Minutes of the General Meeting held Wednesday 3rd December 2014

Attendance: Gillian McNarey, Wendy Inwood, Michael Smith, Penny Packham, Sarah Veilande, Kathy Howard, Mandy Irwin, Darlene Macri, Vicki Osbourne, Jenny Arthur, Kelly Langdon, Linda Ralls, Craig Petersen, Geoff Hastings, Jenny Stirling and Trevor Liu (minutes)

Apologies: Carol Neary, Mel Baines, Lyndall Ross

Meeting Opened: 7.35pm

Acceptance of the November 2014 Minutes:

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

Moved: Wendy Inwood Seconded: Darlene Macri Carried unanimously

Business Arising

- BYOD policy document, for Parents and Students has been distributed. It is hoped that the expectations will be realistic for the roll out of this initiative. A Google “domain” has been created for Denison College. Moodle coordination and Professional Development for Teachers is in progress. Parental Feedback has been muted, there are students with appropriate devices already. Local Retailers have been advised of the specifications for appropriate devices and have used stickers to identify devices.
- Millennium was updated with weightings and schedule in November.
- Access to Student Diary via Parent Portal on Millennium is an ongoing project. Study Diary may be run in parallel with the Google domain.
- Audit for P&C Funds for 2013 has been completed by Tony Pollard for a reasonable cost.
- Canteen Inspection completed by Council with the Canteen receiving a 5 Star Rating. Certificate to be scanned and listed on the School Webpage/Canteen Page.
- P&C Documents (7 years of records in 2 boxes) will be put in the School Archives.

Correspondence

- In:
  - Invitation to International Volunteer Day 2014 at Bathurst Neighbourhood Centre.

- Out:
  - Nil.

Presidents Report:

- Presentation Night in the New Gym was well attended and a great success. Congratulations to the Staff and Students for a well organised event.

Treasurer’s Report

Our working account has an available balance of $5,811 and our interest bearing account has a balance of $10,619. Our chocolate fundraising profit for the year stands at $1,707.

In the last month we have written a $50 cheque to Wires as a thank you to Jasmyn Ellis for her massive fundraising efforts. Wires was the charity she wanted us to donate money to instead of giving her a gift. We have
also paid Tony Pollard $220 for auditing the books for 2013. He did a really excellent job and he has kindly agreed to do it again next year if required.

Principal's Report:

1. Staff Changes - Lachlan Blaikie has taken up a position as a PE teacher. I would like to thank him for his excellent work as Relieving HT Support.
2. Creative Arts and Band Changes are being made. This will affect the bands and Creative Arts. There will be a Vocal Group, Jazz and Concert Bands. Andrew Smith will be the Director of Music and Performance. The role will include being the Director of the Concert Band and Management of the Theatre.
3. Position of Head Teacher Learning (Literacy) will be continued for one more year
4. BYOD - Professional Learning for Teachers.
5. Handover for the Performing Arts Theatre and Dance Studio is planned for 7th January 2015. Opening will probably be in February.
6. Quotations in the order of $4,000 have been received for Rainwater Storage and Distribution so that the new grassed areas and landscaping can be watered over the summer. Area will also be supplied with drinking water.
7. Quotations for Audio Visual Equipment for the Performing Arts Spaces are in the order of $19,000.

Trevor Liu Moved that funds be made available to support Items 6 and 7. Seconded by Sarah Vellande.

College Principals Report:
Principal of Kelso High School is retiring and the role will be filled by someone who is presently the Deputy Principal of Orange HS.
Jim Browning will be going to Mudgee High School.
Sandra Chapman has been successful in the EOI process and will be the Head Teacher Senior Studies.
Cassie Burt is the Head Teacher Junior Studies.
Jackie Hood continues as a Teacher Mentor who is being shared across schools. She is supporting 58 Teachers in maintaining their credentials and accreditation in a rigorous CPD process.

It has been noted that Skillset/Flannery Centre will be establishing a Senior School (Y10 to Y12) in 2015. They are a private provider which may give students an alternate pathway.

General Business:

- The Parent Representatives for the Fiscal Budget Meetings will be Kathy Howard and Mel Baines.

Business Without Notice:
- It has been noted that the Gym, particularly in late spring and even at night is quite warm. Discussions about the operation of the ventilation system or the installation of fans would be possible. eg. $14,000 for http://www.bigassfans.com/for-business/education/. The Theatre and Performance space would be better suited for presentation events and use of the Gym in late spring/summer is less likely.
- Geoff thanked the P&C for their participation in the operation of the School in providing feedback and prompt decisions that are for the well being of the Students.

Meeting Closed at 8:40pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday 4th February 2015 at 7.30pm