



CHATSWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Pacific Highway
CHATSWOOD 2067

GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY 28th February 2017 MINUTES

Attendees: As per meeting register.

1. President's welcome

2. Apologies

Tara Srivastava, Kate Pereira, Nick Moore, Angela Todd, Judy Green, Lee Hughes

3. Master Plan

Summary overview of our plan for 2017. Two community forums have been well attended in the last 2 weeks, where the school community was made aware of our actions so far and in Dec 2016, the Department of Education advised that the catchment boundary would be altered and children could attend Mowbray or the new UTS (still to be opened).

The forums provided an action list where the P&C:

1. The Master Plan committee have organised a meeting with our local member Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP (NSW Premier) on Friday 10th March.
2. Willoughby City Council voted unanimously to support the P&C to the DoE, and the political leaders.
3. A 3 point petition is to be presented at the meeting with with the Premier. Points included permanent classrooms, Bush Campus Annexed to CPS and extra land to be acquired.
4. A letter drop to every child in the school explaining our current capacity crisis and requesting parents to fill in the attached form letter to be sent to the Minister for Education, Rob Stokes.

4. Confirmation of previous minutes

Motion: That the minutes of the previous general meeting on 25th October 2016 be approved. Moved by Joe Grundy, Seconded by Paul Battaglia, motion passed.

5. President's report

- Cottage Fire summary
- See Master Plan

6. Principal's report

- TD thanked the P&C for raising Capacity issue early in the year and believed it was the right time to raise higher awareness with a new Premier and a new Minister of Education.
 - TD answered a parent (Peter Choo) who asked why CPS kept accepting children when we were obviously over capacity. He responded that by laws every child is entitled to Public Education in their local area.
 - Once a child enrolls in a school, the child and siblings are allowed to complete at that school even if they move areas unless they are expelled.
- The school's students total 1250 currently; 51 classes in 2017; the Department of Education has installed 3 demountables in the staff carpark area and one in the Bush Campus carpark, yet to be completed
 - One composite and 3 class STEM have commenced – over 350 applications.
 - Two Kindergarten and one Year 1 bilingual Korean-English kindergarten class.
 - Interviewed and airplayed on SBS

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- Looking at Chatswood High to have program continued from K-12
- A new Speech Pathologist, 2 days per week (Funding from Learning Link paid for by Chatswood RSL); an Occupational Therapist 1 day per week (mainly for handwriting)
- New Confucius teacher posted for up to 2 years.
- PHD student providing Voluntary support
- New staff furniture – modular style, modern & flexible. This style to be rolled out to classes.
- FIRE in the Cottage during the last week of the school holidays
 - Cottage has been condemned
 - Before School OOSH has been relocated to one of the demountable in the carpark
 - Uniform Shop has a free temporary home at 688 Pacific Hwy
 - Music Program is to be altered considerably
 - Our Music directors will be able to tutor during the day school
 - B Block will become a community Music Centre after school
 - Music Hire for small instruments will go external
- Chatswood High School Oval will be completed in June 2017, delay due to subsidence.

7. Correspondence

- A thank you letter from parent Judy Green on the Learning Support program that has helped her daughter
- An email from Eileen Bischoff about traffic concerns

8. P&C Treasurer's report

Motions:

- **To approve amount totalling \$13787.30 (from main account, as listed in Treasurers report) for payment.** Moved by Brett Backhouse, Seconded by Paul Battaglia, motion passed.
- **To approve spending of \$85,000 in support of the 2017 component of the P&C Contribution to the school as per the budget (listed below) and \$53,000 towards the Learning Support Program.** Moved by Sue Low, Seconded by Joe Grundy, motion passed.
 - Maths Olympiad (Year 6) \$10K
 - STEM classes \$20K
 - Teacher mentoring/professional development \$15K
 - Library and STEM resources \$11K
 - Resources for 3 out of 4 new demountables \$15K
 - Resources for specialist teacher for writing, grammar, spelling \$10K
 - Confucius Classroom accommodation supplement \$4K
- **To approve \$4,450 (\$1250 x \$3.56) to be spent towards student injury insurance.** Moved by Jyoti Dhawan, Seconded by Paul Battaglia, motion passed.
- **To approve an increase in the voluntary contribution by \$5 to \$200.** Moved by Brett Backhouse, Seconded by Joe Grundy, motion passed.

9. Sub-Committee updates

Canteen report –Rachel Johnson-Kelly (attached).

- A NSW Canteen Policy was launched today, Rachel hadn't had chance to read it fully yet but it will include 75% everyday & 25% sometimes food.
- OOSH before school is now using canteen, due to fire and loss of cottage.
- Volunteer Request, looking to trial a new online volunteering system.

Uniform Shop – Matthew Wood gave a verbal report and

- Outlined activities since fire.
- Luckily everything was now cloud based so no data was lost, just equipment & stock
- A big Thank you to all volunteers & community for their support

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- All stock should be available Term 2.
- Insurance claim – approx. \$60k for stock and infrastructure

Grounds report – Nil

Class-Parent Co-ordinator – full complement of class parents, communication emails ongoing with getting privacy authorities.

Social Events – Sue Low presented list of Events for 2017. Available on P&C website.

10. Outstanding items

Ragtagd – Will recommence Term 2 due to fire issues

Road Safety – New Council road safety officer has started and is coming up to speed.

Consolidation of School Apps and Websites – Rollout of Enews

Vicki Pagett memorial – A park bench will be installed in the amphitheatre

11. Other business

- Joe Grundy has started to get quotes for Airconditioning in BER building.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.47 pm.