

CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL
Minutes of P&C General Meeting Tuesday 3/9/19
Attendance as per the book
Meeting started – 7.30pm

Apologies – Michelle, Janice, Athula, Sulukshana, Sarika, Gavin, Esha, Neelam

Meeting Minutes were proposed by Erin and seconded by Tania.

SPECIAL GUESTS

Careers Advisors: Chris Ferguson and Melinda Bower.

Chris: gave a rundown on what happens in class as well as the mentor programme. Teaching kids to look at their skills, passions, interests, etc to then look at career options. Students then do some career exploration. The many different tertiary education options are also explored. Students are also required to design their resume.

A practical demonstration of joboutlook.gov.au was given - an extremely useful website to suggest career options which students use in class.

Melinda: mentioned that she and Chris feel very privileged to work at CTHS; they are grateful to have 50 lessons with students in year 10.

An overview of some of the activities looked after by the Careers Team:

- TVET and YES programs
- work experience
- parent and student interviews
- part of welfare team
- alumni events
- support apprenticeship traineeship programs
- university visits
- careers expo
- career mentoring
- year 12 exit interviews
- Morrisby by career profiling
- subject selection support
- Encounter Careers - where guest speakers visit at lunch time and give talks
- excursions

A reminder that the school has its own careers website - cths-careers.com and that The Foundation for Young Australians website has good reports.

Chris thanked the P&C for their funding.

Matters Arising

- EFTPOS options still being investigated for the canteen; must be cost effective and simple to use for the staff and volunteers.
- The canteen's insurance has just been renewed and the Certificate of Currency will be obtained shortly.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Curriculum and Administration

- The annual executive conference was held on the weekend of 16 & 17 August and I believe it was one of our best. During the course of the conference we covered a range of material and set in train further planning for 2020 and beyond.
- The Year 12 trials are now complete and reports will be available on graduation night. The top students, as determined by their reports, will be invited to a special morning tea later this term to celebrate their success.
- The Year 12 HSC examinations are well and truly underway. Students from this school have already had their major works in English, D&T, Multi Media, Textiles and Design and Visual Arts submitted. While student examinations in Drama and LOTE have occurred and Music will take place in the near future. As we have come to expect there have been some outstanding student works and performances. Our Visual Arts and Music nights are this evening and tomorrow.
- Year 11 will commence their AP2 examinations later this week.
- At this stage student numbers for next year will be slightly greater than in 2019. Subject selection is in the final stages of processing and planning for our timetable has commenced.
- Last week we had the school's International day; once again it was a great success with a wonderful assembly and a marvellous lunchtime celebration of the school's multicultural nature.

Welfare

- Year 12 final days – Parents should have received a long letter detailing the school's expectations and the timing and cost of the various events Year 12 students will be involved with in the way of official school functions. Any parent who has not received a copy of this letter should contact me directly.
Please continue to monitor your son or daughter's attendance if you have children in Year 12 – I am concerned that at this time of year truancy may increase and the HSC focus wane.

Important dates

- Year 12 High Achievers MT 24 September
- Year 12 – Big day out Wednesday 25 September
- Year 12 graduation Thursday 26 September
- Year 12 formal Friday 27 September
- School holidays begins Saturday 28 September
- No school development day in term 4 - all students return to school 14 October.

Other Matters;

- Our new leadership team has been installed and are quickly coming to terms with their new roles. Doing a great job with the PNG visits.
- The Year 7 GATs projects were a huge success.
- PNG visit by Principal and next actions - some
- Lunch provided by Year 11 parents as a thank you for the Jindabyne camp was outstanding and greatly appreciated.
- Year 10 Girls and STEM work experience at DoE Information Technology Directorate
- Some parents of year 11 students organised a thank you lunch to staff who organised the Jindabyne camp.
- Some students have been involved in a pilot programme around developing an app which was very successful.

FEDERATION REPORT

Tim reported:

- Deputy Secretaries meeting now held once/month. Primary school band programmes policy issues being investigated.
- Participated in Melbourne Declaration Review (sets aspirational goals for young children). Children's deputation coming into the council.
- Meetings with Minister and Shadow Minister for Education. Regular monthly meetings with the Minister and Shadow Minister now scheduled.
- AGM two weekends ago. Issues from funding to maintenance of schools raised and discussed.
- Has been involved with the EPAC (investigates misconduct and performance) review.
- Staffing methodology: looking at having more flexibility at a school level.
- Input being given on the policy on the use of mobile phones in schools.
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CANTEEN

EFTPOS options continue to be investigated for the canteen.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Helen advised there is no real change from last month other than insurance has been paid. Bank balances: P&C - \$320,000; Canteen - \$220,000

General Business:

No general business.

Meeting closed

Next meeting – 22/10/19