

CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL
MINUTES OF P&C GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday 24 March 2015

Meeting commenced at 21.00 hours.

PRESENT: Per the attendance book

APOLOGIES: Rod C, Jennifer Bevan.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

The previous meeting minutes proposed by Tim Spencer and Seconded by Gary.

BUDGET 2015:

Copies of 2015 Budget was distributed to members. Stephen requested the members to carefully go through the budget and ask for clarification wherever required. Broadly speaking the budget 2015 is consistent with the kind areas which were identified by the committee as *areas to support*. There is no major change. There is change in some of the amounts in a deficit of \$12,000 when we looked at it last month. Since we have a healthy financial situation and we are comfortable to accept the deficit and hopefully the canteen income could off-set this deficit over a period of time.

In response to a query from Sunil, Stephen mentioned that the building fund which is set aside for the basket ball court cover will be kept as it is. Only the very strong likely hood by the end of 2016 of department going ahead with the basket ball court project, we will revisit after its completion to see what other things such as covered seating arrangements etc we can look at with the available fund.

P&C FEDERATION NEWS:

The Following briefing was given by Tim. Tim had informed the federation board 3 weeks ago that the federation needs to do something for the members parallel to the internal housekeeping.

Currently the following 3 working groups at the federation:

- (1) Working group for the North Sydney Region working on *employment guidance* for the P&Cs i.e. document explaining what the P&C should be doing in all aspects of employing individuals, where to look for the appropriate bits and pieces.
- (2) A group which is not part of the federation board was earlier working on some guidance documents. A draft document of this was reviewed by ex-councillors and this will be used as a base document to work further on. The working group is also developing a *governance document for board* with relationship with key stakeholders outside.
- (3).The 3rd working group is focusing on whole range of other issues not only with financials but also on matters such as work health and safety. Work is also happening on preparing *appropriate templates* wherever they do not exist are also being prepared.

Within 3 months time these working groups has to finalise range of guidance documents and one by one a series of such documents will be released to the P&Cs.

Tim is nominated to represent *board of studies* and waiting for the letter of appointment from the minister. Parent representation on number of boards are mentioned as not warranted by the federation including '*curriculum board*' which is disappointing to note. Further negotiations are on now in this regard.

As a requirement to federation, a forum in South West Sydney took place last week was successful and well attended. Enormous amount of information was conveyed and the forum received good feedback.

The next forum to happen in May 2015 at CTHS. Agenda and date finalisation is currently happening and then advertisement will happen.

CANTEEN ACCOUNTS: (Westpac)

Savings	\$65,334.71
Transaction	\$175,543.81

FUNDRAISING

Stephen mentioned that we are looking for ways of fundraising without requiring much work from parent community. The money generated by such initiatives are ensuring/will ensure continuous source of income to the P&C which will be then passed on to the school as and when required for suitable causes.

◆ Alumni:

AJ provided the following update on the Alumni project

- ✓ Plans are on track for the 26th March event.
- ✓ 18 attendees confirmed.
- ✓ Representatives from School including Gary, Jenny and Brett, from some of the exec members will be attending.
- ✓ We will engage and help the past students to establish an alumni association.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Matters of Community Concern

- I am currently relieving as a Director of Education for 4 school weeks. Mrs Bevan .is relieving as Principal & Mrs Lane as DP.
- A vote of thanks for all AJs work on the Alumni association
- Visit upstairs to view the 3D Printer.
- 5P Planning model - discussion led by Brett Clements. Where are we up to? P&C input.

Curriculum and Administration

- CTHS students have performed very well at the recent regional swimming carnival with quite a few students progressing to the CHS carnival.
- Participation in Cross Country and Athletics carnival was for the most part very good. Thanks to community for strong support.
- Year 12 students have commenced their AP3 exams. This can be a trying time but it is important to support the students and help them build resilience before the final exams.
- The position of HT Admin is in the process of being determined. Hopefully, this will be finalised tomorrow. My thanks to Tim Spencer for participating in this panel. Ngoc Nguyen has been appointed as a targeted grad to commence in HSIE next term.
- Purpose of year 11 and Year 7 Interim reports explained i.e. a snapshot of how students are settling into junior secondary or senior secondary school. The report is not intended to be a guide to academic outcomes. Reports on student academic progress will be via full reports and forthcoming parent / teacher nights.

Welfare

- Year 11 Camp to Jindabyne commenced yesterday Monday 23 March
- Year 7 attended a Bullying – No Way assembly on Friday. Which was National anti-bullying day

Important dates

- Thursday 2 April is the final day of term.
- Staff return to school for Term 2 on Monday 20 April.
- Student return to school Tuesday 21 April.
- Please note Year 11 AP1 exams commence on Monday 20 April. HSC Invigilators will supervise the examinations

Other matters

- Check school website for photographs of all school major events. Some lovely photographs of the Year 7 camp are available

- School Band and school leaders did an outstanding job at the recent Australian / Chinese association 40th Anniversary dinner.
- Report on 2014 HSC: RAP package material and SMART data

Some of the major points on this includes: twelve students being recognised as All Rounders having achieved a Band Six (the highest available) in each of their courses of study; seven students achieved a top ten place in at least one course of study; over 100 students scored ATARs in excess of 90, which is approximately one third of the school's HSC candidature; five students achieved an ATAR above 99; and 162 separate students, nearly half the 2014 cohort, reached the top band of achievement in at least one course of study. These are truly outstanding results from a talented group of individuals.

The deputy principal Brett presented a report on the Strategic Directions for CTHS for 2015-2018. The three priority areas are improving, learning and building resilience; professional practice; and forging strong cultural and community links. The school plan is an evolving document, which will continue to change as we implement a range of strategies to meet these broader goals.

CORRESPONDENCE

IN:

- We received few promotional materials. There was no correspondence worth to be tabled.

OUT:

- Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT:

P&C ACCOUNT BALANCES AT 23rd March 2015

	NAB	ST GEORGE	TOTAL
General	\$1,153.18	\$100,607.74	\$101,760.92
Grounds	\$242.07	\$24,958.23	\$25,200.30
Building	\$251.50	\$138,610.44**	\$138,861.94

** \$120,000 of this is in a six month term deposit @ 3.6%

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

It was proposed that we could have a session on Mathematics during the next P&C meeting. Stephen thanked the P&C members for attending the meeting. Meeting closed at 21.45 hours.

NEXT MEETING: To take place in the Staff room, on Tuesday 5th May, 2015 at 8 pm.