

**CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL
MINUTES OF P&C GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday 1st Sep 2015**

Meeting commenced at 8.00 hours.

PRESENT: As per the attendance book.

APOLOGIES: Stephen Phillips, Rod Cuevas, Alyse Collins, Latha Sudhir and Alka Mahajan.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

The previous meeting minutes proposed by Gavin Poole seconded by Gary Johnson.

Guest speaker, Mr Stephen Henry, Head Teachers English: The Head teacher English, Mr Stephen Henry, presented the current curriculum of English and other insightful snippets from the world of the English Key Learning Area. He mentioned that we build a strong foundation in a gradually increasing manner that we do from year 7 onwards in writing, reading, speaking and listening; this helps the HSc students to face the assessment tasks and the final exam with confidence and ease. Mr. Henry presented the various types of task that students do in writing, reading, speaking and listening and explained how they work with the students in developing their standards. On behalf of P&C Liz appreciated of Mr Henry for his detailed and informative presentation.

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

Curriculum and Administration

- The annual executive conference was held on the weekend of 21 & 22 August and I believe it was one of our best. During the course of the conference we covered a range of material and set in train further planning for 2016 and beyond.
- The Year 12 trials are now complete and reports will be sent home on September 9. The top students, as determined by their reports, will be invited to a special morning tea later this term to celebrate their success.
- The Year 12 HSC examinations are well and truly underway. Students from this school have already had their major works in English, D&T, Multi Media, Textiles and Design and Visual Arts submitted. While student examinations in Drama and LOTE have occurred and Music took place today. As we have come to expect there have been some outstanding student works and performances. Our recent senior Art / D&T nights have been well attended as have our HSC Music Nights.
- Year 11 students have now commenced their AP2 examinations.
- At this stage student numbers for next year will be slightly fewer than in 2015. Subject selection is in the final stages of processing and planning for our timetable has commenced.
- Last week we had the school's International day; once again it was a great success with a wonderful assembly and a marvellous lunchtime celebration of the school's multicultural nature. We also had our first evening concert for parents and community members.

Welfare

- Year 12 final days – Parents should have received a long letter detailing the school's expectations and the timing and cost of the various events Year 12 students will be involved with in the way of official school functions. Any parent who has not received a copy of this letter should contact me directly. Please continue to monitor your son or daughter's attendance if you have children in Year 12 – I am concerned that at this time of year truancy may increase and the HSC focus wane.

Important dates

- Year 12 High Achievers MT Monday 14 September
- Year 12 – Big day out Wednesday 16 September
- Year 12 graduation Thursday 17 September
- Year 12 formal Friday 18 September
- School holidays begins Saturday 20 September

Other matters

- Building Program update: Last Wednesday I met with 3 architects and the building project manager. We discussed what the school wanted, the current proposal and other issues surrounding the building process. We now wait for the next development.
- Our new leadership team has been installed and are quickly coming to terms with their new roles.
- The Year 7 GATs projects were a huge success. The successful students will attend a principal's Morning Tea.
- BYOD success – There is soon to be a significant survey conducted by Craig Anderson on the success or otherwise of our BYOD policy. Anecdotally it is going particularly well with students and staff embracing the technology in a most positive way. The strong professional development behind the project has been one of the key factors in the terrific student use and uptake. The use of the devices will be very beneficial when NAPLAN & ultimately the HSC move online.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Federation sub-committee report: Tim mentioned that,

Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW successfully completed its Annual General Meeting for 2015. Ten motions were passed by the P&C federation at the AGM.

The P&C Federation voted strongly against the concept of dependent public schools in NSW in the same manner as Western Australia.

Also voted in support of retaining small school principals rather than clustering small schools around a larger school with a single Principal

The DoE will be building three new multi-storey flagship school, Linfield, Parramatta Public and Arthur Philip High School and Ultimo with capacities between 200 and 3000 students. These schools will adopt a completely new approach to teaching environment with open and flexible learning space being one of the key feature at these schools.

The Media release on the Annual General Meeting for 2015 was circulated amongst the parents presented at the general meeting.

Infrastructure and building subcommittee report

Building Program Update: Gary mentioned that he met with three architects and the newly appointed project manager to discuss our new building. He mentioned that the school is pleased with those appointments.

The group spent nearly three hours at the school discussing the needs of the school, possible locations for the building and the best way to construct the building with minimum disruption to teaching and learning.

Sustainability, aesthetically pleasing and a real high tech are the three criteria that we want.

Fundraising sub-committee report

Liz mentioned that various fundraising opportunities are being explored by the executive committee. Gav mentioned that he is approaching many businesses and exploring sponsorship possibilities. During September 2015 on a Saturday we propose to hold the Cherrybrook markets at School MPC involving 18 stalls. Upon finalising the exact date notification will be sent in via network news and website.

Update on Alumni Association:

- ✓ AJ mentioned that a pamphlet on the alumni has been prepared and will go in the year 12 graduation folder.
- ✓ Gary has finalised a speaker from the alumni speaker's list and the person will make a speech on the year 12 graduation.
- ✓ Next alumni meeting is scheduled to be on 31st Oct 2015.

CORRESPONDENCE

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Aartee Saki (exec. member) has sent in her resignation as she shifted from CTHS. Her resignation was accepted by the executive members.

Thank you letter from Marais family (Charles Marais), for the \$200 given by the P&C for participating in the Pacifica games at Adelaide.

P&C federation AGM meeting minutes was received and circulated.

Hornsby council is having a free food handling session on 6th Oct 2015. Janice would nominate suitable persons to attend the session.

OUT:

Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT:

P&C account balances at 31st Aug 2015

	NAB	ST GEORGE	TOTAL
General	\$481.95	\$112,969.49	\$113,451.44
Grounds	\$257.86	\$38,833.07	\$39,090.93
Building	\$250.50	\$187,215.31**	\$187,465.81

** \$152,154.08 of this is in a six month term deposit @ 2.6%

A profit of \$74000 was reported by Liz.

Canteen Accounts (Westpac)

Savings	\$65,769.10
Transaction	\$224,335.50

Janice Marshall would be visiting the canteen on 3rd Sep. 2015. Janice's regular visit would facilitate better communication and functioning of the canteen. Cathy Pearson has started as a book keeper at our canteen.

A pay rise for the canteen employees of 4% backdated to 1 July 2015 was discussed and agreed by the executive committee members.

The executive members also agreed for the purchase of some Stainless steel (24 larger and 24 smaller) jugs. This would be distributed for use in the 3 kitchens.

Any Other Business:

It was decided that in the next general meeting Mrs Sorenson our librarian would make a presentation on our school library and its upgrade.

Liz thanked the parents for attending the meeting. Meeting closed at 21.15 hours.

NEXT MEETING: To take place in the Staff room on Tuesday 13 Oct 2015 at 8.00 pm.