



## Bathurst High Campus P&C Association



### Minutes of the General Meeting held Wednesday 3rd September 2014

**Attendance:** Lyndall Ross, Trevor Liu, Sarah Veilande, Geoff Hastings, Gillian McNarey, Wendy Inwood, Mandy Irwin, Craig Petersen, Jenny Arthur, Darren Hamilton, Michael Smith, Linda Ralls, Leanne Jones, Kathy Howard, John Browett, Darlene Macri, Rohan McAdam, Sandra Hamer and Melanie Baines (minutes)

**Apologies:** Carol Neary, Jenny Stirling, Vicki Osbourne, Robyn Jonassen, Ann Hogin, Margaret Sewell, Sarah Veilande, Sarah-Jane Beuzeville and Yulonda Phillips.

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**Meeting Opened:** 7.30pm

#### Acceptance of the August 2014 Minutes:

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

Moved: Wendy Inwood      Seconded: Gillian McNarey      Carried unanimously

Presentation of BYOD update from Darren Hamilton

Aiming to start 2015 across both campuses wanting it to be both policy & process driven. Parents were invited to look at questions generated previously by Kelso campus parents regarding BYOD. BHC parents were invited to add their own questions. After discussion it was agreed that any further questions were to be emailed via P&C email or to [darren.hamilton@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:darren.hamilton@det.nsw.edu.au) who will bring it to the next BYOD meeting 8/9/2014. Further updates will be circulated through the P&C emails.

#### Business Arising

- Student diary discussed in Principals report.
- Millennium updates occur in November & weighting of assessments will be added to the schedule for Yr12 2015.
- School App is being well utilised but after discussion there was general agreement that advertisements should not be added.
- Spending Priorities discussed in Principals report.
- Auditor for P&C not finalised Wendy I will email J Stirling.
- Trivia Night discussed in General Business.

#### Correspondence

- **In:**
  - Paul Toole accepting role as Patron
  - P&C magazines distributed in meeting
  - Fund raising brochures World war One
  - Potential Student parent email
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- **Out:**
  - Email to potential student parent

**Presidents Report:**

- Successful hosting of Japanese Students & meet the Wallabies.

**Treasurers Report:**

- As presented by Wendy Inwood:
- Our current available working account balance is \$3524 and our interest bearing account balance is \$10,546. The profit from our chocolate fundraising stands at \$993 for the year.
- Wendy Inwood moved a motion to rescind the motion of last meeting to pay for the Shade Cloth from the P&C Interest Bearing Account and instead have the Shade Cloth paid by either the Canteen or Uniform shop accounts up to the schools discretion. Motion moved by Wendy I seconded by Melanie B and carried unanimously .

**Principals Report:**

1. Stats on usage not available tonight – it is being used extensively for notes. Will try and communicate by email. Could a decision be made on advertising and rates, if it is to happen be decided in email hookup by executive of P&C once stats are available.
2. The new school planning cycle is upon us. We are starting the process of developing a campus plan that has common elements with a College Plan. Craig and I will talk to this so that we can get some feedback on the way parent and student consultation about the plan should be framed.
3. The Eisteddfod has been interesting this year but some great results for the bands and vocal group.
4. Consultation on BYOD and development of draft policies and procedures should be framed on Monday. If Darren does not bring it up, it would be great to have parent input into this.
5. Final Presentation Assembly at 10 am on the 19<sup>th</sup> in the Gym
6. NAPLAN is out at the end of this week and we will post immediately
7. We have looked at the Millennium Homework diary and there is another solution that will sync with Millennium. It is a specialist homework diary. We do need to develop an official school homework diary and the big advantage of the Myediary over Millennium Diary is that it is built for phones and that is the way that we should go. Every student owns a phone. Disadvantage is that it is another login. I am trying to create a situation where the usernames and passwords of Millennium and Myediary are synced and you can go into the Diary from inside the portal or at the portal page.
8. Anticipated numbers for next year are a slight increase on this year. Next year it is 976 as opposed 967 this year. There will be a loss of some temporary staff and positions due to the end of the National Partnership.
9. I would bring your attention to the Youth Worker letter sent by the Education Minister of NSW to Christopher Pine. I am currently getting a detailed report on the services and support that offered by our Youth Worker so that we have evidence for the federal member.
10. Very successful night held by the Careers Advisor with Year 12 students and university entrance. Great feedback from parents about the support offered.
11. Des Crawford relieving for Gaye over the next two weeks as she is on LSL.
12. Preparing for the handover of the DP positions. Next year the two positions swap as part of their 3 year rotation.

#### Accounts

Uniform shop Commission paid until July 2014 \$8430.64 less Dust Jackets \$622.60 & less Edgell Jog  
Shirts \$600.00 Balance \$7208.04

Canteen Rent paid to 15/08/2014 \$43643.42

#### College Principal's Report

September 2014

#### Future Directions

Interviews have been held and finalised at both campuses. These went extremely smoothly and I would like to acknowledge the work of Mrs Murphy and Ms Reid in managing this process. Thanks, also, to the many staff at both campuses who supported parents and students over the fortnight of interviews.

As always, it was wonderful having the opportunity to meet so many parents and to work together to help ensure that every child has the best possible transition action plan as they rapidly approach the conclusion of Year 10.

#### Transition Tuesday

Actually occurring over Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October of Week 1 next term, this is the process at both campuses where Year 11 students are interviewed by the senior team to ensure that their HSC studies get off to a flying start.

Attendance and achievement during the Preliminary course are reviewed and each student's pattern of study is checked against their Transition Action Plan to ensure that they are on track to achieve their goals.

Where modifications are necessary, contact is made with parents to ensure that everyone has a clear understanding about any changes.

#### Kids Teaching Kids

Miss Townend and Miss Burt have been working hard with Year 7 and 8 students on this wonderful initiative as part of the College's enrichment strategy. This project, which you may have seen advertised on television recently, focuses on sustainability as a project and giving students the knowledge and confidence to teach their peers.

The program started in Victoria and was initially designed for primary aged students. I believe that this is the first year that secondary students have been able to access the program.

I was able to sit in on sessions delivered by our students at Eglinton Public School on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, and it was absolutely fantastic to see how excited our students were about teaching Year 6 students about biodiversity, hydroponics and the problems associated with introduced species. They were innovative and enthusiastic, and the Year 6 students were totally engaged in the lessons.

#### Visiting Author Inspires Students

In June, Junior students from both campuses had the opportunity to attend a workshop with JC Burke, whose novel *The Story of Tom Brennan* won the 2006 CBC Book of the Year for Older Readers and also appears on the current HSC English Prescribed Text List.

This workshop was highly-rated by students who attended, as was the session presented by Burke at the Central West HSC Seminar Day held at CSU on the following day.

These workshops gained national exposure in both the September 2014 edition of *Australian Teacher Magazine* and on the Education HQ website. Check out the story at <http://www.educationhq.com.au/news/11108/students-invigorated-by-a-visit-from-engaging-australian-author-jc-burke/>

Craig Petersen

College Principal

**Fundraising:**

- Has been reported in Treasurers report

**General Business:**

- From Principals report the next planning cycle for school involves some changes to improve the accountability and consultation process. After discussion it was agreed a draft will be presented at the November meeting. Also flagged was the investigation of an online homework diary which could be incorporated into Millennium.
- A new Sister school arrangement was announced with Iilyoma School, Japan. This school has 2 junior & 1 senior high school.
- Trivia Night Planning is well underway. It is already on the school website & a reminder txt will be sent out early next term. As usual the leadership team will be enlisted to help on the night.
- Year 9/10 Elective Streams  
Parents & students reported some confusion / concerns regarding the process whereby students have to make choices hastily when two of their choices appear on the same line. Geoff explained that children are given free choices in order to develop the different subject lines. This process appears complicated but enables 70 to 80% of the students to get their first preferences. The Staff will look at ways of improving the process for students who do not get their first preferences.

**Business Without Notice:**

Meeting closed: 9.10 pm

**Next Meeting: Wednesday 5th November 2014 at 7.30pm**