

**CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL**  
**MINUTES OF P&C GENERAL MEETING**  
**Tuesday 2nd August 2016**

---

Meeting commenced at 20.00 hours.

**Present and Apologies:** As per the attendance book.

**Guest Speakers:** Deputy Principal Mr Brett Clements and Mr Joe Caccamo, the Head Teacher HSIE.

Tim Spencer chaired the General meeting as Stephen Phillips was away due to his official trip.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: The previous minutes were proposed by Liz Groves and seconded by Rod Cuevas.

The meeting commenced with Mr Joe Caccamo's presentation on KLA matters then followed by The Kokoda trekkers Mr Joe Caccamo & Mr Brett Clements about their trip.

- Firstly I would like to acknowledge my dedicated, hardworking, professional team in HSIE who are all engaged in the delivery on a daily basis of Quality Teaching and Learning activities to all their students and have achieved outstanding outcomes and results over the years and are continuing to do so.
- I would like to present to you a number of exciting activities and programs that are presently happening in HSIE:
  - **K-10 Geography Syllabus-** where we are currently involved in the Stage 4 and 5 familiarisation and planning in preparation for:
    - 2017 – implementation for Yrs 7 & 9
    - 2018- implementation for Yrs 8 & 10

We are currently developing programs, resources and assessment tasks for the new courses in Geography

Linked to this we are in the process of planning an excursion for 2017 to central Australia which will include fieldwork and research activities which will involve students from Stage 5 Geography and the accelerated Aboriginal Studies course.

- **New Stage 6 Syllabuses which include Ancient History, Modern History and History Extension**

Draft Syllabuses have been issued by BOSTES and we are currently in the consultation period. On the Staff Development Day of this term, my colleague and co- Head Teacher of HSIE, David Searle and a number of History teachers worked a submission for the draft History Syllabuses which will be forwarded to BOSTES.

David also attended a consultation meeting today and he has been invited by BOSTES to be part of a consultative committee and he will be in at BOSTES on Monday of next week as part of this process.

Timeline:

- The consultation period ends 31 August 2016
- 2017- familiarisation and planning

**CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL**  
**MINUTES OF P&C GENERAL MEETING**  
**Tuesday 2nd August 2016**

---

- 2018- implementation of Yr 11 courses
- 2019- implementation of Yr 12 courses

- **Yr 11 and 12 Business Studies- Taronga Zoo as a business case study**

Over the last couple of years a number of Business Studies teachers which include; Simone Kerr, Jenny Bevan, Brett Clements and myself have been working with Taronga Zoo's educational officers to develop a business case study for Taronga Zoo. This case study will be of great use not only to CTHS Business Studies students but to all students studying Business Studies in NSW. It will also be of great benefit to Taronga Zoo to promote their educational programs.

- **CTHS Kokoda Track Expedition**

This momentous project has been in the planning for almost 2 years. I would like to thank Gary for all his support and advice, as well as that of Tim McCallum in the planning for the expedition.

*The Kokoda Track expedition was an amazing and profound journey for us to have taken- it was a life changing experience, and if given the opportunity, I would definitely do it again.*

*As expected the track itself was not only physically and mentally challenging- but also emotionally.*

*After all, aside from being nearly 100 kms in length, we climbed around 9000 metres of what seemed like endless peaks, which is higher than Mt Everest from sea level to summit. The downhill were even worse than the uphill as they became psychologically challenging with the thought that one missed step could mean a broken ankle or a stumble off a cliff.*

*Aside from the accomplishment of having conquered such an amazing challenge, there were the many unexpected benefits and bonuses. As a teacher it was most rewarding to see the entire group come together and get along so well in such challenging circumstances. The bonds formed will not be easily broken.*

*Another bonus was our interaction with our guides and carriers- our Boys, who soon became trusted friends. This group of remarkable boys, many of whom are the great grandsons of the legendary Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels come from the village of Buna which is on the northern beaches area of the Oro province of PNG. They were all so polite, respectful and supportive and became like our own guardian angels- watching our every step along the track, inspiring us along the way with their melodic chants.*

*The boys were led by 2 amazing trek masters named Woody and Watson, who were inspirational in their principles and their dedication to the betterment of their community.*

*Finally, the historical and commemorative side of the track struck a chord with me. The services held at Brigade Hill and Isurava as well as the commentary about the war as we progressed really put us in the shoes of the brave boys of the 39<sup>th</sup> and 53<sup>rd</sup> battalions, CMF and the members of the 2<sup>nd</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> AIF who relieved them in horrendous conditions.*

*The 4 words inscribed on the Isurava Memorial:*

**CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL**  
**MINUTES OF P&C GENERAL MEETING**  
**Tuesday 2nd August 2016**

---

- *Courage*
- *Endurance*
- *Mateship, and*
- *Sacrifice*

*rang true as we walked the track and saw these qualities within each other as well as the boys supporting us.*

*This trip was quite significant not just for CTHS, but also for Public Education. We are the first Public School in NSW to have been given formal Department of Education approval to take students on the Kokoda Track and we now pave the way for other Public Schools to take up the mantle and run similar trips. We are more than happy and willing to provide advice and guidance to schools that are planning such an undertaking and we look forward to hearing of such trips in the future.*

*I know that it may seem like early days yet, but we are planning another Kokoda expedition in 2018. We are also planning to look into ways that we can provide assistance to the communities of our boys from Buna.*

*This has included Peter Hartman organising some boxing gloves and gear for Woody who is a kick boxing instructor and who is currently preparing a team of boys for the Pan Pacific Games in Fiji. We sent of a large box of gear to Woody last week. We have also been talking to our HT Computing, Craig Anderson about the possibility of sending the Buna community some computers- perhaps some of the current Yr 12 laptops when they are returned by the students at the end of the year. We are also investigating the possibility of providing some financial assistance through our Social Justice Committee to help with the purchase and setup of a satellite dish which will enable the community of Buna to access satellite TV and the internet. They are absolutely crazy about the NRL and the State of Origin.*

*This amazing trip was made possible by the determination, commitment and efforts of a number of dedicated teachers:*

- *Simone Kerr*
- *Chloe Thompson Mcleod*
- *Peter Hartman , and*
- *Brett Clements*

*As well as the enthusiastic participation and involvement of 12 magnificent CTHS students from years 9, 10, 11 and 12 – and a year 10 student from the Forest High.*

*We were also very fortunate to have had a parent of one of our participating students- Matthew Swainston and a community representative- Susan Healey- from Bendigo Bank Galston-as members of our group.*

**CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL**  
**MINUTES OF P&C GENERAL MEETING**  
**Tuesday 2nd August 2016**

---

*And finally I would like to acknowledge the support provided by the P & C, the sponsorship of the Bendigo Bank Galston as well as the support and trust of the delightful parents of the students who participated in the expedition.*

*When Mr Caccamo talked about the trekking group's plan to provide the guides' village with financial backing, enabling them to purchase a satellite dish. The P&C generously supported this idea.*

### **Principal's report**

#### Curriculum and Administration

- Audit office will be back to the school to review the WHS policies. Jenny Bevan will head up the collection of the data when we are advised of the visit.
- Leadership induction ceremony was held last Friday, the new leaders are keen and ready to begin their roles. Thank you to the P&C for supplying the catering for the morning, and also to Tim Spencer who represented the parent body on the assembly.
- Building program continues to take shape. The DA was lodged recently and we are waiting for this process to be completed. In the meantime we are looking at the AV set up as well as furniture and some of the other finer details.
- HSC changes and minister's announcement. Day 1 this term the minister visited to announce the changes to the HSC. This will have an impact on the school and we are beginning the planning process to implement the new syllabuses and also address some of the other aspects of the announcement.
- Year 7 reports were posted last week, this is the final group to receive their reports.
- Yr12 are completing their trial HSC at this time, as well as many students having to submit practical projects or complete performances.
- School development day – Digital disruption guest speaker, Jared Cooney Horvath, presented a look at how technology impacted on the classroom. Middle session was KLA time to prepare for the new semester, and final sessions about staff welfare, voice care, yoga and ICT development were all focus areas.

#### Welfare

- AP4 examination period can be stressful for yr12 students and we are monitoring them closely in the lead up to the HSC.
- Staff wellbeing was addressed as discussed on the SDD.
- Changes to the counselling arrangements at the school. Pat Young – one of our long serving counsellors has been moved in a reshuffle at a regional level to Castle Hill and Baulkham Hills. C Roman will remain at CTHS and David McKie will take up the remainder of Pat's absence. Services will be the same as before the reshuffle.
- Street-smart Road and Youth Trauma Forum – yr10 students

**CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL**  
**MINUTES OF P&C GENERAL MEETING**  
**Tuesday 2nd August 2016**

---

- Cull Peer Support Leaders applications prior to training.
- Resilience program was completed at the end of last term, yr7 and 8 to begin testing using P&C funds.

**Important Dates**

- School Executive Conference 19-20 Aug.
- International Day – 23 August
- HSC Visual Arts Exhibition 30 Aug
- CHS Athletics 7 – 9 Sept
- Yr12 Graduation Ceremony 22 Sept

**Other Matters**

- Sydney North Athletics – CTHS winners.
- Reminder 19-20 December are student free days and the staff have done 3 out 4 evenings of development, as a result these two days the school will be closed.
- POP going to be implemented to allow online transfer of funds to the school.

**Federation Report**

Tim Spencer addressed the general meeting members and mentioned the main focus of federation was about the Board of Studies recent announcement. He said there is a great deal confusion from the parents' community regarding literacy and numeracy. So, there is going to proper publication with full details to make it was a discussion on recent announcement from Board Of Studies regarding Literacy and Numeracy followed by HSC. Tim said we are sitting together to make things clearer to the public to say what it means and how it will affect the children.

**Fundraising:**

Gavin said there has been ongoing activity from selling laptops and school bags.

Regarding the platinum sponsors there has been ongoing discussion from education partners.

Rod updated to the members regarding the business directory. He said \$2100 was deposited into the bank \$6000 was generated. Michael is looking to get feedback and he is getting ready to publish another one this year and wanting get exposure on the web site. He is also looking to double up the amount of advertisers. Rod told the general committee that village program where we collect the docketts from Cherrybrook shopping Village is coming to an end. We have earned 2500 points and made 2500 dollars through that. Rod said Danielle Krebs, The Manager from Cherrybrook shopping Village is very keen to work with school. He said there are opportunities for the shopkeepers to come and put the stall during the market day.

Ratna introduced Meegan, The Market organiser, Maggi and Sandhya from business network to the members. He made a special mention that the Election Day stalls went very well. We raised about

**CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL  
MINUTES OF P&C GENERAL MEETING  
Tuesday 2nd August 2016**

---

\$590. P&C appreciated that. Maggi and Sandhya who came for our last General Meeting organised all. Megan gave them a support and she did had some of them through her contacts.

Brett gave his special appreciation for those two ladies Maggi and Sandhya who made the market successful on the Election Day.

Ratna, threw an open question to the members at the general meeting asking for suggestions to improve upon market day. Meegan said it will be great if the parent body turned up.

Then there was discussion on displaying the banner near the bus stop during the week of market day.

**Alumni:**

AJ Kumar gave an update on Alumni. Alumni group is slowly growing and getting the past students involved in mentoring and coaching activities. We are targeting two groups. One is already established focused on the Alumni members who have been in the workforce for some time who can provide career guidance. The Second group are those who graduated from CTHS in the recent years, who can help with leadership skills development working with various student bodies (e.g. SRC). We are also engaging with the Alumni community to get more feedback on what the past students have done since leaving school. Their stories will be published in the Network Newsletters in the near future

**Canteen**

Work, Health and Safety Management Plan for CTHS Canteen

The P&C Canteen Subcommittee will meet to look over the Work, Health and Safety Management Plan for CTHS Canteen. Janice Marshall has incorporated draft guidelines developed by the Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations of NSW, Guidance Committee in this draft of the plan.

Donna from Canteen mentioned that 'Thank you Luncheon' is organised for those who volunteer at the school and 51 people have given RSVPs. Catering will be done by Year 11 Hospitality students.

Canteen Accounts (Westpac) as at 31 July 2016

Savings	\$66,594.94
---------	-------------

Savings – Leave Provisions	\$29,962.23
----------------------------	-------------

Transaction	\$184,788.53
-------------	--------------

Canteen Net Profit to 31 July 2016 - \$35,283.25.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

P&C ACCOUNT BALANCES as of 31<sup>st</sup> July 2016

**CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL**  
**MINUTES OF P&C GENERAL MEETING**  
**Tuesday 2nd August 2016**

---

	<u>Total</u>
General	130,052.69
Grounds	50,562.05
Building	240,852.15

**Surplus Income \$94,191.35.**

Athula reported about P&C account status. Building funds include a new term deposit of \$240,000 at 2.9% which will mature in March 2017. Annual insurance through the P&C Federation has just been renewed.

**Correspondence:**

There was a very late letter about Gonski funding.

An email from Cherrybrook Public School about Foot Bridge to go across Newline Road. We might invite P& C president to discuss about it.

**Other Business**

**CTHS Ball 2016**

Janice Marshall made an announcement about CTHS Ball coming up on 19<sup>th</sup> November on 2016. The theme of the ball is 'Moon Dance'. The objective of the ball is twofold; one to provide an opportunity to showcase the CTHS Big Band to the surrounding community, and two to raise funds to finance tutorial sessions for the Big Band members with prominent jazz musicians. Janice Marshall requested that it be endorsed by the Executive P&C and this was agreed. Age limit to attend is 18 +. Janice said it will be updated in the network.

**Visiting Delegation World Bank Kuwait**

Cherrybrook will be hosting a delegation of eight educators from Kuwait next week. This delegation is visiting Australia to discuss curriculum, teaching and educational standards with BOSTES. Cherrybrook Technology High School has been chosen as an exemplar comprehensive coeducational Government school, specialising in the teaching of technology. Our new Student Leaders will form an integral part of this visit, taking the visitors to various classrooms and participating with staff in a Q&A session.

A former CTHS student, Jenny Blundell, has been selected to represent Australia in the upcoming Rio Olympics! Jenny has continued to rise with her two outstanding 1,500m Olympic qualifying performances in Beijing and Belgium, securing her Rio selection.

Meeting closed at 21:00

**Next Meeting:** To take place in the Conference Room in A Block, on Tuesday 18 Oct 2016 at 6.30 pm.

**CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL  
MINUTES OF P&C GENERAL MEETING  
Tuesday 2nd August 2016**

---