

CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL
MINUTES OF P&C GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday 17th February 2015

Meeting commenced at 20.00 hours.

PRESENT: Per the attendance book

APOLOGIES: Janice Scott, Liz Groves, Gavin Poole and Heather Lane.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

The previous meeting minutes proposed by Tim Spencer and Seconded by AJ Kumar.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- ◆ **School back packs and BYOD:**
- ◆ Gary mentioned that these initiatives are going on well. At the orientation day for year 7 the back company was present, with their ranges. Children seem to be liking these bags. It was agreed by the school to keep one sample of these bags at school for anyone who wishes to see before purchasing them. Jenny Bevan to communicate this to the bag company.
- ◆ Stephen mentioned that with Commonwealth and West Pac banks, we have negotiated some sort of supporting arrangement for funding.

P&C FEDERATION ELECTION:

The following briefing was given by Tim .

Tim mentioned about the recent board meeting, and the 1st press release by the federation.

He mentioned that federation board has now found out what has been done and what are not done. They are trying to understand where exactly their role is required in the whole process. Last year the minister cancelled the \$380,000 funding from the federation, terminated the current incumbents, changed the legislation, modified the act and constitution. Now the new board has been finalised and they have successfully re-established the funding, however it has got strings attached to it.

The federation has to go out and run forums in each of the electorates Tim is responsible for conducting forums purely on educational formats in the North West Sydney electorate of the P&C federation in this 2 years by getting key note speakers on certain aspects of education. They are trying to get people into this forum, from primary up to tertiary levels. In this regard few workshops and various other things as full day events.

Federation has instructed the department to provide the list of various and the criteria for being a board member (any only suitable can be a board member-need not be a federation office bearer) so that these positions can be filled.

- **BASKETBALL COURT COVER AND CANTEEN PLANNING- currently on hold awaiting Master planning.**

Gary informed that the master plan approval by the minister's office is highly likely and we are waiting for the announcement by March after the election.

CANTEEN ACCOUNTS:

Savings: \$65,232.76

Transaction \$164,883.69

- **FUNDRAISING**

- ◆ **Alumni:**

AJ provided the following update on the Alumni project

- ✓ Plans are on track for the 26th March event.
- ✓ So far reached over 1500 Facebook members with an interest on Cherrybrook Technology High.
- ✓ Over 400 Facebook members are aware of the event. We will continue to use social media and the Alumni network to secure the target attendees of 60-80.
- ✓ Objective of the event is to set the road-map for the formation of the CTHS Alumni Association.
- ✓ One of the ask for the Alumni association is to give something back to the school (e.g.: 3D printer or other appropriate project where the Alumni can contribute back to the school while benefiting from the networking opportunities through the Alumni Association).
- ✓ Proposed agenda includes speeches by Gary Johnson, Steve Phillips (representing P&C), Gemma Ryan/Elicha Reitsma (representing the Alumni) followed by interactive dialogue with the attendees on what they would like to get out of the Alumni and setting the road map for the formation of an association.
- ✓ AJ will provide the information to be included in the network news this week to Gary.

CTHS Alumni Kick-off Cocktail Event detail

Date: Thursday 26th March 2015

Time: 6:30 PM - 10:30 PM

Venue: The Grand Salon, The Epping Club,
45-47 Rawson Street, Epping (Near Epping Station)

Cost: \$25 per head.

Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/cths-alumni-kick-off-cocktail-function-tickets-13976960465>

For more details visit the event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1966815326790369/>

Or Contact the organisers: <https://www.facebook.com/CTHSAlumni> or CTHSAlumni@gmail.com

Since Gavin was not present at the meeting, It was decided to move rest of the fundraising options to the next meeting for discussion.

Annual Review of CTHS Rules:

The currently approved version will be presented at the 24.03. 2015 AGM.

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. Their film night, initiated by the SRC was a great success.
- Student numbers for 2015 are all but finalised with the total enrolment being 1991 students, slightly fewer than at the same time last year. Our largest year group is year 11 with 360 students.
- At the present moment the school has a number of unfilled teaching positions being filled by very competent casual staff. School is 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 HSC results were absolutely outstanding with twelve students gaining awards for all round excellence. 155 students gained recognition on the merit list and Cherrybrook High was ranked as one of the best schools in the state, according to the Herald and Telegraph on the strength of our results. Max Lim achieved the top ATAR of 99.85 closely followed by Erik Ostman with an ATAR of 99.65.
- At a future P&C meeting Gary will present a snapshot of these results and our value added data.
- The HSC High Achievers assembly was a great success. Gary thanked the P&C for their catering which helped to make a very special occasion even more special. Guest speaker for the day was Brittney Van Sarloos, 2009 School Captain and a recent honours graduate from the University of Sydney.
- Last Friday's Year 7 swimming carnival was a great success with terrific student attendance and participation.
- A copy of Network was sent to all families via email this week.
- Regional sporting Blues for Northern Sydney – Georgia, Natalie and Maddie.

- BYOD Program - Gary thanked the community for the support of this initiative. The vast bulk of students are now connected and staff have begun using these in class.
- Website update – Technology update: The App, Electronic Diary

Welfare

- The Year 7 camp will begin tomorrow
- Valentines day roses were a huge success.

Important dates

- Year 6 to 7 information evening Tuesday March 03.
- Zone swimming Monday 23 February
- CTHS cross country is scheduled for Wednesday March 04.

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.
- School website gallery / swimming photographs + High Achievers

CORRESPONDENCE

IN:

- Janice Scott indicated her intention (email dated 17/02/2015) to resign from the position of Vice President from the CTHS P&C Executive Committee at the upcoming AGM.
- New Start for P&C Federation-1st media release by Jason Vials- President P&C Federation.

OUT:

- Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Through an email, Liz sent in the account balances as on 14th February, 2015 which is as follows:

| | NAB | ST GEORGE | TOTAL |
|----------|------------|----------------|--------------|
| General | \$2,223.09 | \$100,475.20 | \$102,698.29 |
| Grounds | \$246.07 | \$24,925.35 | \$25,171.42 |
| Building | \$251.50 | \$138,585.93** | \$138,837.43 |

** \$120,000 of this is in a six month term deposit @3.6%

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Few parents (year 7) expressed concern over the weight of their children school bags. They wanted to know if all the books can be given as electronic version or locker facility can be provided. Gary explained that providing lockers for 2000 Children is not possible due to space and operational constraints. Jennifer mentioned that few years back this initiative was tested for a week, however children opted out of this as it was not convenient for them to operate.

Parents were informed that wherever possible, a CD version of the book is given and it is not possible to get for all the subjects,

It was suggested that, the year 7 teachers and may be year 8 SRC or few volunteers can explain and provide tips to year 7 children on how to overcome this situation. Year 7 parents were reassured that over a period of time, children will learn to manage and bring books that are required only and also avoid unnecessary weights.

Stephen thanked the P&C parents for attending the meeting. He asked them to continue to be part of this regularly as it would be beneficial for both parent and the School.

Meeting closed at 21.30 hours.

NEXT MEETING: To take place in the Staff room, on Tuesday 24th March, 2015 at 8 pm