

CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL
MINUTES OF P&C GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday 7th June 2016

Meeting commenced at 20.00 hours.

Present and Apologies: As per the attendance book.

Guest Speakers: Deputy Principal Mr Brett Clements from “Tell Them From Me” - Survey

Tim Spencer chaired the General meeting as Stephen had to leave early.

Minutes from previous meeting were accepted. (Helen Wrench proposed and Janice Marshall seconded)

Deputy Principal’s Presentation on “Tell Them From Me”:

Mr Clements presented the 2016 “**Tell Them From Me**” Report to those present at the meeting. The survey is completed by the majority of students within the school. It provides an opportunity for students to express their feelings about school and any problems that may be facing. The information allows us as a school to gauge the sentiment of students and alert us to issues that may need attention.

The results of this year's survey continue to show students regard their school in a very positive light with many indicating they feel a positive sense of belonging, they value the schooling outcomes and are able to establish positive relationships. With regards to drivers of student outcomes, it was obvious that students felt they had someone at school who consistently provided encouragement and advice and that their teachers were responsive to their needs. In almost all of the measures CTHS compares very favourably against the NSW Government school norm, a result we should feel very proud of.

Principal’s report

Curriculum and Administration

- Parent / teacher nights for all stages have now taken place and judging from the feedback seem to have been a great success, particularly the online booking system.
- Last week the Office of audit completed a very thorough review of the school’s financial management. Pleasingly, the auditors were very impressed with the school’s finances.
- BOSTES registration team reviewed schools policies, processes and curriculum implementation. The school was described as “setting the benchmark’ for all schools to aspire to.
- The new school leadership team is in the process of being selected. Culling of CVs occurred this afternoon and the final presentation and interviews will take place on 21 June. There were many, many applicants and the quality of the students is absolutely outstanding. Pleasingly, the number of boys making application has continued to rise.
- GJ at NSW SPC conference next week. Terrific program organised with outstanding speakers.
- Mark Scott appointed to position of Secretary D of E to take up position in August.
- Building program development continues to move forward. At this stage building should commence immediately following the HSC.

Welfare

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- A number of special welfare programs have been run over the past few weeks in order to assist our students. These include a Year 7 resilience program led by our Year 11 students. My Thanks to Mr Hind for his organisation of these initiatives.
- Supa – Mega Happy week. The students a fabulous week last week with a whole range of exciting activities led by our outgoing leadership team. Pleasingly, all students were engaged and participated in a most positive manner. The week will finish later than anticipated due to weather and excursions.
- One of the highlights for staff was the teacher appreciation breakfast organised and prepared by student leaders.
- CTHS trivia night is on the horizon – 24 June organised by our exec team

Important dates

- Sydney North Cross country Wednesday 15 June
- Senior executive election speeches on Tuesday afternoon 21 June.
- Final day Term 2 Friday 1 July
- School Development Day Monday 18 July-Staff only
- Students return Tuesday 19 July

Other matters

- Year 11 & 12 High Achievers morning teas have been very successful
- At this stage we have offered places to approximately 280 students for Year 7 in 2017. This is a slight decrease than at the same time last year. The school has been inundated by appeals from the huge number of students who were ruled ineligible for placement.
- Payment of fees thus far has been very good. Thank you to all who have contributed and encouraged others to contribute.
- The school will meet with Fair-trading officers on Thursday to further investigate fraudulent entry claims.

Federation Report

Tim Spencer reported that P&C Federation nominations are closed. Thirteen electorates have already had results with Tim being re-elected as the Councilor for North West Sydney. Voting will now take place in the three contested electorates.

The NSW Education department has started to introduce the learning management and business reform (LMBR) system into primary schools across the state. It was intended to replace legacy finance, human resources, and payroll and student administration systems across the department. The Learning Management and Business Reform (LMBR) program was established in 2006 to improve service delivery to schools. It was expected to be completed by 2014. There has been a lot of issues. The majority of metropolitan primary schools will be running the system by the end of the year with rural primaries and all secondary schools to implement the system in 2017. In terms of what it means for schools is the money is centrally managed. The schools will no longer have bank statements and P&C Associations will need to be more formal in their dealings with the school.

Mark Scott, the ex-head of the ABC has been appointed as the new secretary of Department of Education. There is some concern about Marks background as he has no history with the public education system having been the product of the private system himself and with his own children

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being privately educated. I remains to be seen how he will tackle the management or even reform of the DoE.

Tim mentioned he had a meeting with Damien Tudehope, the state member for Epping. Several issues being discussed including the department changing use of the school community facility.

Fundraising:

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

Regarding the platinum sponsors there has been ongoing discussion from which it is hoped to raise \$10,000 for the school. Rod then continued about business directory. 2500 copies were printed. From that we might receive an income of \$2,200 - \$2,400 according to the publisher. The next directory will be published in November.

Danielle Krebs, The Manager from Cherrybrook shopping Village is very keen to work with school.

Rod Cuevas re-introduced Ratna Shiva, the market co-ordinator to P&C General. Ratna will lead Market sub-committee.

Maggi and Sandya attended the General meeting of P&C. Maggi introduced herself that she is a customer of CTHS business directory and they both come from business networking group. Maggi expressed that she wanted to be involved with P&C market. She offered to bring more people from her network to put a stall for a small charge of \$30. She proposed if she can put a stall during the Election Day when there is polling station at school. Ratna said he will consider all the possibilities. Maggi also expressed if the P&C could consider conducting something like a Trade Fai, where she could meet the parents of the school.

Treasurer's Report

P&C ACCOUNT BALANCES at 6th June 2016

	NAB	St George	Total
General	1,122.98	122,678.11	123,801.09
Grounds	257.90 52,	193.70	52,451.60
Building	250.00 233,	941.28**	234,191.28

**** \$195,000 is in a term deposit @ 2.95% pa (maturing 19 July 2016)**

The accounts are showing a profit of \$83,168 as at 1 June 2016.

Canteen Accounts (Westpac)

Savings	\$66,487.17
Savings – Leave Provisions	\$29,899.38
Transaction	\$176,588.80

The canteen bookkeeper has reported a net profit of \$22,855 for the 5 months ending 31 May 2016.

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Canteen

Liz spoke about Working With Children Checks and how it affects canteen staff. All canteen staff have now applied for WWCCs as required by recent government legislation. There are some exemptions for canteen volunteers - if a volunteer has a child who is **currently studying** at the same school there is no need to obtain a WWCC.

Other Business

There were no other business. Meeting closed at 21:00

Next Meeting: To take place in the Staff room, on Tuesday 2nd August 2016 at 8 pm.