

**CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL Minutes of P&C General**  
**Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018**  
**Attendance as per the book**  
**Meeting started – 7.30pm**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Apologies** – Stephen Phillips

**Proposal of previous minutes** - Erin and Ron

**Guest Speakers and Library tour** – Amber Sorensen & Coni Halder, Teacher-Librarians presented the importance of the library and discussed the units of work. They also outlined the aspects and importance of authentic learning. It was a wonderful presentation, thanks for your hard work.

During Term 4, Year 10 students will have the opportunity to participate in an authentic experience with professional writers.

The P&C were presented with a 2019 proposal “Writers in residence”. This proposal will be further discussed and will be voted upon at our next meeting.

**Principal’s Report**

**Curriculum and Administration**

- The Year 12 HSC examinations commenced last week. Students are well prepared and at this stage appear to be coping well with the stress the tests bring. I’m confident students will achieve the results they deserve!
- Year 11 students have now commenced their HSC courses. Their Year 11 reports are in the process of being finalised. On Tuesday night 30 October there will be a meeting for all year 11 students and parents. The meeting will look at the demands of Year 12, what is expected of students and also allow the students’ reports & assessment booklets to be handed out.
- The year 12 Big day out, concert, graduation and formal were all a great success. Students are to be congratulated on the way they conducted themselves during this time. All staff involved did a marvellous job and were most supportive of the students. A huge thank you to the P&C functions committee for all their support of the evening and the wonderful table decorations, marvellous cakes and catering.
- Work has commenced on the 2019 timetable and will continue for the next few weeks. Student numbers are approximately 1960-1970. This is slightly fewer than at the same time last year.
- The new building opening is scheduled for 13 November official opening conducted by the school and to be followed by the dinner at Bivianos.

- Next P&C meeting I would like to have a brainstorming session about what has worked and what hasn't in 2018 from a parents' perspective. The aim will be to do this in a similar manner to the way we did in 2017 and use this information to help our forward planning.

### **Welfare**

- Peer support leaders for 2019 were trained over the past few weeks.
- The Year 9 camp is underway with students and staff leaving yesterday. A report from Mr Clements this morning indicated all was going well.
- Beautiful Minds for Year 7 took place on Monday and Tuesday focus was on body image and self-esteem.
- The last school day is the Wednesday 19/12/18 – half day for students.

### **Other**

- Staffing: We are currently in the process of filling a number of vacant positions and trying to get additional positions to advertisement in order to ensure the school has staff with the correct "fit".
- Year 8 Lifesaving commences Friday 26 October
- Stage 5 and Year 11 Drama retrospective will be held on Wednesday 24 October.
- Annual school swimming carnival will take place on Wednesday October 31 at WAVES pool Baulkham Hills. This is a normal school day and all students are expected to attend.
- New Sports Captains organising new names and mascots.

### **Alumni**

- The school's Celebration Dinner at Biviano's has been promoted to the alumni through Facebook and LinkedIn (two posts on each) and will also be included in the next alumni newsletter which is currently being worked on.
- Erin to put out invites to the alumni community to the opening on school property.
- The alumni are seeking input/ideas for consideration for the next event in 2019.

**Federation report:** Very busy time in the education space

### **Funding**

The Federal government recently announced an additional \$4.57 billion worth of funding into the Catholic and Independent school sectors. Of this \$3.2 billion in additional funding between 2020 and 2029 will be given to Catholic and Independent schools that are identified as having the most need. This will be determined by a formula based on individual income tax records; ie, schools with the lowest income will get more.

A further \$1.2 billion from 2020 to 2029, the so called “school choice and affordability” fund will be available with essentially no strings attached. An interim amount of \$170 million will be spent in 2019 as a top up to school budgets until new arrangements can be put in place. NSW Education Minister Rob Stokes has refused to sign onto the deal until the Federal government comes to the party for government schools as well. The deal has been condemned by Labor and government school organisations who have essentially had promised funding withdrawn. This funding debate is largely occupied with slight of hand statistics and crafted statistics. The bottom line is that the majority of government schools are not being funded to the SRS (School Resourcing Standard) and won’t be even under the so called Gonski 2.0 funding showing how little governments value education.

## **NAPLAN**

Despite a nationwide call for a full review of NAPLAN, the Federal government has refused to undertake a full review but will instead only look at the way in which NAPLAN data is represented. This is essentially a review of the way data is presented on the My School website. A separate review of NAPLAN is being undertaken in Queensland.

## **Visit to Canberra**

P&C Federation have managed to obtain a meeting with the Federal Education Ministers Office to discuss a number of issues including the two main ones above. We will be taking with us two letters jointly signed by other states and territories specifically dealing with funding and a full review into NAPLAN.

## **Joint Meeting of State & Territory Parent Organisations**

The first ever joint meeting of parent organisations representing all students in government schools was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October. The state and territory peak bodies came together to discuss issues of local and national importance within public education including funding, NAPLAN, parental engagement, Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander education, rural and remote education, mental health and how best to cooperate on these issues and more. A number of joint statements have been proposed and the first steps to a national cooperative framework has been taken.

## **NSW Curriculum Review**

NESA is in the middle of its curriculum review consultation process which ends on 30<sup>th</sup> November. A number of town hall consultation meetings has taken place including several in the Sydney metro area. The next Sydney based one is in Parramatta on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> from 4pm until 6pm at the Novotel.

Seats are still available for anyone interested in participating. I encourage all parents to participate in one of these sessions or jump online and submit to the review.

P&C Federation has run a number of parent consultations in rural areas and in North West Sydney over the last month with another scheduled for the NSW north coast next week. Feedback from these forums has helped to guide the P&C Federations submission to the review which shaping up to provide clear messages for NESAs and government.

All three parent representative bodies from the three sectors met recently to agree on a joint submission to the curriculum review. This hopefully gives us a stronger voice.

### **Canteen**

- Finalised Health and Safety Policy – next step is to implement this policy and plan.
- Health and safety check done – only issue is the freezers need to be raised.
- Thankyou Mimmie for all the work you have done at CTHS's canteen.

### **Funding Report:**

- Biviano's dinner celebration – discussion on the evening procedures, a lot of silent auctions will be taking place...buy a ticket on Trybooking website <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=411475&> RSVP 4/11/18.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

#### **P&C ACCOUNT BALANCES as at 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2018**

|                   | <b>NAB<br/>AUD</b> | <b>St. George<br/>AUD</b> | <b>Wesatpac<br/>AUD</b> | <b>TOTAL Fund<br/>AUD</b> |
|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| General           | 2,066.39           | 5,302.36                  | 164,408.11              | 171,776.86                |
| Grounds           | 967.41             | 6,157.41                  | 75,003.69               | 82,128.51                 |
| Building          | 824.28             | 3,447.52                  | 61,003.00               | 65,274.80                 |
| <b>TOTAL Bank</b> | <b>3,858.08</b>    | <b>14,907.29</b>          | <b>300,414.80</b>       | <b>319,180.17</b>         |

## CANTEEN ACCOUNT BALANCES as at 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2018

|                                 | Westpac<br>AUD |            |
|---------------------------------|----------------|------------|
| Cash Reserve                    | 17,308.73      |            |
| Term Deposit                    | 104,397.02     |            |
| Cash Bonus – Long Service Leave | 25,579.01      |            |
| Cheque<br>Account               | 113,915.44     |            |
|                                 |                |            |
|                                 | TOTAL          | 261,200.20 |

**General business** - none

**Meeting closed** – 8.50pm

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2018