

**CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL Minutes of P&C General
Meeting 4th September 2018
Attendance as per the book
Meeting started – 7.30pm**

Meeting Minutes

- Peter Hind, Head Teacher of Welfare presented a wealth of knowledge regarding his role in Welfare at CTHS.
- Our next presenter will be a library tour and talk, which will occur at our first P&C meeting in Term 4 2018.
- Karen Heathcote retired from the canteen after 18 years of hard work. The PnC and Gary thanked her and provided a farewell gift and card.

Principal's Report by Matt Townsend (rel. Principal)

Staffing

- Gary Johnson commenced as the new CTHS Principal Monday 3 September 2018 after a prolonged recruitment process.
- The process to fill several vacancies with permanent staff for 2019 will shortly begin across a range of faculties.

Curriculum and Administration

- YR12 Final Weeks - staff are completing curriculum requirements and revision. Students and parents need to be aware that this is a crucial time to solidify learning. Parents would have been sent an information pack regarding the arrangements and costs associated with the activities of the final weeks.
- Building program – final stages of completion occurring now. Landscaping and final ground surfacing all that remains.
- NAPLAN – results due to be released today. Some degree of conjecture about the validity of the comparisons between online and paper versions. Parents to receive the results for their child in the coming weeks (13/9/18).
- CTHS Executive weekend was recently held at Newport. The main focus of the weekend was around teaching and learning, and wellbeing of our students.
- YR12 Reports are being compiled by staff at the moment. Students will receive these in their folios at the Graduation assembly.
- A range of HSC practical examinations have now taken place with Music coming up next week.
- The exhibition of the HSC Visual Arts and TAS students is on in the MPC, with Music performances happening over the next two nights.
- Last week International Day was held with a fantastic assembly and also the traditional food stalls taking place at lunch.

Welfare

- We are keeping an eye on our Yr12 students in the lead up to the HSC. Also, our Yr11 group who are currently sitting their final Preliminary Tasks are also being monitored closely.
- B Street-smart Road and Youth Trauma Forum – yr10 students had the opportunity to attend the road safety forum.
- Yr9 Back Off Seminars for boys and girls will be held next week, an important initiative for self-protection, motivation and self-esteem.

Important Dates

- Yr11 Examinations commence 7 September.
- 26 September Yr12 Picnic at Fagan Park.
- 27 September Yr12 Graduation at CTHS MPC.
- 28 September Yr12 Formal
- 28 September final day of term 3.

Other Matters

- Reminder 20-21 December are student free days and the staff have done 3 out of 4 evenings of development, as a result these two days the school will be closed.

Canteen

- Vicki attended meeting and informed committee that Karen Heathcote retiring at the end of Term 3. Canteen assistants are also required – 3 possible positions – 2 of the 3 have potential for canteen manager roles. Vicki will follow up with the applicant/s and then Stephen and Helen will meet up with the applicant and interview these people.
- Canteen manager role - Mimmie has resigned from CTHS Canteen. Her last day will be Friday 28 September 2018. In the event that P&C are successful in finding a replacement prior to the end of term 3, Mimmie is happy to finish earlier.
- War on the Waste – increase recycling, including 10 cents recycle of drink containers. Canteen is also stopping plastic drinking straws. Environmental reps would be interested in speaking to canteen. Gary Johnston will speak to reps and ask them to speak to Vicki at the Canteen.
- Sushi supplier changed – now using the Cherrybrook Sushi shop (next to Woolworths). This supplier has been received very well with the school community.
- WHS Plan has now been finalised for the Canteen. This will be endorsed at the next meeting – 23/10.
- Eftpos and cash? still on the table. Helen will research the rental of the Eftpos machine.
- P&C thanked Vicki and team for running the canteen in such a professional manner.

Alumni

- Alumni Longen Lan, Vice-Captain 2013, gave a speech at the recent leader's induction ceremony - excellent speech which was well received
- The alumni now have 825 connections in LinkedIn - over 100 new members since January 2018. Quite a few have completed the questionnaire giving details of where they're at now.
- An alumni flyer will be going into the year 12 graduation packs. Requested that mention be made of the alumni at the graduation ceremony and that graduates be encouraged to join the alumni.

Building Program Update:

Final stages of completion occurring now - landscaping and final ground surfacing all that remains. Last week of Term 3 the building should be complete and hand over should occur.

Federation report:

1) Tim was asked to provide some guidance on auditing of P&C financials to the Executive. The document included in this email will hopefully help to resolve the debate. Basically, we don't need to have a qualified auditor and the audit we undertake does not need to be a financial audit in the accounting sense. In addition, we cannot change the auditor we chose at the AGM at an Exec meeting. We would need to vote on it at a general meeting at which all members are sufficiently notified and can vote on it.

2) Tim rolled over the investment account for another 7 months at 2.72%. The was the best rate they had.

3) NESA has released the terms of reference for the NSW Curriculum Review. NESA along with Professor Geoff masters will be holding a series of "town hall" style meetings to get feedback between 3rd September to 30th November. Dates and times can be found on the NSW Curriculum Review website <https://nswcurriculumreview.nesa.nsw.edu.au>.

4) P&C Federation had its Annual General Meeting on Saturday 25th August at which a number of motions were carried;

- NSW government provides free Opal Card travel to all K-6 children
- NSW Government fund the construction of bores and appropriate solar power facilities in rural, regional and remote schools.
- NSW Government increase funding for technology and technical support in all NSW public schools

- NSW Government continue to fund the Rural & Remote Blueprint strategy
 - That the Federal government implements a capital grants program for public schools
- 4) P&C Federation has discontinued its membership with ACSSO (Australian Council of State School Organisations) over increasing frustration that the national body is not representing the interests of public education, especially in NSW, and that their current structure does not facilitate representation by members.
- 5) Following the leadership spill last week, we have a new Federal Minister for Education, Dan Tehan. He has direct connection to the Catholic education system and as a result, is likely to green light additional funding for the Catholic system. He has been warmly welcomed by the Catholic and Independent sector but it still remains to be seen if he will break the long-standing aversion of his predecessors to fund public schools equitably.
- 6) A meeting of the Australian education Council is due in September at which the future of NAPLAN will be discussed. There has been significant unity from all the key representative bodies that NAPLAN needs a serious overhaul. The recent debacle surrounding the comparison of paper and online tests has only solidified their stance. Hopefully there will be a strong voice for a full review.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- **P&C ACCOUNT BALANCES as at 31st August, 2018**
- Our term deposit with the Canteen, balance currently \$103,346 matured on the 25th August 2018. This amount has been rolled over for another 6 months.

	NAB AUD	St. George AUD	TOTAL Fund AUD
General	168,020.94	5,299.53	173,320.47
Grounds	75,969.89	6,154.13	82,124.02
Building	61,824.28	3,445.68	65,269.96
TOTAL Bank	305,815.11	14,899.34	320,714.45

- **Canteen Accounts**

	Westpac AUD
Cash Reserve	17,302.10
Term Deposit	104,397.02
Cash Bonus – Long Service Leave	25,558.43
Cheque Account	121,298.68
	TOTAL
	268,556.23

Funding Report:

- Gavin spoke about Biviano's and booking of tables. Erin to follow up and speak with Alumni members.
- Official opening and tour of new building on the same day (Tue 13/11/18) as the Biviano's dinner.
- Leaflets to go to the graduation night for further advertising.
- The funds raised will go towards the landscaping of the upper/top playground, that is one large dust bowl!

General business

none

Meeting closed – 8.30pm

Next Meeting:

To take place in the Conference Room in A Block, on 23rd October 2018 at 7.30 pm

Post library tour – head up to the new basketball courts and see it lit up night!