjoyed their first PDHPE dance experience.

Meanwhile the Performing Arts complex is all systems go for an end of year finish. People passing in Piper St would see a large hole where the foyer of the hall used to be and the hall itself is now a shell, ready for the refurbishment to come.

We are working towards an open day as soon as our fitness lab is ready to go and fully functional. This will be a day where parents can come in and look at normal classes taking place.

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

This has now been discussed at a college level and a number of principles adopted:

2. The policy will be common across both campuses a Denison College Policy

3. All students do not have to bring a device. Rather students can bring a device if it helps their learning.
4. The policy will come into play at the beginning of 2015.
5. All years will be captured by the policy.
Darren Hamilton has asked if he could do a presentation on BYOD to the P&C at the start of next semester.

Parent Teacher Night

It seemed to go well – is there any feedback re things that we can do better? There were some early technical hitches as we tried to marry the needs to the system with the need to make semester 1 teachers available but we have a mechanism for this now.

Report on Purchases for Gym

Gymnasium/Performing Arts Space

Gymnasium spending on equipment is within establishment budget. \$20 000 for video setup from Canteen fund.

This will leave approximately \$40 000 in budget at the moment. We have about 20 000 we need to quarantine as much as possible for development.

Funding of \$7,800 for the development of the shade structure. Half has come back as joint school/community funding.

\$500 for sponsorship of the Edgell Jog

\$684.86 for Dust Coats to represent school.

Nomination of Parent for HT Support

HSIE and History/Geography – Year 8 Curriculum – change to semester

Accounts

Uniform shop Commission paid until June 2014 \$8430.64

Canteen Rent paid to 18/07/2014 \$53572.06

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Future Directions

Mr Hurford and Mrs Dunshea addressed Year 10 students at both campuses on Tuesday 15th July and issued them with their Senior Studies Guide and Transition Action Plan.

This was followed by the Careers Expo in Orange on Wednesday 23rd July, and all Year 10 students and parents were invited to the Future Directions Night at BMEC, which was a great success. In addition to having Year 11 2015 Subject Selection Procedures outlined, parents and students had the opportunity to talk to teachers from both campuses about the wide variety of courses available for study. There were also representatives from CSU, TAFE, VERTO, Skillset OCTEC Youth Connections and a range of other employment and training organisations.

Students have now handed in their initial subject selections and subject 'lines' have been formed ready for the Future Directions interviews, which start at Kelso High on 11th August and Bathurst High from 18th August. The Senior Team have been working on interview schedules over the last week or so and appointments are in the process of being finalised.

These interviews are a fantastic opportunity for students, their parents and staff from the College to discuss career plans and aspirations. I am always impressed with how willing our Year 10 parents are to make the effort to be available.

Bathurst High parents should be aware that Ms Reid (Head Teacher Senior Studies) is currently HSC Marking. Mrs Howard will be filling in for her until 25th August and is the first point of contact for any concerns during the Future Directions Interviews. Mrs Murphy will coordinate activities at the Kelso High Campus.

Exciting Start to Term 3

I would like to thank Mr Peasley (Principal, Kelso HC) for filling in as College Principal for the first two weeks of this term while I was Relieving Director for the Bathurst Network. During this time I had the pleasure of visiting schools in Bathurst, Lithgow, Kandos, Oberon and Millthorpe areas. A special highlight was meeting future Denison College students at some of our partner primary schools.

Our College professional learning program saw staff from both campuses working together on Day 1 this term to further develop a range of literacy and numeracy strategies. The combined College Executive has also met and continued work from last term on leadership capability development. These combined events are important in providing opportunities for our teachers and leaders to collaborate on ways to maximise the benefits of the College structure so that students benefit.

Craig Petersen

College Principal

Fundraising:

- Has been reported in Treasurers report

General Business:

- From Principals report -Feedback from Parent Teacher Evenings General consensus that the system is much improved. Teachers may teach across faculties so adding faculties would add to confusion. Plan to have floor plans on a hand out sheet to be picked up at the evening to facilitate locating teachers as well as posters displayed at entrance.
- - P&C Spending as agreed to previously for Agricultural Farm dust coats \$684
- and as done last year the purchase of 50 shirts for the first 50 students to enter the school team for the Edgell Jog \$500 Both cheques to be drawn from the Uniform shop account Moved Wendy Inwood seconded Melanie Baines carried unanimously.
 - Also previously agreed to assist in the purchase of a shade structure a cheque for \$8500 to be drawn form P&C interest bearing account Moved Wendy Inwood seconded Lyndall Ross carried unanimously.
 - The Performing Arts works are running to schedule and thankfully the

jackhammering has been completed. The Anzac memorial will be kept in its current position but will be restored and ready for the centenary celebrations in 2015 .

The BYOD policy will be brought into Denison College in 2015. Students can bring in devices but can also continue to use pen & paper. Darren Hamilton will make a short presentation at the start of the September P&C meeting about the BYOD Policy.

Lyndall Ross has been nominated as the P&C Parent representative on the panel for the Head Teacher Support. Motion passed unanimously.

The Trivia Night was agreed as a good school community event . It will be held Friday October 17th and Stuart Everett has agreed to be the quiz master again for 2014. But the P&C parents are encouraged to supply prizes either themselves or source them from business they know rather than have the SRC doorknocking this year. Volunteers to help set up on the Friday morning will be needed. The tables will be of 8 or 10 cost \$15 for adults \$5 for students. BYO catering and doors open at 7pm for a 7:30 first round bookings on line? Or at the office.

Business Without Notice:

- The Gym has a Usage Agreement established already and the Performance Space will have one ready by the end of the year. The Carillon Theatrical Society would be welcome to make an inspection once work is completed as a potential venue for productions.
- The HSIE faculty is looking at moving to a semester based system for both history & geography. This aims to improve continuity for students and teachers.
- Burr 2013 is now available. The cost for 2014's Burr will be pay on pick up.
- Inaccuracies in contact details can be rectified by going to the office & requesting corrections
- If a student for any reason misses role call they need to go online to check the Daily Notices for upcoming events .

Meeting closed: 9 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 3rd September 2014 at 7.30pm

Foreshadowed items for the next meeting: ENOUGH Prizes donated to run the Trivia night.