



Cherrybrook Technology High School Parents and Citizens Association

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 2nd May 2023 7:30pm.

Meeting opened 7.45pm

Present:

As per sign on book

Apologies:

Sarika, Nimali, Porchelvi

Maths Presentation: Mrs Bowen and Ms Iacona

Welcome: Vidit Shankar

Welcome to all, a great attendance for tonight's meeting. We have a vacancy on our P&C Executive Committee for a Treasurer. If you are interested in filling this position please let me know.

Election of Treasurer

Matt T: Returning officer - nominations for Treasurer are:
Nominated - Kavita Leo (by Kavita Leo) Seconded Rebecca Loch
All in favour – there were no objections recorded.

Adoption of previous minutes proposed by:

Daniel and Tyson

Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

None

Principal's report: - Presented by Matt Townsend

Staffing

- Big changes with the new govt – plenty in the press about their plans, staffing and workloads most prominent. New Dep Sec Murat Dizdar.
 - Mobile phone ban in schools – consultation regarding policy to occur.
 - Many policies scheduled to be rolled out are now placed on hold.
- GJ is on leave this term; M Townsend will assume the role of Relieving Principal during this time, with M Fisher as Deputy and Belinda Eathorne as HT Facilities.
- Science – we are yet to secure a replacement for R Herat.
- Welcome S Liu (LST), S Powell (TAS), A Shankinie (SCI), and D Cross (ENG).

Curriculum and Administration

- Annual YR 11 Camp week 10 Term 1 to Jindabyne was fabulous. Student behaviour was exceptional, thanks to the staff who gave up their time, particularly the HT Stage F Adamou and the Year Advisers – B Eathorne and O Burnett.
- The Year 12 geography reef excursion during Hols was a great success, thanks to Brett Clements and his team.
- Yr12 is working hard – a big term for them as they progress towards their HSC.
- Anzac ceremonies were held in week 1. The ceremonies were a fitting commemoration of those who have served our country. Special thanks to Michael Doulton, former student, and Mr Larkham - grandparent who spoke to both assemblies.
- Staff Development Day focused on feedback and also the Aboriginal Education Policy. Well received by staff.
- Ap1 exams commenced on Monday and will conclude on 18 May. If students are experiencing difficulties, please get in touch with the relevant staff at the school.
- Year 9 parent-teacher nights are this week, and year 10 is next week.

Building and Infrastructure

Cooler Classrooms Project

- Power upgrade occurred during the first week of the holidays, and the old substation has been removed.
- Commissioning of the AC units is currently underway.
- Old blue gas heaters with classrooms have now been removed.

STEM Building

- Wet weather during the school holidays and last weekend has caused further delays, but the completion date remains at 02/02/2024
- Concrete has been poured into the ASF walls for the ground floor slab. The ground floor slab is scheduled to be poured this Friday.

Landscaping Top playground adjacent to the basketball court.

- SINSW has approved the project, and a Project Manager has been appointed.
- Preliminary designs have been received, and the school has approved these.
- SINSW will commence the tender process shortly – details to follow.

Sustainability

- CTHS has been included in the Smart Energy Schools Pilot Project (SESSPP)
- Batteries will be installed in J block to store energy onsite from the 165 kWh solar currently installed throughout the site.
- The scope of work has been received. However, this will be adjusted to incorporate the 30-kWh solar that will be installed on the roof of M block (STEM building).

Important Dates

- 14 – 18 May NAPLAN diagnostic testing
- Yr8 check-in assessments – commence 15 May – 2 June.
- 26 May Yr12 reports to parents
- 24 May athletics carnival
- 2 June Yr 7 vaccinations

- 6 June 8-9 Subject info night
- 7 June volunteers Luncheon

Correspondence In and Out:

None

Treasurer's Report: - Vidit Shankark

Report attached at end of minutes

Canteen Report: - Tyson Webster

I worked in the canteen last Friday as a volunteer. It was a lot of fun and if you have any spare time and can volunteer, please come and see me after the meeting.

We are looking for a canteen employee for Mondays still

Vidit: New ovens were installed over the school holidays.

Formal training will be given to the staff over the coming days.

Alumni report: – Sue Sivam-Raja

The objective is to help CTHS students with career choices.

We connect via LinkedIn, Instagram etc with ex CTHS students.

The year 12 student leadership team election is in June. A P&C representative is on this panel.

Brett: 2003 and 2013 year groups are currently meeting to organise reunion functions and using the school hall

Federation Report: Vidit Shankar

None

General Business:

Parent: Is there a Year 10 social?

Matt T: Each year, a group organise their own social function. This is not endorsed by CTHS, it is completely run by students / parents.

Vidit: Wrapping up, who would we like to hear from at our next meeting?

Suggestions: Duke of Edinburgh program, CAPA

Next meeting Tuesday 13th June 2023

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

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