



Cherrybrook Technology High School Parents and Citizens Association

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 15th Feb 2022 7:30pm.

Welcome:

Thank you to those parents who have joined us online.

Attendance:

94 attendees according to the zoom presentation.

Adoption of previous minutes proposed by:

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

Nil.

Principal's report:

Curriculum and Administration

- Despite the ever-present threat of COVID 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.
- NETWORK has provided an update on most of the happenings around the school over the vacation and the continued rollout of the RATs. Disappointingly we have had to struggle with power loss, gas disconnection and the inundation of the PE staff room during the recent heavy rains. Repairs continue and hopefully we will enjoy a better run as the year progresses.
- As mentioned in NETWORK the aircon is close to being finished. We are just waiting for the power upgrade and some units from OS to arrive.

- Student numbers for 2022 are all but finalised with the total enrolment being 2046 students, slightly greater than at the same time last year. Our largest year group is year 10 with 371 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.
- Disappointingly, we have lost our two HT Mathematics for a period of time. Mrs Lees has taken a secondment to the DoE corporate sector to work on HSC strategies while Mrs Brahe has taken a Year's LWOP.
- The senior executive has held a number of planning sessions to review and clarify the school goals for 2022. The work the P&C completed last year on the SWOT analysis proved to be valuable in aiding our task. Focus for the year will continue to be on improving student learning, student wellbeing and community engagement.
- Disappointingly, the school development days did not proceed as we planned. A last-minute decision by the DoE meant staff were only allowed onsite to collect their RAT tests and then had to work from home until all 2050 students returned.
- Yesterday's Valentine Day roses proved to be a great success with students
- **2021 HSC Results, Presentation of PP with details showing student and school growth over the past 20 years.**
- 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.
- 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.
- School photographs all but completed. Further catch-up day is February 18. All seemed to go very well.
- Corona Virus – Restrictions still apply meaning the school is constantly revising the way we do business. Two examples of this for 2021 are the online High – Achiever's assembly and open night, which will now include a virtual Tour and, hopefully, some real time interviews and presentations over the internet.
- P&C to sponsor second prize at High achievers' assembly which will take place on Friday 18 February. Nearly all students are returning for the day and once again the Commonwealth Bank is sponsoring the highest ATAR.

Important dates

- Year 6 into 7 information night has been postponed to a date to be fixed due to current COVID restrictions.
- Year 12 Parent / Teacher online interviews commence Tuesday 1 March

Other matters.

- Payment of school contributions. 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 contributions be paid promptly so that the many programs that are reliant on these can get underway.

Alumni report:

Social media - Started posting weekly on the following platforms -

- LinkedIn – 1740
- Facebook - 620
- Instagram –

Ongoing Social Media Collation –

- Alumni profiles
- News stories & Throwbacks –
- Tyson coming on board to support comms execution and enhancements

Focus initiatives for the year

- Feb 18th - high achievers speaker
- Jun 21st - School leaders selection - volunteer support
- Jul 29th - School leaders induction - speaker + 10 year Student Exec invite
- Aug 30th - Performance & Exhibition Night - 30 year celebration -Event
- Sep (dd) - Year 12 Graduation - Speaker(?)
- Dec (13th) - Presentation ceremony - speaker (TBD)

3- Major Event in August

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 5 April at 5PM

Treasurer's report

Assets		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
St George General A/c	\$1.45	
St George Building A/c	\$1.32	
St George Grounds A/c	\$0.93	
Westpac General Account	\$22,862.61	
Westpac Building Fund	\$223,964.17	
Westpac Grounds Maint Acct	\$117,533.76	
Total Bank Accounts		\$364,364.24
Total Current Assets		\$364,364.24
Total Assets		\$364,364.24

We did not have any report as there was no financial change or payments made in lockdown.

P&C representation:

Not at present.

General Business:

NIL

Correspondence in/out:

Nil.

Next meeting: Tuesday 22nd March 2022 at 6:30pm