



# CHATSWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Pacific Highway  
CHATSWOOD 2067

## GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY 25 June 2013 COMMENCING 7.30PM MINUTES

### Attendees:

Tim Dodds - Principal	Nigel Justins (Eliza 6M, Morgan 3P)
Su Hill - Deputy Principal	Christine Chang (Jacinta 6A, Justin 5H)
Terry Mckinnon - Deputy Principal	Mark Twyman (Sophie Y3, Harrison Y1)
Lyndall Franks (Ellis 1E, Eamonn KK)	Brett Backhouse (Ed 1E, Lizzie 5/6V)
Andrew Wilson (nil)	Nathan Hare (Charlotte KG)
Simon Lu (Rae KM)	Lee Hughes (Imogen 3S)
Qian Zheng	Shelly Zheng (Anabel 3P)
David Wynker (nil)	Megan Carapiet (Jarrod 1P)
Andrea Austin (Lucas 1E, Amy KG)	Sally Sternecker (Marcus 6K, Liam 4BT)
John Burgess (Kate 6K, Charlotte 3G)	
Aphrodite Kant (Akshey 2LP, Nalanie KG)	

1. **President's Welcome:** John Burgess welcomed all and said it would be a short meeting as there had been no significant expenditure.
2. **Apologies:** Michael Waterhouse, Constance Ho.
3. **Confirmation of Previous Minutes:**  
Correction to previous minutes – Canteen Financial report was presented. Minutes to be changed to reflect this.  
Discussion re distribution of minutes – Minutes will be uploaded to the P&C section of the school's website, excluding financial reports.
4. **Principal's report:** Tim Dodds welcomed everyone and explained the processes of the P&C for new parents.

**Confucius Classroom teacher** – Tim welcomed Ms Zhang Qian, the new Confucius classroom teacher who arrived on Tuesday. Ms Zhang will be doing some bilingual work with advanced students as well as video-conferencing with other local primary schools.

**State budget** – Good news that the school's master plan is now funded and work will go ahead on the Bush Campus. It is anticipated that the classrooms will be in place by the end of Term 3 with everything else in place by the end of Term 4.

A reminder to email Tim with any concerns. Biggest concern from parents is which year group would be placed at the new campus. Moving any Stage group away from the main campus will cause some concern, but Tim believes that Stage 2 is the most appropriate in terms of operation of the school. Year 5 & 6 have a lot of other activities and commitments and could be influenced by the HS students. Some schools have tried putting Stage 3 on a split campus and it hasn't worked. Stage 2 is easier to contain and more compliant. It means that they would also get a break from this very built environment and can engage in a different environment such as the Bush Campus would provide. It will be a fluid situation with movement between the

campuses at break time and for specialist programs like Art.

The main campus will be utilised to create spaces like mini-halls and ensemble spaces. The demountables in the car park will be removed and children will be moved out of the smaller rooms in the Admin block. It is hoped that this is a short term solution of 3-4 years, but it may be more. A longer term strategy is currently being discussed. DEC will be responsible for putting up the buildings with the bare basics provided. The school and the P&C will be providing other items as required.

There was some discussion about the new arrangements and Tim reminded parents to contact him with any concerns. Some classes are working on projects for solutions to the new campuses.

5. **Correspondence:** Nil.

6. **P&C Treasurer's Report:** Andrew read through the reports – main and financial (see attached). A motion was proposed: **That accounts totaling \$35, 494.00, as listed in the Treasurer's report to the meeting, are approved for payment.** Proposed by Nigel Justins. Seconded by Brett Backhouse. Motion approved.

JB discussed the future of the instrument committee and the plan to employ a part-time book-keeper due to the large amount of work of the sub-committees.  
SS to forward finalised Canteen Accounts for 2012 to AW.

7. **Sub-Committee Reports:**

Uniform Shop Report: Report attached. JB talked about possible plans for the uniform shop so that the cottage could be totally dedicated to music. CC went through the plans. To date she has one quote of \$142 000 not including everything. CC to keep investigating and obtain more quotes. DA approval will be needed as the building is a heritage site. There was a discussion about the plans and other possibilities. JB sought approval of the meeting to continue to investigate possibilities and come back with more information.

Uniform Shop Financials: No report.

Canteen Committee: Report attached. SS went through the report. Kindy not using the canteen and it is affecting profits. The canteen committee has brainstormed some ideas for the Bush Campus including a remote kiosk.

**Canteen Financials:**

Grounds Committee: Report attached. BB proposed a motion at the previous meeting re landscaping of the Lower Lowsers. Motion was passed with BB to report on the safety of the walls being covered. The Landscaper has provided some options which have been circulated to the executive. The work can be done in the September school holidays with a revised quote.

BB also discussed the SE corner of the school near the double demountable. DEC assets have not done any work on the site as yet and the P&C have decided that we should go ahead and do the work ourselves. This has been discussed with the executive committee.

A motion was proposed: **That approval be given for a spend of up to \$2500 for plants and other materials to landscape the SE corner of the school adjacent to the double story demountable.** Proposed by Mark Twyman. Seconded by Christine Cheng. Motion approved.

**8. Outstanding Items:** Nil.

**9. Presidents Report:**

JB noted the comment on the success of parent power on the front page of the North Shore Times. P&Cs are on board with the new plans and are being given consistent messages.

**10. Other Business:**

David Wynter, a representative from the residents in the apartments across from the school on Centennial Avenue thanks Tim for fixing the problem with the gate noise. He noted that the steps near the Boronia building from the main quadrangle to the infants building were very dark at night time and that he had witnessed a family fall down the steps. TD agreed to investigate installing sensor lights on the building at a high enough point to avoid vandalism.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.37 pm

**Next meeting Tuesday 27 August 2013 at 7.30pm**