

**CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL
MINUTES OF P&C GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday 28th July 2015**

Meeting commenced at 8.00 hours.

PRESENT: As per the attendance book.

APOLOGIES: Nil

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

The previous meeting minutes proposed by Tim Spencer seconded by Liz Grover.

Guest speakers, Mr Woo and Mr Watson, Head Teachers Mathematics: The presentation by Mr Woo and Mr Watson, centred on the goals they had developed, in consultation with the mathematics staff, for the KLA as a whole and how they were working towards meeting these. They outlined how the KLA is embracing technology, with platforms such as Moddle, Mathletics. Mr Woo's talked about his own mathematics channel, Wootube, which assists students in their learning. Both the teachers share information on the various methods by which students were being extended in mathematics and what support was available, such as Maths Clinic and Maths Pass. On behalf of P&C Stephen appreciated of Mr Woo and Mr Watson for their informative discussion. Stephen asked the head teachers to use the available funds and make best use of it. Mr.Woo thanked the P&C for all its contribution and support and suggested that they could consider using the funds for further upgrading/enriching the teachers' continuous learnings for the benefit of students.

Building Program: Mr Townsend and Mr Clements, Deputy Principals, presented details on the most awaited Building Program. As members of the Project Advisory Group they could share a range of details on the staging, configuration and plans for the refurbishment of G block and the new three storey building, to be sited in the top playground adjacent to the technology car park. The planned building construction start-date is July 2016, and it is expected to complete in 2018 by term 2. We have 2000 students at site and the new state of art facility will be not only providing more space but also a good option in terms of OHS requirements too. Kids have real opportunity in learning some of the technological advances in construction technology. Some considerable disruption is well understood by all, the addition of a new block and removal of many demountables will be of great benefit to the school in the long term.

Gary mentioned that the school is aware of all the likely disruptions including HSc.and working on developing solutions. If required HSc exams could be accommodated at the community hall nearby. On behalf of P&C Stephen appreciated the efforts of Mr Townsend and Mr Clements as part Mr Townsend and Mr Clements of the Project Advisory Group.

Principal's report is given below:

Curriculum and Administration

- The annual executive planning conference will take place on the weekend of 21 / 22 August. The program will include Maurie Mulheron, President NSWTF, speaking about new structures within the teaching service, evaluating 2014 and planning for 2015, plans for the school's operation during our building construction and working with the School Excellence framework.
- Staffing: We have applied to continue the position of HT Teaching & Learning on review for 2016, which has been on review for the past 18 months. We will have two new appointments for 2016 made in the near future. These will be in the areas of HSIE & Mathematics.
- Further decisions on staffing and timetables will need to be made in the near future once student subject selections are complete.

- Leader's induction assembly took place last week and was an enormous success. Photographs are available on the school website in galleries. Sincere thanks are extended to the P&C for catering for this event.
- Building update: A project manager, architect and quantity surveyor will be appointed by mid next week. Meetings with the school executive will follow.
- Students have performed very well in the Sydney north Athletics. Quite a number of students will progress to the CHS carnival.
- Year 12 parents will soon receive the, "Big Letter" with all details of Year 12s final days including costing and monies owed.
- Astronomy club are meeting tomorrow night 6:00 to 7:15 PM. The new telescope will be given its first "official" outing.

Welfare

- AP4s commencing next week – some very nervous Year 12 at present. Staffs are doing their absolute best to support students and keep them on track.

Important dates

- Year 12 Careers night Wednesday 19 August
- HSC Visual Arts & TAS displays and Music performance evening 26 August. Further details to follow in Network

Other matters

- At this stage School offered places to approximately 290 students for Year 7 in 2016. This is a slight decrease than at the same time last year. The school has been inundated by appeals from the huge number of students who were ruled ineligible for placement.
- The audio-visual upgrade of the MPC has proven to be great success. The 3 screens really improve the viewing amenity whilst the quality of the projectors has led to far sharper images for presentations.
- Website hits – last week 6208 hits. 2,308 first time visitors!
- Jeff Bruce, former DP, Principal of NBHS and now director is retiring 10 September.
- Gary thanked Stephen, Tim & Rod for supporting the school during the minister's recent visit when the building program was announced.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Updates on P&C Federation:

Tim mentioned that the new office bearer's annual general meeting is coming up during end of Aug 2015. As a result of that, the federation is required to notify its members on the AGM and ask for submission of motions in regards to policies of federation.

Tim also mentioned that there is a change in the parent representation members at board (earlier 1 secondary and 1 primary representative) now 3 for secondary and 3 for primary is being suggested. This is yet to be confirmed by the minister.

Update on Alumni Association:

Stephen mentioned that the alumni meetings are happening at regular intervals and picked up the momentum. The facebook and LinkedIn groups are growing continuously - reaching close to 400 alumni connections in each of them. He appreciated AJ for his good work

Updates on fundraising

Stephen mentioned that a fair amount of activity is happening on exploring further fund raising opportunities using the recent online survey results. Gav is approaching many businesses and exploring sponsorship possibilities. Rod has been instrumental in working with an organisation that has wide experience in publishing business directories where parents can advertise about their business to the local community. We have clear understanding of the financials involved. So, we left this with the organisation to handle and give us the cheque

on regular basis to support all the initiatives of the P&C. It appears this project is going to be a good money spinner on regular basis. During August or September 2015 we propose to hold a market day here at School involving 18 stalls.

CTHS Car Stickers: Stephen showed the CTHS car stickers to parents and encouraged them to buy to support fundraising. Price of the sticker will be \$5 per stickers.

CORRESPONDENCE

IN:

Thank you letter from Jeremiah Sas, for the \$1200 given by the P&C in support of his recover program after a bike accident.

OUT:

Nil

Treasurer's report:

P&C account balances at 25th July 2015

	NAB	ST GEORGE	TOTAL
General	\$6,252.71	\$135,090.35	\$141,343.06
Grounds	\$206.86	\$36,976.96	\$37,183.82
Building	\$250.50	\$184,383.84**	\$184,634.34

** \$152,154.08 of this is in a six month term deposit @ 2.6%

Canteen Accounts (Westpac)

Savings \$65,692.16
Transaction \$211,330.08

The accounts are up to date. Nett profit 47 441. We are open to proposal to spend the available fund.

Any Other Business:

One parent raised a query on the possibility of providing 2 email ids for communication for one student. It was explained that a very old software 'Oasis' is being used by the education department and it does not permit 2 ids for one student. However Gary mentioned that they will explore if any other possibility is there to overcome this.

Stephen thanked the parents for attending the meeting. Meeting closed at 21.10 hours.

NEXT MEETING: To take place in the Staff room on Tuesday 1st Sep 2015 at 8.00 pm.