

**CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL Minutes of P&C General
Meeting Tuesday 2nd May 2018
Attendance as per the book**

Meeting started – 7.30pm. We started the meeting with a tour around the J block.

Meeting Minutes were proposed Michelle Commens and seconded by Helen Wrench.

Principal's report – Written By M.Townsend

Staffing

- 11 May 2018 - Gary Johnson will officially retire from his Principalship. The position will not be advertised until late term 2, M Townsend will assume the role of Acting Principal during this time.
- New Science HT - Marina Siratkov, new HT Stage 5 - G Monahan, C Edinborough to HT Admin 1 replacing G Bamford who retired at the conclusion of 2017.
- Bid farewell to K Hampe (HSIE), Mark Patterson replacing her for the remainder of 2018.

Curriculum and Administration

- Annual YR 11 Camp week 10 term 1 to Jindabyne was a fabulous week. Student behaviour was exceptional, thanks to the staff who gave up their time, in particular the HT Stage F Adamou and the Year Advisers – P Hartman and A Lamont.
- Anzac ceremonies were held in week 11 due to AP 1 examinations beginning today. The ceremonies were a fitting commemoration of those who have served our country.
- Athletics Carnival Week 11- was a great day for our students. The organisation was excellent, and attendance was higher than in recent years.
- NESAS minimum standard testing – success. 165 students have sat 265 online tests. Of these 248 met minimum standards. Minimal standards 2017 NAPLAN was a Band 8. This year NAPLAN is not applicable – all students will have to complete Reading, Writing and Numeracy online tests.
- NAPLAN testing week 3 – diagnostic tests for Year 7 and 9 students. We have opted to do paper tests this year, with some schools opting for online versions.
- K Block open for business. Staff very happy with their new accommodation.
- Building update – Excavation on the sports courts will commence tomorrow. G Block Refurb is currently underway with the entire area stripped and preparations beginning for the plumbing work to commence. Anticipated date of completion for the project is still 20 August.
- Staff Development Afternoon in Week 11 Term 1 all staff completed mandatory CPR and anaphylaxis training.

- Staff Development Day yesterday – the main focus was the introduction of our writing program, the aim of which will be to improve writing across the school.
- Ap1 exams commenced on Monday and will conclude 18 May. If students are experiencing difficulties please contact the relevant staff at the school.

Important Dates

- 8 May YR9 and 10 PT night
- 14 – 18 May NAPLAN diagnostic testing
- 8 June Yr12 reports to parents
- 5 June YR 8 and 11 PT night
- 6 June volunteers Luncheon

Other matters

- Gav Poole presented the celebration dinner (of our newly built buildings) to the P&C community. This dinner will go ahead on the 21/8/18. Encouraging everyone to share date with friends and family and volunteers welcome to assist with organising raffles, silent auctions etc.
- On behalf of the P&C, Gav Pool passed a motion of appreciation to Gary Johnson for the service and leadership over the 17 years (approx.) at Cherrybrook Technology High School.
- Gav Poole thanked all of Cherrybrook CTHS staff for all they have done with the J block building works. He also thanked the executive staff.
- Winter Ball - Cherrybrook Winter Solstice Ball – 23/6/18.

Federation report:

Tim has been re-elected as the P&C Federation Councillor for North West Sydney. The new term commences in July 2018 and continues until July 2020.

P&C Federation has been consulting on DoE policy updates including a new Gifted and Talented policy

P&C Federation has also been contributing to a number of enquiries including Closing the Gap framework, Gonski Review of Education, Review of Teacher Registration, prevention of Youth Suicide, Regional, Rural and Remote Review.

NESA continues to update the curriculum with a number of syllabi up for consultation in 2018. These include Industrial and Design Technology 7-10, Aboriginal studies 7-10, Commerce 7-10, Geography 7-10, Information & Software Technology 7-10, Geography 11-12, PDHPE 11-12, Textiles & Design 11-12, Software Design & Development 11-12, Mathematics Advances, Ext1, and Extension 2 and Science Extension.

The Gonski Report - Through Growth to Achievement was released on 30th April. It has 23 recommendations some of which are already well under way in NSW, others that are simply not practical or achievable. The drive behind the report is the need to improve education outcomes for the future economic and social benefit of the country. The report speaks of declining PISA and NAPLAN scores as a central motivation for a need for change but largely ignores the issues with both NAPLAN and PISA being narrow and somewhat flawed methods of measuring student performance. The Federal government has stated it will adopt all 23 recommendations of the report but the states and territories, which have jurisdiction over the respective systems, have yet to agree to this. There are serious questions about how the recommendations will be resourced and funded as there has been no change in Federal funding since the introduction on the so called Gonski 2.0 funding model. The bottom line is that we may well see major changes to the direction of education across the country creating further uncertainty in both the education of students and the teaching profession.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

P&C ACCOUNT BALANCES as at 28th April, 2018

	NAB AUD	St. George AUD	TOTAL Fund AUD
General	105,619.73	5,259.52	110,879.25
Grounds	1,206.57	6,012.34	7,218.91
Building	53,675.34	3,433.13	57,108.47
TOTAL Bank	160, 501.64	14,704.99	175,206.63

Canteen Accounts

	Westpac AUD	
Cash Reserve	17,265.44	
Term Deposit	103,346.43	
Cash Bonus – Long Service Leave	25,444.79	
Cheque Account	88,320.78	
	TOTAL	234,377.44

- Moving bank accounts to online banking.
- P&C building fund has dropped due to transferring the promised amount, which we handed over our school for the basketball courts and covering.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday 5th June 2018 – Technology information will present to the P&C body – canvas and other Learning Management System (LMS).

Meeting closed - 8.30pm