Bathurst High School P&C Meeting Minutes – August 2015

Minutes of the General Meeting held Wednesday 5th August 2015

Attendance: Gillian McNarey, Alexa Barr, Carol Neary, Cassandra Jones, James Meares, Trevor Liu, Kathy Howard, Mandy Irwin, Caroline Gold, Jenny Arthur, Sandra Hamer, Linda Ralls, Michael Smith, Jenny Stirling and Melanie Baines (minutes)

Apologies: Geoff Hastings, Craig Petersen, Kylie Shead, Lyndall Ross, John Browett, Gaye Dunshae, Leanne Jones, Stephanie Scott, Sarah Veilande, Merryl David and Penny Packham.

Meeting Opened: 7:30pm

Acceptance of the June 2015 Minutes:
The June 2015 Minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Mandy Irwin Seconded: Trevor Liu Carried unanimously

Business Arising
- BYOD all faculties continue to develop and new computers have been purchased.
- Oval Pumping System query held over to next meeting.
- Meetings with the Department continue, as does the development of plans for facilities for students with autism classroom.
- Disabled access planning continues.
- The Harvard referencing system has been agreed as reference system for assignments. It is currently being implemented across campus.
- Feedback from the Your Tutor online service has been very positive, with good uptake from Year9 maths students.
- Demonstration of Google Classroom

Correspondence
- In:
  - Paul Toole acceptance as P&C Patron
  - P&C Association Magazines
  - Email regarding Gonski developments
  - Letter from Bunnings regarding Community Volunteers information evening; No follow up required.
  - Healthy Canteen Insurance Offer; no follow up required
- Out:
  - Letter to Quinn with donation for sporting endeavour
Presidents Report:
● Attended the Official Opening of Education Week 2015. The theme was Celebrating Local Hero’s and aligned with Bathurst 200 year celebration. Highlights of the program included a guest speaker who attended both Bathurst Public & Bathurst High during the 1940’s speaking about his school days, presentation of certificates to P&C Presidents in recognition of the work school P&C groups do to enhance public schools and the usual plethora of items from schools within the Bathurst Network of schools.
● Also attended the Future Directions Evening which was very informative.

Treasurers Report

Bathurst High Campus- Denison College P&C
1st June- 31st July 2015

Westpac Account
Opening Book Balance from 31/05/2015 $5,344.65

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Subtotal $1,123.86

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Subtotal $1,527.16
Bank Statement Reconciliation

Balance as per Bank Statement at 31/7/2015 $6,368.51

Plus Outstanding Deposits $0.00

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Less un-presented cheques $1,427.16

As per Book Balance $4,941.35

ING Account to 31st July 2015

Opening Book Balance from 31/05/2015 $10,755.56

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Balance $10,796.04

Motion: In the future all requests from student for donations for State and higher representative activities be capped at $50 with a letter of acknowledgment. This is more sustainable considering the limited fund raising activities of the P&C. Proposed by Trevor Liu, carried unanimously.
Relieving Principal’s Report

1. Flood in gym due to a burst pipe. Not too much damage and in the hands of the insurer.
2. OASIS area now open for students in support.
3. New flashing light have been set up in Keppel Street to facilitate 40 speed zones. This is part of a State wide program and the positioning of these lights was determined by the roads department.
4. Year 12 University Entry: Eleanor Cloherty and Sandra Chapman- early entry
   Information session for parents Tuesday August 25th at 6pm
   UNSW Open day Sat Sept 5th & they are charging $10 for a day trip
   Other scholarships available encourage students to google Teacher scholarships are available
   Teaching now requires 3x band 5’s but there are many different paths to entre this career path.
5. Year 10 Future Directions Interviews planned for next week
6. Attendance to Community Awareness of Policing Program gave a real insight into the day to day policing and it complexities.
7. Anticipated numbers for 2016 are 998 students.
8. Concert Band afternoon concert is scheduled for Tuesday August 11th at 4pm, all welcome.
9. Parent/Teacher night was held on the same evening as BPS Concert. This wont happen again.
10. Campus & College Principal both attending a conference in Finland & will be making a presentation there.

Canteen Account 17,932.17 and Uniform Shop Account $12,284.20

College Principal’s Report,

Future Directions

Future Directions is the process that we use across the college to support students in planning for the transition from Year 10 to future study or work.

I met with Year 10 students at both campuses on Tuesday 14th July to launch this year’s process. Students heard about HSC requirements, the different categories of subjects and some of the many things that they need to consider when planning the next phase of their studies or career.

Students were issues with a Senior Studies Guide, which outlines the HSC rules and the 90 subjects available across both campuses of Denison College. They were also given a Transition Action Plan which needs to be returned to Mr Hurford (Kelso High) or Ms Barr (Bathurst High).

The annual Future Directions Night was held on Wednesday 22nd July at BMEC. In addition to having the Year 11 2016 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. They were also able to meet representatives from a range of other employment and training organisations including Charles Sturt University, TAFE, VERTO and Skillset.

International Conference

I will be attending the International Confederation of Principals’ Conference in Helsinki, Finland in early August. Finland has been the centre of a lot of international attention in recent years as a result of their outstanding results in international assessments conducted by the OECD.
Whilst there, I will be co-presenting a paper with a particular focus on principal well-being and rural education.

Craig Petersen
College Principal

General Business:

- Fundraising for the Performing Arts Space curtains No obvious solutions but item carried over as Geoff was pursuing Community Grants which usually have matched funds clauses.
- After discussion it was agreed to postpone the Trivia Night for 2015. Planning has been left too late for this year.
- Year 12 final Assembly Friday September 18 and Presentation Night Tuesday December 1st.
- Year 10 Jumper changes for 2016. Discussion regarding students strong feelings about this issue & reasons behind the change in policy. Options for compromise being explored.

Business Without Notice: Nil

Meeting Closed at 9:20pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 2nd September 2015 at 7.30pm