



CHATSWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Pacific Highway
CHATSWOOD 2067

GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY 23 July 2013 COMMENCING 7.30PM MINUTES

Attendees:

Tim Dodds - Principal
Su Hill - Deputy Principal
Terry Mckinnon - Deputy Principal
Lyndall Franks (Ellis 2T, Eamonn KK)
Andrew Wilson (nil)
Sergey Petrov (Vlad 5H)
Liudmila Petrova (Vlad 5H)
Andrea Austin (Lucas 1E, Amy KG)
John Burgess (Kate 6K, Charlotte 3G)
Sam Tucker (Rohan)

Robert Cen (Erik 3G)
Christine Chang (Jacinta 6A, Justin 5H)
Beverly Scott (Benjamin KW)
Brett Backhouse (Ed 1E, Lizzie 5/6V)
Mark Tywman (Sophie 3S, Harrison 1H)
Nathan Hare (Charlotte KG)
Ji Su Chang (Jaewon 4BT)
Hajzme Suzkz (Noah 1Y, Anna 6A)
Louise Chen-Suzeki (Noah 1Y, Anna 6A)

1. **President's Welcome:** John Burgess welcomed all and said it would be a short meeting as the focus is currently on working to support the school's new plan for the Bush Campus/
2. **Apologies:** Sally Sternecker, Constance Ho.
3. **Confirmation of Previous Minutes:**
JB went through previous minutes. Minutes accepted.
4. **Principal's report:** Tim Dodds welcomed everyone and introduced new parents.

Sensor lights – Options have been investigated and new sensor lights will be installed above the steps on the Kindergarten building at a cost of \$1500.

School master plan – School is continuing to grow. Currently population is 905 students. School had previously 'bought' an extra teacher and the cost of that teacher is now being covered by DEC.

Staffing – Ms Mitchell (5H) will be taking over from Mr Horden. School will be getting another targeted grad teacher. She doesn't take up the position until 2014 but is volunteering at the school every Tuesday. Cynthia White has accepted a transfer to Wahroonga Public School as an AP and a new AP will be appointed at CPS. Total staff at the school now at 72.

Confucius classroom – meeting being held in the Confucius classroom. The new teacher has had a strong start at the school teaching culture to Years 5 & 6 as well as advanced Mandarin and Art to the Kindy classes. A parent (Eric Hong) who operates a Chinese music shop in Chatswood has donated some traditional Chinese instruments to the classroom and lessons will be offered to students from a professional Chinese musician.

School music program – School very happy with new online program to cater for organisation of music, clubs and Scripture/Ethics. The program will be seeking some additional funding from

the P&C to purchase new instruments.

Bush Campus – Plans are underway for the new campus. There was a general discussion focusing on which year groups will be moved to the new campus and what will be happening at each of the 2 campuses. TD confirmed that Years 3 & 4 will start at the Bush Campus in 2014.

Chinese dinner – The school's annual multicultural dinner will be held in Term 3 on Monday 9 September at a Chinese restaurant (venue TBC). The school will be hosting a visiting Principal from the Bia Jai Zhung sister-school in China.

Academics – The school aims to enrich school life in all areas, not just academically. TD also reported that 53% of Year 6 were accepted into selective high schools for 2014 (a figure which is actually at 70% if all wait-listed children are included).

BYOD – Terry McKinnon reported on the school's Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy. The wireless in D & E Blocks is up and running and new iPads are being purchased. The school will be expanding the BYOD policy (which can be accessed on the school's website). Years 5 & 6 are currently able to BYOD and this will be rolled out to Years 3 & 4 in the next couple of weeks and then to Years 1 & 2. There was a discussion regarding the appropriateness of BYOD for the younger year groups.

5. **Correspondence:** Nil.

6. **P&C Treasurer's Report:** Andrew read through the report (see attached). Motion proposed: That accounts totalling \$495.45, as listed in the Treasurer's report to the meeting are approved for payment. Seconded by BB. Motion approved.

7. **Sub-Committee Reports:**

Uniform Shop Report: Christine Chang went through the report (see attached). The Uniform Shop has been very quiet so there is not much to report.

Uniform Shop Financials: Report attached.

Canteen Committee: Canteen Committee has not met since last meeting. No report.

Grounds Committee: No report. Motion proposed: To accept quotation for landscaping works in south-east corner of the school (see attached quote and details of the landscaping works).

Seconded by Andrew T. Motion passed. This is the 3rd landscaping project currently underway at CPS, including the Lower Lovers and the sandpit cover.

8. **Outstanding Items:** Nil.

9. **Presidents Report:**

JB noted that there continues to be quite a bit of interest around the Lower North Shore capacity issues and that local P&Cs have been working together to identify common issues. The next Northern Sydney Regional P&C meeting will be held in the school hall on Monday 26 August at 7.15pm. All welcome.

10. **Other Business:**

Lyndall Franks (Ethics Coordinator) gave an update on the growth of Ethics classes at the school and the high demand for places. There are currently Ethics classes being offered in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and new volunteer teachers are currently being interviewed for classes being offered to Years 1 and 2 in Term 4. If anyone is interested in finding out more about Ethics classes or is

considering becoming a volunteer, please contact Lyndall on lyndall.franks@hotmail.com or visit the Primary Ethics website at www.primaryethics.com.au

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Next meeting Tuesday 27 August 2013 at 7.30pm

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