

## CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL Minutes of P&C General Meeting

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2017

Attendance as per the book

Meeting started – 8.00pm

### Meeting Minutes

**Guest speaker** – Matt Fisher and Matt Townsend discussed the project works and presented a Power Point. HUGE thanks for establishing and sustaining the relationship with the builders and architects.

### **Principal's Report**

#### **Curriculum and Administration**

- The Year 12 HSC examinations commenced yesterday. Students are well prepared and at this stage appear to be coping well with the stress the tests bring. I'm confident students will achieve the results they deserve!
- Year 11 students have now commenced their HSC courses. Their Year 11 reports are in the process of being finalised. On Tuesday night 24 October there will be a meeting for all year 11 students and parents. The meeting will look at the demands of Year 12, what is expected of students and also allow the students' reports & assessment booklets to be handed out.
- The year 12 Big day out, concert, graduation and formal were all a great success. Students are to be congratulated on the way they conducted themselves during this time. All staff involved did a marvellous job and were most supportive of the students. A huge thank you to the P&C functions committee for all their support of the evening and the wonderful table decorations, marvellous cakes and catering. My sincere thanks to all my staff who "plugged the gaps" whilst I was on leave.
- Work has commenced on the 2018 timetable and will continue for the next few weeks. Student numbers are approximately 1950. This is approximately the same as last year.
- The progress on our new building continues to be excellent. Presentation from Mr Townsend and Mr Fisher to follow.
- Initial China exchange was a great success with students and staff making very positive connections with our school in Shanghai.
- Department of Education restructuring. This is an ongoing process with the appointment of 45 new directors now being delayed until the end of Term 1 2018.
- New School excellence framework has been published and the start of the new school planning cycle has commenced. At the next P&C it would be good if we could break up into groups and provide some community feedback on a variety of issues.

## **Welfare**

- Year 10 Peer support leaders for 2018 were trained over the past few weeks.
- The Year 9 camp is underway with students and staff leaving yesterday. A report from Mr Clements this morning indicated all was going well.
- International Day was, once again, a great success with students really enjoying a wonderful multi-cultural assembly and lunch.
- Death of Stephen Reid, long time school council President. An outstanding man who really helped set CTHS on the right direction.

## **Other**

- Staffing: We are currently in the process of filling a number of vacant positions and trying to get additional positions to advertisement in order to ensure the school has staff with the correct "fit". These include the DP & HT Science.
- Year 8 Lifesaving commences Friday 27 October
- Stage 5 and Year 11 Drama retrospective will be held on Wednesday 25 October.
- Mr Woo was recently described as one of the top 5 most influential educators in the country by the Financial Review.

## **Important Dates**

- 5/12/17 – Presentation night – Stephen will represent the P&C
- 5/12/17 - Year 6 to 7 – Orientation Day – Tim will represent the P&C
- 7/12/17 - Sports Presentation Day – Rod will represent the P&C? – Stephen will follow up and confirm.

## **Federation report**

- Tim reported that NERA funding has been scrapped by the Federal government, leaving states and territories not knowing what funding they will be receiving.
- Federal Government has announced that it wants to introduce Numeracy and Literacy of Year 1 students.
- State wide survey on NAPLAN online –Families are concerned as well as staff.
- Department of Education is likely to introduce NAPLAN online in 2018 despite significant issues during the readiness trial.
- Parent groups are due to have a round table meeting with the Minister for Education in the next few weeks to push the online NAPLAN to 2020.
- P&C Federation are working with other representative groups to produce a NAPLAN charter.
- NESAs HSC minimum standards – year 9 NAPLAN links to HSC have had unfortunate effects. Federation is providing feedback to NESAs for future communications.
- Federation board meeting with Anthony Manning – CEO of Schools Infrastructure of NSW. He is going to try to remove red tape by 50%. Money is being poured into Asset management – up skilling staff. Maintenance issues will be a focus – how to get the most from money.

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

<b>P&amp;C</b>	<b>ACCOUNT</b>	<b>St. George</b>	<b>TOTAL Fund</b>
<b>BALANCES as at 30th</b>			
<b>September, 2017 NAB</b>			
<b>AUD</b>		<b>AUD</b>	<b>AUD</b>
General	5,691.26	119,451.94 *	125,143.20
Grounds	201.53	67,903.43	68,104.96
Building	5,267.00	309,015.61 *	314,282.61
<b>TOTAL Bank</b>	<b>11,159.79</b>	<b>496,370.98</b>	<b>507,530.77</b>

**\* NOTE :** \*St. George Building Fund Balance  
include a Term Deposit  
of AUD 300,000- @ 2.4% p.a. maturing on 19th Feb, 2018

### **Canteen Accounts Westpac**

<b>AUD</b>	
Cash Reserve	67,107.28
Term Deposit	102,263.28
Cash Bonus – Long Service Leave	24,949.28
Cheque Account	61,362.09
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>255,681.93</b>

### **Other business**

Next meeting Tuesday 24/11/17 – small groups and focus questions - P&C members agree.

**Meeting closed – 8.50pm**