

CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL
MINUTES OF P&C GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday 16 Feb 2016

Meeting commenced at 20.00 hours.

PRESENT: As per the attendance book.

APOLOGIES: Alyse Collins, Janice Marshall, Gavin Poole

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

The previous meeting minutes proposed by Gary seconded by Tim Spencer.

Stephen introduced the P&C executive members to the gathering and welcomed all the parents.

Guest speaker, Mr Brett Clements, Deputy Principal

Mr Clements, talked about the outstanding HSC results and of the analysis done by each KLA to further improve student outcomes. Merle Runde achieved the perfect ATAR of 99.95 and Katie Lim achieved a close second with an ATAR of 99.90. This year approximately one half of students had reached the top band of achievement in at least one course of study. We had approximately one third of our school's HSC candidature scoring an ATAR above 90 including eleven students with ATAR's above 99 and seventeen students who achieved a Band Six in each of their courses of study. Mr.Clement mentioned that as a school we are proud of your efforts and the outcome.

Principal's report as presented by Mr. Gray Johnson is given below:

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 2016 are all but finalised with the total enrolment being 1952 students, slightly fewer than at the same time last year. Our largest year group is year 10 with 372 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 is 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. 146 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. Merle Runde achieved a perfect ATAR of 99.95 closely followed by Katie Lim with an ATAR of 99.90.
- Brett Clements will present a snapshot of these results and our value added data later tonight.
- 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 Kenny Sabir, foundation School Captain who gave a magnificent speech which was printed in its entirety in last week's Network.
- Last Friday's Year 7 swimming carnival was a great success with terrific student attendance and participation.

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- 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 – Paris Roditis and Brendan Weal.
- 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.
- Website update – Latest gallery

Welfare

- The Year 7 camp will be next week
- Valentines day roses were a huge success.

Important dates

- Year 6 to 7 information evening Tuesday March 01.
- Zone swimming Monday 29 February
- CTHS cross country is scheduled for Wednesday March 02.

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

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Stephen announced that the executive committee has approved the budget in principle to table at the AGM on 22 Feb 2016.

P&C FEDERATION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT:

Tim explained the formation, purpose and the functioning of P&C federation for new parents information. He also mentioned that he would nominate himself for the federation election to represent the North West Sydney electorate for this year also.

FUNDRAISING SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT:

Markets:

Rod explained the concept and idea behind Cherrybrook Markets, Business directory and car stickers to the parents. He mentioned that in the previous month Cherrybrook Markets generated \$200 as contribution for the P&C funds. The market will be more of a growers markets with quality product and fresh produce.

Stephen suggested that we need a volunteer as 'Market Co-ordinator' which will be finalised in the March election.

Business directory:

Rod mentioned that 20 advertisements have been placed in the first business directory which is due to be released.

Update on Alumni Association:

AJ explained how the Alumni is contributing to the School.

- ✓ AJ mentioned that the next Alumni meeting coincides with the Markets day on 27 Feb 2016.
- ✓ AJ and Elicha met with Meegan to understand the function of Markets and how Alumni can contribute to its growth.

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- ✓ Alumni is currently involved in mentoring program and "encounter careers" lunchtime which provide insights on various job opportunities and prospects.

Gary thanked AJ and the Alumni community on their contributions to the School so far.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND BUILDING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT:

Gary briefed what developments are going on with the infrastructure and building project so far. Stephen mentioned that a constructive letter to the state education minister and the local MP is being sent on behalf of the P&C explaining the expectation of our School in this regard.

CORRESPONDENCE:

IN:

Request for funding for Abbey Lemon, Year 8, who during the holidays, was selected to represent the Australian Under 14's Women's Futsal Team to tour the UK in October.

The P&C will provide \$200 as support to Abbey Lemon.

The back pack company's pamphlet was handed over to School.

OUT:

Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Liz mentioned that the account balance looks healthy.

P&C account balances at 14th February 2016

	NAB	St George	Total
General	320.21	93,194.65	93,514.86
Grounds	248.87	37,272.52	37,521.39
Building	250.00	195,643.55**	195,893.55

** \$195,000.00 is in a term deposit (maturing 19 July 2016)

Canteen Accounts (Westpac)

Savings \$ 66,202.16

Transaction \$198,749.76

CANTEEN SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT:

Our books for 2015 are currently being looked at by Doug MacColl. He is happy with the way the accounts have been presented. We are in the process of finalising a new canteen manager for our School canteen.

P&C REPRESENTATION UP TO 22ND FEB 2016:

Tue 1st Mar 2016 Year 6 to year 7 information from 6 pm to 8 pm will be represented by Stephen.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

The job descriptions of President, Treasurer and Secretary will be circulated in the newsletter that advises of the upcoming AGM.

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The next P&C meeting will include a presentation from the Mathematics Head Teachers, Mr Watson and Mr Woo.

Stephen thanked the P&C members and parents for attending the meeting.

Meeting closed at 21.30 hours.

NEXT MEETING: AGM to take place in the staff common room, on Tuesday 22 Mar 2016 at 8.00 pm.