



Denison College

Bathurst High Campus P&C Association



Minutes of the General Meeting held Wednesday 5th November 2014

Attendance: Trevor Liu, Gillian McNarey, Wendy Inwood, Mandy Irwin, Jenny Arthur, Merryl David, Linda Ralls, John Browett, Darlene Macri and Melanie Baines (minutes)

Apologies: Carol Neary, Jenny Stirling, Vicki Osbourne, Robyn Jonassen, Ann Hogin, Margaret Sewell, Sarah Veilande, Sarah-Jane Beuzeville, Kathy Howard, Sandra Hamer Craig Petersen, Geoff Hastings, Lyndall Ross and Yulonda Phillips.

Meeting Opened: 7.30pm

Acceptance of the September 2014 Minutes:

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

Moved: Wendy Inwood Seconded: Gillian McNarey Carried unanimously

Business Arising

- BYOD draft policy and draft Parents Information sheet was circulated. Any feedback from parents please email to Darren Hamilton by November 14. Aiming to review feedback before putting information onto school website. Teacher preparation is ongoing and Professional Learning has been well received.
- Millennium updates occur in November and weighting of assessments will be added to the schedule for Yr12 2015 Gaye Dunshae will check and report back.
- Access to Student Diary via Parent Portal on Millennium is an ongoing project, Luke Gilmer is involved.
- Auditor for P&C has been finalised by Wendy I. The books are currently with Tony Pollard.

Correspondence

- **In:**
 - Barbara Anderson accepting role as Patron
 - Requests for Parent Representatives on Selection panels. This has been organised.
- **Out:**
 - Thank you letters for donations for the Trivia Night

Presidents Report:

- The Trivia Night was a great success and a good school community building event. Thank you to all the people who helped with the set-up and pack-up. Around 130 people attended and \$1800 was raised.

Treasurer's Report

Our working account currently has a balance of \$5823 and our interest bearing account has a balance of \$10595. Income since we last met includes \$1840 from Trivia Night. Our 2013 accounts are currently being audited by Tony Pollard.

In response to Trevor's request for a breakdown of our 2014 finances, I present the following:

Westpac Account:

Income		Outgoings		Balance
Cadbury Chocolate Fundraising	\$4168.00	Cadbury Chocolate Fundraising	\$2719.00	
Trivia Night	\$1840.00	Donations –Bathurst Eisteddfod, Royal Far West	\$150.00	
AGM subs	\$23.00	Student Sponsorship	\$60.00	
Interest	\$10.02	P&C Federation Membership & Insurance	\$745.00	
TOTAL	\$6041.02	TOTAL	\$3674.00	\$2367.02
Opening Bal Feb 2014	\$3456.10		Current Balance	\$5823.12

ING account: Initial Balance of \$10355.72 + total interest of \$239.66 = Current Bal of \$10595.38.

Wendy proposed & the meeting agreed to a \$50 voucher being given to Jasmin our chocolate seller at the Mapping Authority. This was also done last year.

Wendy agreed to stay on until the AGM 2015.

Principal's Report

Accounts

Uniform shop Commission paid until 31/08/ 2014 Balance \$7724.90

Canteen Rent paid to 24/10/2014 \$31143.64

Gaye took as question on notice regarding up coming equipment costs associated with the completion of the Performance Space.

Principals Report:

Principal's Report November 2014.

1. Stephanie Scott has been successful in a whole of college EOI for the DP Middle School position for 2015. Jenny Stirling will be the DP in the Senior School and Gaye Dunshea in the Junior School. Sandra Chapman will be HT Senior Studies
2. Critical positions still to fill HT Support, HT English and now HT Welfare (relieving). Targeted graduate, Murray Rose appointed to the Science, Physics position for Aiden Stelling who was successful in getting a Head Teacher Science position at Camden Haven High
3. Information for parents on BYOD. See attached document for approval. We should have stickers out in shops. The important thing is that BYOD is not compulsory and a book is a device. Equity policy also attached.
4. Transition program is going well. This year we have improved a number of processes and I am pleased with our processes. Congratulations to the HT College in the Junior area – *Carmen Bond*
5. I would like feedback on the consultation process for the new school strategic plan. The spending of flexible funds must be tied to our priorities. I would be happy to make the first meeting of 2015 a review of what we are doing. We have examined data at two school development evenings and have identified:
 - (a) Building resilience in junior girls
 - (b) Improving literacy through writing
 - (c) Improved HSC results through the implementation of ALARM and structured study groups
 - (d) A focus on Boys' Achievement
 - (e) Use of technology to enhance engagement through BYOD
 - (f) Continuing to narrow the gap for Aboriginal students
6. I thought the trivia night was another fantastic community event and a tribute to the work of the P&C – especially Wendy Inwood
7. We have got the first of our interactive projectors installed. *Cherry - Jan*
8. The buildings continue to track well and we should be in by the end of the year. *Stuart Selous*
9. I would like the P&C to consider whether it would be worth transferring the Goldie account to some sort of P&C run trust structure. Have a governance structure that includes the school and the P&C so that the funds are not subsumed by DEC. *Go and Emma*

College Principal's Report

Need to Succeed

On Thursday 23rd October, I was able to attend the first Need To Succeed Symposium in Sydney.

Need to Succeed (NTS) was launched to support the implementation of needs-based, sector-neutral school funding as recommended in the 2011 Review of Funding for Schooling (the "Gonski" review).

The symposium was attended by a broad group including educators from all school sectors, not-for-profits, parents and professional associations. The message that participants heard from all speakers, including Adrian Piccoli (the NSW Minister for Education) and Gonski panellists Dr Ken Boston and Kathryn Greiner was that supporters are united in the view that the current model of funding is no longer answering students' needs, with data showing the performance of Australian students has declined.

If this continues, Australia risks being left behind in international measures of academic performance.

The Gonski school funding model proposed an entirely new approach that benchmarked funding for students against the level received by a reference group of successful schools and provided additional money for the most disadvantaged students. The NTS alliance believes this is the way to give every student what he or she needs to succeed, irrespective of the school they attend or their background.

For more information, visit <http://needtosucceed.org/>

Fundraising:

- Has been reported in Treasurers report

General Business:

- In addition to the Principal's report Gaye presented a proposal for a visit to the school of a team offering Facial Mapping & advice regarding skin care. After discussion it was agreed not to pursue this offer.
- The Kel Cook Cup was recently held. Bathurst High Campus was victorious. Parents suggested communication could be improved if messages were txt as well as posted on the school Facebook page. Gaye will investigate further for next meeting.

Business Without Notice:

Gaye commended Canteen for having a catering menu.

Canteen Committee reported a health inspection. The results were good & the Canteen Committee will liaise with Geoff regarding tiling which needs to be done.

Wendy proposed & meeting agreed to spend up to \$500 for the usual P&C Allrounder awards & also to assist with other prizes as needed.

Notes for the End of Junior school celebration 10/12 at a cost of \$45 has been distributed.

Year 12 advisor is facilitating a Committee for next years Senior jumpers

After discussion it was agreed to hold a December meeting this year. All welcome & please bring a plate or bottle to share.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 3rd December 2014 at 7.30pm