



Cherrybrook Technology High School Parents and Citizens Association

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 14th February 2023 7:30pm.

Meeting opened 7.40pm

Present:

As per sign on book

Apologies:

Sarika

Welcome: Gary Johnson

Principal's HSC Results Presentation: - Presented by Gary Johnson

A welcome to all the new people attending our first meeting of the year. We normally have a guest speaker from the teaching faculty but traditionally this P&C meeting we review the HSC results from 2022.

99.9 ATAR from a young lady who also came 1st in extension maths.

Adoption of previous minutes proposed by:

Daniel and Nimali

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

None

Principal's report: - Presented by Gary Johnson

Curriculum and Administration

- The school has enjoyed a very settled start to the year with students quickly settling into work. Year 7 students are particularly settled and seem to have made the transition from primary to secondary very comfortably.
- NETWORK has provided an update on most of the happenings around the school over the vacation. Disappointingly much of the work which occurred over the holidays was not of a standard we are happy with and the power upgrade was delayed. Repairs continue and hopefully we will enjoy a better run as the year progresses.
- As mentioned in NETWORK the aircon is close to being finished. We are just waiting for the power upgrade and some units from OS to arrive. However, we have been able to switch on large sections of the school this week.
- Student numbers for 2022 are all but finalised with the total enrolment being 2088 students, slightly greater than at the same time last year. Our largest year group is year 11 with 364 students.

- At the present moment the school has a number of unfilled positions being filled by very competent casual staff. We are in the process of filling these in a permanent capacity and hopefully all new staff will be on the team by the start of next term. A full list of new staff was published in the first Network of term.
- The senior executive has held a number of planning sessions to review and clarify the school goals for 2023. The work the P&C completed last year on the SWOT analysis proved to be valuable in aiding our task. Focus for the year will continue to be on improving student learning, student wellbeing – particularly the introduction of the RIOT training and community engagement.
- Today's Valentine Day roses proved to be a great success with students
- **2022 HSC Results, Presentation of PP with details showing student and school growth over the past 20 years.**
- I hope all families received a copy of Network via email this week. If you haven't please check with the school that your email address is up to date.
- BYOD Program - My thanks to the community for the support of this initiative. The vast bulk of students are now connected and staff have begun using these in class.
- School photographs all but completed. All seemed to go very well.
- Thanks to Ron and P&C for sponsoring second prize at High achievers' assembly which took place last Friday 10 February. Nearly all students returned for the day and once again the Commonwealth Bank sponsored the highest ATAR.
The assembly was viewed in ten OS countries.

Important dates

- Year 6 into 7 information night will take place on Tuesday evening 7 March commencing at 5:30 PM
- Year 12 Parent / Teacher online interviews commence Monday 27 February
- Year 8 Drug and alcohol awareness program – “Smashed” this Thursday 16 February.

Other matters.

- The next P&C meeting will be given over to Michael Hawton, who will outline the RIOT program. The flow on effect will mean a new date for the P&C AGM will need to be set.
- Next Wednesday well known author and psychologist, Steve Biddulph will present an online session between 7 & 8 PM on raising boys. I would highly recommend this very valuable evening.
- Building program update – most details were in last week's NETWORK. Pleasingly, CARFAX continue to move swiftly.
- Career mentoring update – Mentor training this Friday 17 February. Program launch Friday 24 February
- Payment of school contributions. Invoices will soon be sent to all families in Years 7, 8, 11 & 12. Stage 5 will follow a little later. It is most important that these contributions be paid promptly so that the many programs that are reliant on these can get underway.

Correspondence In and Out:

None

Treasurer's Report:- Nimali

This report covers the P&C financial year to December 31, 2022.

REVENUE:

Total income for the year was \$214,000

EXPENSES:

Total expenditure for the period was \$178,000

NET OPERATING:

There was a surplus of \$36,000

ASSETS:

Closing bank balance was \$429,000

LIABILITIES:

The P&C has no material liabilities and is in a sound financial position.

AUDIT REPORT 2022:

The audit is on, and small edits remain to complete the audit.

Canteen Report: - Vidit Shankar

Nothing major to report.

Same menu items as last year.

Slight price increase came into effect at the beginning of this year.

Ordering of items is via Flexischools or over the counter.

An audit on OH&S was done last year. The items have been addressed or rectified.

We have a decent amount of volunteers but definitely need more.

There is some equipment that we are looking at getting replaced this year.

Craig – a supervisor talked about how tough the days are in canteen.

Some days there are no breaks for the staff and the work is very hard for them.

Alumni report: – Delivered by Brett Clements

We had a meeting last week and are ready to kick off again this year. The alumni helped set up the mentoring program.

We are still desperately looking for someone to head up the alumni now that Sarah has retired from her position. Please make contact if you are interested.

We have past captains getting in touch with us to see if there's a chance to hold 10 – 20 year reunions at the school.

Federation Report: Ron Harrop

Last year we had a P&C ex-president become a life member – Tim Spencer. Tim works for the P&C Federation.

Tim: I'd like to thank the P&C for making me a life member at an assembly last year.

In terms in what the P&C Federation are doing right now:

We have around 1800 members.

Office bearers – hop onto the portal.

Office bearers get an individual log in to the portal if you are registered with the Federation.

The department is changing every week with many changes.

A parent complaints department has been created and has grown in size.

Partnership agreement is underway with the Federation and the DoE. It will give us a higher status and leverage to address issues.

Principal's Forum – we've been invited to talk and add to that
Infrastructure change: there is higher scrutiny over the process and more involvement from the school community for their input.

Canteen – there will be a mandatory food safety course for a staff member to comply with and volunteers to complete an online training course.

General Business:

Toilet issues – Gary

They are problematic, always are and assemblies were held today to raise this major issue with all the students.

We are the only school that has a day cleaner who does his best between recess and lunch to give them a refresh.

We are concerned about the very small number of students who are defacing the toilets. We have expressed to all students the need to let us know if they know who is doing this vandalism.

Parent comment: safety getting to and from school.

Gary, historically P&C have written to local MP's and over the years they also agree that something needs to be done.

Come along to the next meeting which is an AGM first (7.30pm) followed by the general meeting.

We won't have a teacher presentation that evening as the presentation will be held the week before re: Teenage Resilience.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 28th March 2023