

**CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL Minutes of P&C General Meeting
Tuesday 14th February 2017**

Attendance as per the book

Meeting Minutes were proposed by Liz Groves and seconded by Tim Spencer.

The P&C has generously funded the furnishing of the rejuvenated library, with wonderful shelving and inviting tables and seating. One great addition is the whiteboard tables. This is an evolution of butchers paper, which has long served students when brainstorming and developing concepts in collaborative tasks. Ms Kumar's Business class is enjoying the flexibility of these tables.

P&C and other members were delighted to receive the presentation from Amber Sorensen, The Librarian. Amber showcased and presented the facilities of the new renovated Library to the audience. It's innovative and modern, going beyond the traditional 'books for borrowing'. In addition to extensive fiction and non-fiction collections, we provide staff and students with a number of other services and facilities. We collaborate closely with CTHS teachers across KLAs to develop and run relevant and engaging lessons and programs based on sound pedagogy and drawing from the Quality Teaching Framework. We aim to embed information literacy skills within the curriculum and extend students' use of technology such as Web 2.0 tools.

Principal's report

Curriculum and Administration

- The school has enjoyed a very settled start to the year with students quickly settling into work. Year 7 students are particularly settled and seem to have made the transition from primary to secondary very comfortably.
- Student numbers for 2017 are all but finalised with the total enrolment being 1932 students, slightly fewer than at the same time last year. Our largest year group is year 11 with 383 students. The large number of Year 7 enrolments since the beginning of the year means the school will have to put in an extra Year 7 class. Whilst this is disappointing overall class sizes will be reduced allowing for more individual attention for students.
- At the present moment the school has a number of unfilled positions being filled by very competent casual staff. We are in the process of filling these in a permanent capacity and hopefully all new staff will be on the team by the start of next term. A full list of new staff was published in the first Network of term.
- The HSC results were absolutely outstanding with seventeen students gaining awards for all round excellence. 176 students gained recognition on the merit list and Cherrybrook High was ranked as one of the best schools in the state, according to the Herald and Telegraph on the strength of our results. Dominik Strbik achieved the top ATAR of 99.85 closely followed by Keshini Vejayin with an ATAR of 99.75.
- Presentation of 3 graphs showing student and school growth over the past 15 years.
- The HSC High Achievers assembly was a great success and my thanks are extended to the P&C for their catering and sponsorship of the prize for the second highest ATAR which helped to make a very special occasion even more special. Guest speaker for the day was Valerie Ling, foundation School Captain who gave a magnificent speech.
- RAM funding – additional money has finally come into the school. The well being money will be spent on additional counselling time and the employment 4 hours per day of a first aid specialist who will also assist with the administration associated with student health care plans.
- I hope all families received a copy of Network via email this week. If you haven't please check with the school that your email address is up to date.
- Regional sporting Blues for Northern Sydney – Jordan Adams / Paris Roditis – Blues endorsement.

- BYOD Program - My thanks to the community for the support of this initiative. The vast bulk of students are now connected and staff have begun using these in class.
- Minimum literacy & numeracy standards for HSC to be explained to Year 9 parents on P&T night.
- Website update – Latest gallery

Welfare

- The Year 7 swimming carnival will take place this Friday 17 February
- Year 12 P&T interviews Tuesday 21 Feb
- Year 7 Camp 21 to 24 Feb
- Meningococcal vaccination for seniors will occur on ???
- School photographs have taken place this week
- Valentines day roses were a huge success today.

Important dates

- Year 6 to 7 information evening Tuesday February 28.
- Zone swimming Monday 27 February
- CTHS cross country is scheduled for Wednesday March 01.

Other matters.

- Payment of school fees. Invoices will soon be sent to all families in Years 7, 8, 11 & 12. Stage 5 will follow a little later. It is most important that these fees be paid promptly so that the many programs that are reliant on these can get underway.
- School website gallery / swimming photographs + High Achievers

Alumni

AJ provided a general update on the Alumni group for the benefit of the new members.

- Alumni group kicked off in march 2015 by the P&C and we have come a long way with a small group of Past students steering the group supported by the P&C and school representatives (Deputy Principal Mr Brett Clements and School Career Advisor Ms Melinda Bower)

- Initial focus on the engagement to enable the alumni members to give back to the school through coaching / mentoring / work experience opportunities for the students/ speaking engagement etc. while providing a forum for the alumni members to network themselves . We have over 550 members connected primarily through the CTHS alumni LinkedIn group.

- The group is actively involved in the school career mentoring program, supporting the SRC and also speaking engagements at school events

- Focus for 2017 is to continue the engagement and increase the alumni participation to achieve the objective of giving back to the school through the various programs

- There are a couple of things we are doing to increase the engagement

a) A quarterly newsletter incorporating school highlights and Alumni stories. The first one was published in December

b) Engaging with outgoing year 12 students before they get too detached from the school

Building Program Update:

Infrastructure and building subcommittee report: Gary Johnson updated P&C that the tender for building project closed by 19th January and waiting for the department to sign off. Hopefully we are looking forward to start early March. Landscaping underway. There has been discussion about air-conditioning in 'D' block.

Federation report:

Tim Spencer updated P&C on Federation. There has been a change from BOSTIES to NESAs, New South Wales Standards Authority. This board has new CEO appointed. The education department has formed new committee to focus on literacy, numeracy and online NAPLAN. Air conditioning has become a top priority and will be given lot of importance in the future. Federation has now got new IT contractors from January.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

P&C ACCOUNT BALANCES as at 14th February, 2017

P&C agreed to rollover the term deposit which is maturing in March for another six months.

	NAB AU	St. George AU	TOTAL Fund AUD
General	425.57	146,338.59	146,764.16
Grounds	237.47	55,785.32	56,022.79
Building	366.50	259,966.57 *	260,333.07
TOTAL Bank	1,029.54	462,090.48	463,120.02

* NOTE : St. George Building Fund Balance include a Term Deposit of AUD 240,000- @ 2.9% p.a. maturing on 19th March, 2017

Canteen Accounts (Westpac)

	Westpac AU
Cash Reserve	66,842.06
Term Deposit	100,000.00
Cash Bonus – Long Service Leave	32,771.48
Cheque Account	25,541.88
TOTAL	225,155.42

Correspondence in/out -.

Next Meeting: The next P&C Meeting will be the Annual General This will be held on Tuesday 21 March in the Staff Common Room at 8pm.