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MINUTES OF P&C GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday 25th November 2014**

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APOLOGIES: Janice Scott, Liz Groves

Members were pleased to view the projects submitted by a number of Year 11 students, for consideration for the 2014 May Samali Public Education Award. Mr Fitzgerald, HT Student Services (acting), spoke about this prestigious award and the criteria students had to address, namely what Cherrybrook Technology High School and public education means to them.

The President, Mr Stephen Phillips, thanked the Principal and staff of CTHS for their efforts in maintaining the high standards and excellent achievements witnessed throughout 2014.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

The previous meeting minutes proposed by Rod Cuevas and Seconded by Nidhi Aggarwal.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- **ERGONOMIC SCHOOL BACKPACKS**
Jenny informed that the backpack company is coming for the orientation day. Gary mentioned that information on appropriate school back pack will also be added in the information booklet.
- **P&C BANK ACCOUNTS- NAB ACCOUNTS**
Liz confirmed that the completion of the process of signatory change in the P&C NAB Bank accounts.
- **P&C FEDERATION ELECTION:**
Following briefing was given by Tim. For the North West Sydney electorate of the P&C federation, for the available 2 positions of delegate, 4 nominations were received. Tim recommended and our P&C unanimously decided candidates were finalised during the election. Tim expressed a confidence that things are appearing promising so far.
- **BASKETBALL COURT COVER AND CANTEEN PLANNING- CURRENTLY ON HOLD AWAITING MASTER PLANNING.**
Rod informed that the canteen planning is also on hold pending the above Master planning.
- **CANTEEN REPORT:**
Heather reported a profit of \$ 63487 up to 31 October 2014. She indicated that it means \$40000 can be given to the P&C on 26th November 2014.
Heather also confirmed that the book packs are getting ready for the orientation day. Received invoices are handed over to the treasurer and by next Wednesday book packs will be ready.
- **FUNDRAISING**
 - ◆ **Alumni:**
AJ provided the following update on the Alumni project
The CTHS Alumni Kick-off Cocktail function detail is as given below:
Date: Thursday 26th March 2015
Time: 6:30 PM - 10:30 PM

Venue: The Grand Salon, The Epping Club, 45-47 Rawson Street, Epping (Near Epping Station)

Alumni group that is helping us has made a commitment to bring at least 10 peoples each. Agenda to be finalised earlier in the new year including notices about the event through Network News.

Alumni committee has plans to sell the tickets via an online provider.

◆ **Up& Go Vending machines**

The vending machine installations are complete after Heather's meeting with Sanitarium representative.

Heather opens up the vending machine as soon as she arrives at school 7.30 am in the morning. Since the canteen is operative from 8 am only, for the early starters this facility is useful.

◆ **Website**

No progress on website has been made. 2 companies were approached in this regard. This project will be revived.

◆ **School name, logo stickers**

- ◆ Rod suggested the idea of getting Cherrybrook Technology car stickers. These stickers could also be sold to shops to display on their shopfronts. It was also decided that we could ask the children to come up with a catchy slogan to go with the sticker.

◆ **Market day**

Rod mentioned that a market day was facilitated at the Dural country club car park recently by him. In the market day concept, we just provide a venue and advertisements and a contractor arranges everything and we get a commission from the leases individual stall holders pay. The school can make money and it effectively brings the community together.

- ◆ **Magazines/Business directory:** It was decided in the past to go ahead with this. Stephen suggested to Gavin to invite the interested companies to present their ideas and proposals may be during the first P&C meeting.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

May Samali award

Presentation of finalists' work to P&C.

Great to be Back

Gary thanked all the staff who stepped up into relieving positions during his long absence at school. He expressed special thanks to Mrs Bevan for doing an outstanding job in the Principal's office. He also mentioned that during his absence a great deal has happened, including Mrs Weal taking on the role of Principal at The Ponds High School and several other staff promotions.

Gary represented the Department of Education at a very large educational forum in Jiangsu province in China during the last 2 weeks of his holidays. During the course of the conference he made several presentations both about CTHS and assessment in Australian and New South Wales schools. During this conference he shared the stage with Andreas Schleicher, Director for Education and Skills and a key policy advisor for the OECD, and George Zegarac, the Deputy Minister for Education from Ontario, Canada who leads one of the world's most progressive and high performing education systems. Gary mentioned that it was certainly a positive experience and one, which highlighted the need for our school to continue with our very successful engage Asia strategy.

CTHS Swimming Carnival 2014 - Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre

Gary informed the P&C that the school Swimming Carnival will be held at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre on Wednesday 26 November, 2014. This is a normal school day and all students are expected to attend. Hopefully, this will be the final year of our move to the Aquatic Centre now that Hornsby pool has been rebuilt. Mr Perry will provide further information at a later date.

Year 12 HSC now complete / Results 17 December

Year 12 exams are now complete. We now await the results with anticipation.

Year 11 into 12

Year 11 students are now heavily into their HSC course work. A recent information evening was well attended by parents with a range of information communicated in the areas of student rights and responsibilities and student assessment. Unfortunately, a significant number of students have not heeded the advice given on the night and are leaving school grounds without the appropriate permission or documentation.

Year 10

With the abolition of the School certificate and the implementation of the ROSA Year 10 students will stay on at school until Wednesday 17 December. Their final assembly will now take place on Friday 12 December during periods 1 & 2.

Years 7, 8 & 9

Each of these years is currently completing final assessment items and staffs are heavily involved in the laborious task of preparing reports for each of these years.

Student numbers 2015

At the present moment the school is looking at an enrolment of approximately 2000 Year 7 will have approximately 305 students in 11 core classes. The housing of all these students remains an ongoing challenge particularly the huge Year 11 and 12.

Staffing

Mrs Katherine Au's untimely and very sad death has created a further vacancy in Mathematics.

Mr Brett Clements has been successful in his application for the role of Deputy Principal

Mr Pearse & Mr Fitzgerald have both successfully applied for promotion.

Mrs Sinclair has decided to resign from the DEC and is moving to another job.

Denise Halliday has been appointed to Nicole Brennan's vacant position in Mathematics.

Interviews will take place in the near future for 3 vacant HSIE positions and the vacant Stage 5 and Mathematics Head Teacher positions. Further appointments will be made as the year comes to a close.

Important dates

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