# CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL Minutes of P&C General Meeting Tuesday 12/2/19

Attendance as per the book

Meeting started – 7.30pm

Apologies – Stephen, Janice and Sarika

<u>Meeting Minutes</u> were proposed by Helen and Ron.

**Presentation of 2018 HSC results** - Thankyou Gary for presenting a summary of 2018 HSC results; overall a pleasing result. A range of questions were asked from our parent body which Gary addressed.

## Principal's report 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.
- Student numbers for 2019 are all but finalised with the total enrolment being 1988 students, slightly greater than at the same time last year. Our largest year group is year 7 with 354 students. The large number of enrolments, particularly in Year 7 & 8 since the beginning of the year has put a strain on resources. A new Year 7 class has had to be formed and students and parents will be advised if they are affected. 2019 enrolments will fill the majority of positions in this class.
- 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 only sudden change has been brought about by the decision of the HT TAS, Mr Paul Wakelin to resign from teaching and pursue another vocation. We will set about filling this position as soon as we are given the green light by the DoE.
- Yesterday, the senior executive held a planning day to refine our school plan and clarify the school goals for 2019. The work the P&C completed last year on the SWOT analysis proved to be invaluable in aiding our task. Focus for the year will continue to be on improving student learning, student wellbeing and community engagement.
- Refined initiatives will see an evaluation of our wellbeing initiatives, a close review of KLA programs and teaching methods in the light of some quite substantial syllabus changes particularly as students prepare for the HSC in new courses and come to terms with different HSC exams and assessment practice.

 We also focussed on some of the logistical challenges that have been foisted upon us, for example, the imposition of the online minimum skills tests which every student in year 10 will have to sit and pass in order to qualify for the HSC.

### Outstanding 2018 HSC Results

A review of the 2018 HSC revealed many, many outstanding results. Chief among the many excellent performers were the ten students who achieved results, which led to each of them being recognised in the All Rounders Awards who each scored a band six (or the highest band available) in each of their courses of study.

We also had five students who achieved a top twenty place in three separate courses of study; Courtney, Cockerton achieving second place in the Textiles and Design course, Adelea Kee, ninth in Biology, Preet Singh, third in Punjabi and Abina Kirubaharan and Lucy Loh in the top twenty students in Aboriginal Studies.

An analysis of students' ATARs, which the school has been able to gather, revealed at least seven students scored ATARs greater than 99 and approximately 90 students scored ATARs greater than 90. In total 148 students from the class of 2017 were recognised on NESA's Honour Roll for a total of 331 credits.

- Presentation of graphs showing student and school growth over the past 16 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 were commenced yesterday and will be completed tomorrow. All seemed to go very well.

#### Welfare

- Valentine's day roses Wednesday 14 Feb
- Year 12 High Achievers' assembly will take place this Friday 15 February
- The Year 7 swimming carnival will take place this Friday 15 February
- Year 12 P&T interviews Tuesday 26 Feb
- Year 7 Camp 27 Feb to 1 march

#### **Important dates**

- Year 6 to 7 information evening Tuesday 05 March.
- Zone swimming Monday 25 February
- Visit from Luwan HS commences on Wednesday 6 March.

#### Other matters

 Payment of school fees. 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 fees be paid promptly so that the many programs that are reliant on these can get underway.

Kind regards, Gary Johnson.

**Alumni –** A survey distributed to source what the focus will be on in 2019, and what do people want! LinkedIn and emails sent out.

### **Building Program Update:**

- Company who built basketball covering came out and met with Gary about building a cover over the Piazza area. Company will draw up some plans and formulate some figures and get them to us soon.
- D block looking at getting air conditioning between school funds and P&C money; watch this space!

## **Federation report: TBA**

**Funding -** Gavin thanked the parent community and the teachers in supporting the opening of the new building at Bivianos Dural Restaurant. Big thanks for all those who assisted Gavin with the setting up, funding raising etc.

**Canteen –** Good profit made in 2018. Transfer funds into main P&C account.

- Flexi sales are up 20% more than this time last year.
- Lack in P&C volunteers in the catering sector. A note will be placed in school newsletter/network requesting volunteers in this sector and we will inform parents at tonight's general meeting. We would love new parents (mums and dads) to assist with the catering committee to assist with our presentation days/nights. If you would like any involvement, please speak with the P&C committee members, Michelle the secretary or Janice P&C Executive member.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Last year financials were summarised and closed off for 2018. This budget will be tabled and asked for final approval in March AGM meeting. Executive committee approved the 2019 budget tonight (12/2/19).

## P&C ACCOUNT BALANCES as at 31st December, 2018

	NAB AUD	St. George AUD	Westpac AUD	TOTAL Fund
General	24,655.37	5,309.73	75,877.96	105,843.06
Grounds	959.41	6,165.97	40,022.04	47,147.42
Building	824.28	3,453.48	61,008.51	65,286.27
TOTAL Bank	26,439.06	14,929.18	176,908.51	218,276.75

## **Canteen Accounts**

		Westpac AUD
Cash Reserve	17,578.69	
Term Deposit	104,397.02	
Cash Bonus – LS	19,985.12	
Cheque Account	117,504.90	
	TOTAL	259,465.73

#### **General business:**

- Parent/Rod congratulated school about their Invoice & payment systems make paying a much smoother system for families.
- Parking inside the school is welcome if the boom gates are open.
- Air conditioning more classrooms, when is this happening? Cherrybrook is in the first round, which will occur sometime this year!
- What are the funds in our P&C bank accounts being used for this year? Tim
  and Athula explained how the general funds, building funds, grounds &
  maintenance funds. All KLA receive an injection of funds each year from the
  P&C.
- Guest speaker PDHPE will speak at our next P&C meeting.

• AGM will occur 12/3/19. Office bearers will need to be nominated and elected in. All welcome, please come along. Membership fee of \$1.00 – ability to vote will occur.

Meeting closed – 8.50pm

Next meeting – 12/3/19 – AGM meeting