

**CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL Minutes of P&C General
Meeting Tuesday 12/3/19**

Attendance as per the book

Meeting started – 7.30pm

Apologies - Nil

Meeting Minutes were proposed by Helen and Stephen.

- **Thanks to Mr Jeff Perry from the PDHPE department** discussing the new Syllabus for Years 7-10. We went into the ‘fitnessgram’ which year 7 are currently using with some interesting statistics.

Principal’s report

Matters of Community Concern

- Building program update – we have submitted notice to Assets management that we wish to have a cover built over the Piazza area. Assets will consult with the school and then put the matter out for tender. I expect this will not occur until the end of Term 2
- The School Plan update is close to being finalised. Presentation to the P&C.
- The Annual school Report (ASR) is in the process of being finalised. Thanks in advance to Brett Clements for his work on this document.
- International Women’s day assemblies were enormously successful with wonderful guest speaker.
- Year 6 into 7 night was hugely successful. P&C catering was greatly appreciated.
- Annie is opening tomorrow with a matinee performance for our Partner Public schools. Performances will then follow on Wednesday through to Saturday with Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights open to the general community.
- Uniform Changes are on the horizon. Next meeting we will discuss the new shorts for junior and senior girls to be added to the range.

Curriculum and Administration

- CTHS students performed well at the recent zone swimming carnival with quite a few students progressing to the regional carnival. We were a close second to Killara HS in the overall rankings.
- Year 12 students will commence their AP3 exams on Friday of next week. 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 TAS has been advertised and will close tomorrow. My thanks to Tim Spencer for participating in this panel.
- Purpose of year 11 and Year 7 Interim reports explained ie 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 Tuesday 2 April

Important dates

- ANZAC assembly Tuesday 9 April
- Friday 12 April is the final day of term.
- Staff return to school for Term 2 on Monday 29 April.
- Student return to school Tuesday 30 April.

Other matters

- Check school website for photographs of all school major events. Some lovely photographs of the Year 7 camp are available.
- Gary thanked the functions/catering committee for all the hard work over the years and welcoming the new team members.

End of Principal report.

Alumni: The alumni committee met last week and analysed the preliminary survey results. These have given some answers and direction for 2019 - eg people are looking for full year reunion, are genuinely willing to help and want to learn more about what other alumni are doing.

Time is being spent on 'streamlining' communications and the database to make it more user friendly. This includes observing things like 'do no contact' and interests in being involved in various activities.

The mentoring programme run by the school's careers team has begun with six alumni participating as mentors this year. The careers team is also running an "industry network event" on the evening of 21 May and may be calling on alumni to share their knowledge about their careers and experience.

Helena Granziera, alumni 2007, spoke at the High Achievers Assembly and Mr Clements' Network paragraph about her speech will be published in the next alumni newsletter.

Federation report:

Very quiet time in the education space which may be partly due to the Christmas break but is often a sign of lots of activity to come.

Federation Conference

The 2019 conference was held in Parramatta on 1st and 2nd March with two days of workshops and special presentations. Eddie Woo made a notable appearance as our guest speaker for the P&C Volunteer of the Year awards and kept everyone

guessing with some mathematical puzzles. The winner of the award was from southern Sydney this year.

As part of the conference we invited Rob Stokes, NSW Minister for Education and Jihad Dib (shadow Minister for Education) to address the attendees and answer questions. Both spoke well in general terms and largely agreed on the broader topics but did not actually address some of the more challenging questions put to them.

NSW Curriculum Review

The NSW curriculum review has finished its initial consultation phase and the interim report is due out in April (after the NSW election). At this point in time there is some broad consensus but little detail on the specifics of the recommendations. There will be another consultation phase later in 2019. This review is being overseen by NESA but is politically driven with bi-partisan support. However, the final report needs to go through the NESA Board and then the Minister of the day before any of its recommendations are adopted.

NESA Changes

David de Carvalho has resigned as CEO of NESA to take up the position of CEO of ACARA (Australian Curriculum and Reporting Authority), the federal version of NESA in general terms. This leaves NESA with an acting CEO until after the state election. It is important that the right person is appointed to such a critical role. Watch this space as NESA drives a significant number of things education wise in NSW.

Funding: Nothing to report

Canteen:

- Vicki reported that February was busier than usual. Flexi Schools has increased in comparison to this time last year. Volunteer lunch – Thursday 6/6/19 12-2pm.
- New Healthy School Canteen guidelines need to be implemented by the end of 2019. We need to start a subcommittee, so that the implementation can take place.
- We have placed an insurance claim of \$1,800 for wastage from the storms earlier this year.
- We are rolling over of the Westpac term deposit of Canteen funds - \$104,397.02. It was agreed by the committee to roll this over for a 12 month term.

Treasurer's Report: Approved financial accounts were tabled and Athula read over the treasurer's account. The approved budget was also tabled. Both of these documents will be posted on the CTHS website. The committee is adopting these reports.

President's Report: Stephen tabled the President report and it was received well. This report will be posted on the CTHS website. We farewell Stephen Phillips as he is stepping down from President and thanked him for his valued input over the years.

General Business:

CTHS Ball is booked for the 29/6/19. We are fundraising for the improvement with the sound system. A sit down dinner will take place, dance and of course entertainment provided from our wonderful bands.

Meeting closed – 9.00pm

Next meeting – 30/4/19