

CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL
MINUTES OF P&C GENERAL E MEETING
Tuesday 24th Nov 2015

Meeting commenced at 20.00 hours.

Present and Apologies: As per the attendance book.

Guest Speakers:

A presentation by Lucy Roeung (our exchange student) and Mr Mark Wade, LOTE teacher was made. The presentation highlighted about schooling in Cambodia and the difference that the assistance from CTHS is making in the lives of these wonderful people. The President thanked the Principal and staff of CTHS for their efforts in maintaining the high standards and excellent achievements witnessed throughout 2015. Stephen reiterated that the P&C is ready to help the school in various developmental activities. Stephen requested Gary to submit a proposal so that we might be able to provide support for funding the various projects.

Principal's report to P&C 24.11.15

Gary presented the following report.

Curriculum & Admin

It has been a remarkably busy term since our last meeting. Most of the highlights have been reported in Network. The students for the most part have been truly marvellous with fewer discipline matters than at any time in my period at the school. Uniform has also been excellent and the pride students have in the school and their commitment to learning is quite inspiring.

Many here tonight will have noted this school has again been singled out for our outstanding improvement or terrific student value added as reported in last week's press story. We have now been approached by ACARA asking if they can involve the school in a study to determine why our students improve at the rate they do as evidenced by the student's NAPLAN & HSC results

2015 Swimming Carnival

The 2016 swimming carnival will take place tomorrow. This is a normal school day and all students are expected to attend. The venue this year is Parramatta pool and the forecast is for very hot weather. Please ensure your children have the appropriate clothing and sunscreen

Year 12 HSC now complete / Results 16 December / ATAR release 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.

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 16 December. Their final assembly will now take place on Friday 11 December during periods 1 & 2.

Years 7, 8 & 9

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

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Student numbers 2015

At the present moment the school is looking at an enrolment of just under 2000 students. Year 7 will have approximately 260 students in 10 core classes. The housing of all these students remains an ongoing challenge particularly the huge Year 11 and 12.

Staffing

Mr Grant Robinson has been successful in his application for the role of HT T&L

Miss Parsons & Mr Taylor will both resign at year's end.

Miss Olivia Maree will accept a transfer as numbers in Drama have reduced and the school requires a reduction of one staff member.

Mrs Lane has successfully applied for the position of HT TAS at St Mary's senior HS .

Further changes may be made as the year comes to a close.

Important dates

Presentation night Tuesday 1 December

Sports Assembly will take place on Wednesday 2 December

Year 7, 2015, orientation day will take place on Thursday 2 December

Presentation Assemblies for 7, 8, 9, & 11 Friday 4 December

Year 10 Transition assembly Friday 11 December

Other matters

Mufti day – cancer council / sun safe day enormously successful

The MADD concert, held recently was a great success. The audience was one of the largest I have seen for a cultural event at this school. Hopefully, this support of the Creative Arts will continue to build momentum.

Final day of 2015 school year for students. School will effectively conclude for students at the end of period 6 on Wednesday the 16th of December.

Planning for 2016 is all but complete and timetable is nearing completion. However, ongoing adjustments will need to be made as new staff are appointed.

School Spectacular will be on this Friday and Saturday. As mentioned in Network we have a range of students participating and I'd commend the show to you.

The Principal also thanked the P&C for their ongoing support and commitment to making a difference to the students of CTHS.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

The acceptance of the minutes was proposed by **Tim** seconded by **Gary**.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

P&C federation sub-committee report:

Tim mentioned the following:

- P&C federation is looking out for new office premise.
- Tim attended the STEM (Science Technology Engineering & Mathematics) summit with Gary which had lots of ideas/opinions/interesting perspectives focusing on STEM and more on curriculum were discussed.
- The federation was consulted on the proposed reporting changes in the student's outcome reporting.

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- Many guidance documents are to be released by the federation in the next month. Federation is also working with the ATO, Office of children guardian and Work cover establishing contacts and gathering information for the guidance documents preparation.

Fundraising sub-committee report:

Rod mentioned the following

- Advertisements for the business directory are still being accepted.
- Cherrybrook market was a good start. For this month's market signs are already up. The school website has an announcement.

Gav expressed satisfaction with the BYOD project.

Update on Alumni Association:

AJ mentioned the following.

- Alumni met on 31st Oct 2015.
- The alumni database is slowly growing, nearly up to 100.
- The next Alumni working group meetings to coincide with the Cherrybrook Market day on 27th February and plan to make it an open event to all Alumni Members their Family and Friends.
- 27 alumni members have signed up for the coaching and mentoring programme.

Infrastructure and building subcommittee report:

Building Program Update: Gary mentioned that a traffic survey was completed to understand the traffic in the morning and in the afternoon. Two more surveys are yet to happen. Certainly the surveys are confirming what we have been saying regarding the traffic issues around the school between 7.30 am to 9 am.

Recently the architect met with the students and teachers separately and discussed what they would like in the building and presented a range of building styles (new and innovative) from all around the world A broad exchange of ideas took place.

CORRESPONDENCE

OUT: Letters on Cherrybrook markets went to Hornsby Council, Eastwood Police and P&C federation.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

P&C account balances at 24th November 2015

	NAB	St George	Total
General	890.21	44,009.26	44,899.47
Grounds	250.87	35,776.36	36,027.23
Building	250.00	190,742.35**	190,992.35

** \$152,154.08 is in a 6 month term deposit maturing 19 December 2015). This will be rolled over up to 12 months but is dependent on the best interest rate available.

A profit of \$6250 at P&C funds at the end of Oct 2015 was reported by Liz.

Canteen Accounts (Westpac)

Savings \$65,988.08
Transaction \$237,700.59

A net profit of \$77000 at the end of Oct 2015 in canteen funds was reported by Liz.

Canteen Update:

Stephen mentioned that the Canteen is functioning well and acknowledged that Donna and other staffs are doing a good work.

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Heather has submitted her resignation from the position of canteen manager on 24th Nov 2015, Stephen appreciated Heather for her significant contribution over many years in the canteen. Regarding filling Heather's role at the Canteen an update would be soon communicated to the P&C members.

CTHS Canteen Food Safety Seminar was held 9th November 2015. Seminar was conducted by Gillian Hinchcliffe Hornsby Council Food Safety Assessor, Environmental Health Officer.

Seminar was	CTHS canteen staff	Donna and Jane
Attended by:	John Purchase PS canteen staff CTHS P&C	Donna C and another lady from the canteen staff Janice Marshall

P&C representation in December 2015

- Presentation night assembly on 1st Dec 2015 - by Stephen.
- Year 6 into 7 orientation on 4th Dec 2015 –by Tim
- Sports award presentation -2nd Dec and Year 11 transition assembly -11th Dec-by Rod.

Any other business:

Stephen conveyed holiday and season's greetings to all the members. He thanked all the parents for attending the meeting. Meeting closed at 21.30 hours.

NEXT MEETING: To take place in the Staff room, on Tuesday 16 Feb 2016 at 8.00 pm.