DENILIQUIN HIGH SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

MINUTES – MONTHLY MEETING   27/5/2014

Meeting opened:

1. **Present:** L Danckert, J Fellows, L Connell, L Barclay, A Collins, T. Page, D Van Lieshout, G McKindlay, J Burns, B Eames

2. **Apologies:**

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Moved Jenny, second Lynda D

4. **Business arising from Previous Minutes:**
   - Blues and roots hampers: Sales were difficult. In kind donation to school $1600 of goods (cheese, chocolates etc). Approx 106 empty bags. To claim on insurance (cool room leaked) – Lynda D to pursue insurance claim through P&C Federation. Jenny to approach Ute Muster Office to sell empty esky bags @ $15. Lesson to be learnt: too large a volume, a lot of patrons took food in to festival, too high an outlay to make money in, short expiry date on cheese, would have been better positioned in the bar area. Graeme suggested selling the bags only with a frozen water bottle in next year. Overall loss approx $6000 prior to insurance/ selling remaining bags. Thanks expressed to Jenny and her team for all their hard work.
   - ERCEF dinner went well, approx 200 people there.

5. **Correspondence:**
   - In; Letter from Joan Douglas thanking us for donation of Hamper bags to Fashions on the Field prizes, at the recent Races.
   - Out; Letter to Sussan Ley encouraging her to push for the full Gonski reforms.

6. **Reports:**

   **Canteen report:** Quotes received for painting canteen but hoping to get painting paid for through asset management. Rosters manageable. Senior numbers at canteen are dropping.

   **Driver Education:** Balance of $13000. Breath testing at Ute Muster $3-500, require 6 units minimum. Driver Ed will do the breath testing for gold coin donation. This year’s programme 24-28/11/14. Lynda B to get quotes on Alcoliser.

   **Principal’s Report:**
   - Work experience this week for Yr 10.
   - Cross country last week and Athletics previous week.
   - Drug seminar next week for Yr 11 and 12.
   - Reports in coming weeks.
-Yr 11 exams over the next 2 weeks.
-Reconciliation Week this week. High aboriginal enrolment.
-Yr 6-7 Parent Information night and transition evenings and school tour in the last 2 weeks. Expecting 90-95 students in 2015 Yr7.
-Collections of data in next few weeks for students with disabilities. This includes anyone who requires modifications to their work (170 students). Hopefully this will ensure funds are better directed towards meeting disability needs.
-Gonski-Budget plans to deregulate Uni fees, also HECS debts will attract higher interest rates and will have to repay those loans at lower income levels. Lynda B to write letter to Sussan Ley re this, also Deniliquin to be reclassified as a Remote area (re Youth Allowance).
-Activities for disengaged students in Yr 9 and 10 – Gener8 (11 boys going out to Ute Muster site for a community project), also a construction project for 5 weeks through TAFE (9 students). Also Good Start Children’s Centre has several students participating in a programme there.

7. General Business

School uniforms – parents have questioned the blue polo shirt for junior girls with the summer uniform, and white polo shirt with the winter uniform. After discussion it was decide that either blue or white shirts are acceptable for junior girl’s winter uniform. Also quality of Sports shirt to be discussed with Watters by Andrew.

Jenny had a call from P&C Federation, no further correspondence received. Internal politics and Federation self combusting. Office shut until further notice.

Glen Thompson spoke to Jenny re assisting school families in need. Need to develop a donations policy. Andrew Collins will ensure a school family in crisis can obtain funding through their Welfare Policy.

Letter from Anthony Bradley requesting assistance with a contribution towards a Level 2 Coaching Course. Decision made that this is outside the core business of the P&C, Andrew to advise Anthony of outcome.

BYOD Policy: Department is updating Wireless capability. Further updates to be put in newsletter.

Yr 10 area: design done and Council has to reapprove it.

Evening Under Stars: Date to be confirmed by Andrew Collins.

Meeting closed: 8pm.

Next meeting: 24/6/14 at 6pm at MPC.