Minutes of the General Meeting held Wednesday 4th February 2015

**Attendance:** Gillian McNarey, John Browett, Cassandra Jones, Murray Rose, Sarah-Jane Beuzeville, James Meares, Wendy Inwood, Michael Smith, Trevor Liu, Kathy Howard, Mandy Irwin, Darlene Macri, Vicki Osbourne, Jenny Arthur, Yulonda Phillips, Linda Ralls, Craig Petersen, Geoff Hastings, Sandra Chapman, Sandra Hamer, Lyndall Ross, Merryl David, Carol Neary, Megan Bond, and Melanie Baines

**Apologies:** Jenny Stirling, Sarah Veilande, Penny Packham and Leanne Jones

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Meeting Opened: 7.30pm

Acceptance of the December 2014 Minutes:

The December 2014 Minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record

Moved: Wendy Inwood Seconded: Darlene Macri Carried unanimously

**Business Arising**

- BYOD Google Aps are available & Microsoft has provided 365 terabytes storage. Professional learning regarding the application of this functionality is being carried out. Millennium is being updated with percentages for Senior Assessments
- Canteen has received 1 quote for the splashback & is now awaiting further quotes.

**Correspondence**

- **In:**
  - Appreciation certificate from Wires
  - Petition regarding Carcor Principal replacement. It was explained it is an Industrial Award issue & so is difficult to rectify.
  - Flyer for Student Insurance and as in previous years the meeting agreed not to pursue.
- **Out:**
  - Nil.

**Presidents Report:**

- Welcomed all to the first P&C meeting 2015 and encouraged everyone to use the meetings as a forum for communication.

**Treasurer’s Report 4th February 2015**

Our current balances are $5584 in our working account and $10,669 in our interest bearing account.

Our first deposit of $311 has already been made from chocolate sales. And our total profit from chocolate sales in 2014 was $1614.64 so full marks and many thanks to Jasmyn.
Principal’s Report

1. Work is now completed on the Performing Arts Theatre and Dance Studio. We will have a tour of that later.

2. Staffing looks to be pretty stable. Numbers are slightly up on what we anticipated. Total size of the school is about 980 students.

New Positions:

1. DP Middle School
2. Acting HT Creative Arts
3. Director Musical Performance
4. New HT English

3. Still positions to fill – Head Teacher Administration, HSIE teacher, English Teacher, Science Teacher, Computing Teacher. We have very capable casuals in all those positions. I would like to get parent reps in case all these positions go to ad.

6. Watering for new grass from tanks is available.
7. Processes are below attached for the swimming carnival and representing:
   - WSSA web site has qualifying times, print these and hand to those students who are keen to attend (we’ll match this with parent information and carnival times)
   - Daily Notices explaining process and register of interest with information, Name, DOB, Events, PB’s.
   - I’ll advertise at the carnival to also see Ms Withyman/Mr Hamilton to also register (covers those who have missed notices and/or have a great day and swim well etc)
   - Collate names into Meet Manager, come up and I’ll go through this with you so we can send to WSSA prior to carnival.
   - We’ll have a cut-off date so info can get the WSSA on required dates, no entries after this date.
     Mauricia Withyman has agreed to coordinate and I have approached Kelso to see if we can coordinate Denison relay teams.

8. Yr 7 Meet the teachers 4.00 pm 25th Feb, Swimming Carnival 11th Feb, TAFE started today.
9. Newsletter next week.
10. We are entered in the parent “Tell Them From Me” survey to be done next term.
11. School Plan – will talk to it at next meeting but would like some feedback on how I should consult with parents on the priorities for the campus.
College Principal’s Report

February 2015

Welcome to 2015!

2015 is off to a flying start with a whole range of new activities and programs across both campuses of Denison College. Welcome to all of our new students and their families. Welcome, also, to all of the new staff who are new to the College.

New Principal for Kelso High

Michael Sloan joins the College Management Group as Principal, Kelso High Campus. Mr Sloan comes to us from Orange HS, where he was Deputy Principal, although he was Principal (Relieving) at Narromine HS for all of last year.

New College Youth Worker

The College also welcomes Lucy Costello to a new role that has been established as a result of the partnership across both campuses and headspace. Lucy was previously employed at Bathurst High as a youth worker under the National Chaplaincy Program. She will now work Mondays at the hyLite centre (headspace), and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday across Bathurst and Kelso campuses.

School Within a School

SWAS commences on Monday 9/2. Six Year 10 students from each campus will commence Stage 5 TVET (Hospitality) at Bathurst TAFE each Monday and attend school for the rest of the week. The twelve students will receive mentoring support and may have the opportunity to participate in work experience and other specialised programs throughout the year.

Inquiries regarding SWAS can be directed to the Project Officer, Mr Behan (KHC), or the Head Teachers Junior Studies, Ms Townend (KHC) or Ms Burt (BHC).

High Achievers’ Reception

Over 200 people attended this year’s celebration on Tuesday 3rd February at the National Motor Racing Museum. We were very pleased to be hosted by Councillor Gary Rush, who hosted a Mayoral Reception to honour our high achievers from Years 10, 11 and 12 (2014).

The evening was a wonderful success, with many families enjoying the opportunity to visit this wonderful facility.

Shared Courses

Shared courses have commenced for senior students with all students enrolled in Preliminary (Year 11) completing the mandatory All My Own Work program on Thursday 29
January. Preliminary VET students will also participate in a mandatory VET induction at Bathurst High Campus on Thursday 12 February.

In total, there are 72 Year 12 students studying 19 subjects as part of their HSC at their sister campus. For Year 11, there are 45 students travelling to the other campus to study 17 subjects.

It really is outstanding that our students have such a wonderful opportunity to study the subjects that they are really interested in and that will give them such a broad range of choices when they leave school.

Craig Petersen
College Principal

General Business:

● The Managers from the Canteen reported huge increases in prices from regular Bakery. After discussion a motion was put to the meeting. For the Canteen to purchase from different local suppliers to continue to provide pies, sausage rolls & cheese/spinach triangles at current prices. Moved Mandy I seconded Darlene Macri and carried unanimously.

● Business Without Notice:
Trevor discussed Wendy Inwood’s 8 year involvement in the P&C, the last 3 being Treasurer. As well as organising the Trivia nights and helping on many panel and committees. He moved that Wendy be recognised as a Life Member. Geoff Hastings agreed and mentioned Wendy being instrumental in the much improved governance of the P&C. The motion was carried unanimously.

Meeting Closed at 9:00pm Next Meeting: Wednesday 4th March 2015 at 7.30pm, AGM