

**CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL Minutes of P&C General
Meeting Tuesday 1st August 2017**

Attendance as per the book

Meeting started – 8.00pm

Meeting Minutes were proposed by Michelle Commens and seconded by Helen Wrench.

- Our school community listened to Kim Gibbs - Science head teacher present the new Science Curriculum and the different courses on offer. Parents were able to ask questions regarding the new courses. Thanks Mrs Gibbs for an excellent information session.

Principal's report

Curriculum and Administration

- The annual executive planning conference will take place on the weekend of 18 / 19 August. The program will include Lila Mularczyk, Director Secondary Education speaking about new structures within the teaching service and the Department of Education's future directions, Mr Eric Jamieson, former Director of the NSW Education Department's High Performance Unit and now leading educational consultant who will discuss international education trends and Australian wide best practice. The executive will also be evaluating our progress on the school's 2015 - 2017 school plan and commence work on the school's next 3-year plan.
- During the first week of term the school was visited by the Premier & Minister for Education. Students met with both and were outstanding ambassadors for the school community. My thanks to Rod Cuevas for representing the P&C on the day at very short notice.
- The position of Head Teacher TAS was filled last week with the successful candidate being Mr Paul Wakelin, who is currently teaching at Narara Valley High. My thanks to Mrs Helen Wrench for her work on the panel. Mr Kerr will finish up at the end of term and assume his new position on the NSW North Coast in Term 4. Mr Wakelin will commence day 1 Term 4.
- Decisions on staffing and timetables for 2018 will need to be made in the near future as student subject selections are completed and evaluated.
- The Leaders' induction assembly took place last week and was an enormous success. Photographs are available on the school website in galleries and in the most recent "Network". Sincere thanks are extended to the P&C, which did a great job catering for this event and to Tim Spencer for representing the P&C.
- Building update: Concrete pouring continues, block walls are being constructed and while the weather is kind we are on track for opening early in 2018. Negotiations are continuing about court realignment and a cover for the court.

- Students have performed very well in the Sydney north Athletics. Quite a number will progress to the CHS carnival.
- Year 12 parents will soon receive the, “Big Letter” with all details of Year 12s final days including costing and monies owed. Please read this carefully and complete all the appropriate attachments.

Welfare

- AP4s commencing next week – and practical HSC exams in the near future. Consequently, we have some very nervous Year 12 at present. Staff are doing their absolute best to support students and keep them on track.
- The “anxiety” seminars, which took place recently are being followed up with further offers of support for senior students over the next few weeks. Mrs Bevan has done a great job pursuing this initiative.

Important dates

- Year 12 Careers night Wednesday 16 August
- HSC Visual Arts & Music performance evening 29 August. Further details to follow in Network

Other matters

- At this stage we have offered places to approximately 300 students for Year 7 in 2018. This is a slight increase than at the same time last year. The school has been inundated by appeals from the huge number of students who were ruled ineligible for placement.
- Website hits – last week 8701 hits. 1406 first time visitors!
- A big thank you to Rod for supporting the school during the Premier & Minister’s recent visits when the building program was announced.

Other matters

- Successful Winter Ball – School and community event. Next Ball June/July 2018. Profits go towards the Big Band, equipment for all bands – microphones, sound equipment.
- Introduce Mimmie – canteen Manager.
- Canteen WHS – Wednesday 9/8/17 – “inspection of where we are at” will take place. These inspections will continue each quarter and checked against the canteen checklist. This checklist has been reviewed and is up to date. Quarterly audits – Checking of PPE, equipment etc will take place.
- Safety management Plan - Janice to follow up with documents. These will be added to the plan.
- Safety management plan – how visitors, workers and student safety is managed.

Alumni:

- Mentoring programing going very well.
- Latest Alumni Newsletter was emailed out to the P&C Executive team. Prior issues of the newsletter can be found in the Alumni Website. <http://cths.nsw.edu.au/community/alumni/> - AJ
- Mentoring program – Acknowledgment of Brett Clements and Melinda Bower for their participation in alumni meetings.
- AJ tabled the idea of asking past Captains gathering for an evening of get together at the school. Gary and Brett to confirm date for Feb/March 2018. P and C contribute \$500.00 towards the gathering.

Building Program Update: \$300,000 from school building funds will go to the basketball courts and 3D printers will be bought.

Federation sub-committee report: P&C Federation are organising a state-wide conference on March 2018. This will be held in Parramatta and will have prominent guest speakers in the education domain along with workshops for P&Cs. More details will be available soon.

There have been further changes with the Department of Education's structure with a new division, Schools Infrastructure NSW being created. This new unit will oversee the planning, supply and maintenance of public school and cover the role previously undertaken by the Assets Management Unit (AMU). The head of the unit has been brought in from Health infrastructure NSW and is said to bring 25 years of experience in delivering infrastructure projects. We are hoping that the new unit will be more responsive and less prescriptive when dealing with community funded school projects.

NESA (NSW Education Standards Authority) formerly the NSW Board of Studies has now started to form its new committees after the restructure. As previously reported, the restructure removed a significant amount of parent representation and left significant questions unanswered as to where parents fit into the new structure. Several of the main committees have now been formed and have met for the first time. Two of the main committees now have parents on them but the role is challenging as these parents represent all parents in NSW not their respective sectors as was the case previously.

Most parents will be aware of the recent controversy over the so called Gonski 2.0 funding. This legislation has now been passed albeit modified from its original form. With all of the talk of equitable, sector-blind funding, the federal government have succeeded in creating a brand new one with only 20% of federal government funding going to public schools. Considering public school students make up 70% of all students in the country this new funding model has set up a potentially troubling future for public education in Australia. Gonski 2.0 appears to fall short of meeting the School Resourcing Standard originally specified in the Gonski 1 report which

means that the Federal government is not taking education seriously. Gonski 2.0 places a substantial burden on state governments to fund the remaining 80% of public education. With NSW having already committed to the Gonski path since 2014, it now places a degree of uncertainty over education funding yet again.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

P&C ACCOUNT BALANCES as at 31st July, 2017

	NAB AUD	St. George AUD	TOTAL Fund AUD
General	1,387.13	177,230.11 *	178,617.24
Grounds	209.53	67,756.13	67,965.66
Building	620.00	308,980.07 **	309,600.07
TOTAL Bank	2,216.66	553,966.31	556,182.97

NOTE : * St George General Fund include a Term deposit of AUD 100,000- @2.2% p.a. maturing on 21-10-2017

** 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 AUD
Cash Reserve	67,007.01
Term Deposit	100,000.00
Cash Bonus – Long Service Leave	24,884.09
Cheque Account	61,438.08
TOTAL	253,329.18

Next topic for next P and C meeting – Anxiety and welfare – Jenny Bevan

A parent tabled how we can ask our current year 12 students how they coped with the HSC. A suggestion was to complete an exit survey for year 12 students?

Next Tuesday 5th September 2017

Meeting closed - 9.30pm