



# CHATSWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Pacific Highway  
CHATSWOOD 2067

## GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> October 2017 MINUTES

**Attendees:** As per meeting register.

**1. President's welcome**

**2. Apologies**

Maria Ferreira, Michelle Bruhn

**3. Confirmation of previous minutes**

***Motion: That the minutes of the previous general meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017 be approved.***

*Moved by Paul Battaglia, Seconded by Joe Grundy, motion passed.*

**4. Correspondence - NIL**

**5. Presidents Report – attached**

Further to this report, a lengthy discussion was had over expectations from the community about the PRG progress and how this will be communicated to the Stakeholders.

**6. Principal's report – presented by Terry McKinnon Acting Principal**

- An official school Thank you to Brett for his 12 years on the P&C. Many improvements we are currently enjoying Brett had something to do with including sandpit, play equipment, learning support, amphitheatre. Brett's green thumb has made the school more pleasant. His communication and initiatives have been appreciated by the School Exec.
- Thank you to the P&C for Learning Support Funding – unfortunately Yvonne Macleod was ill and could not do the attached presentation.
- Demountables – two additional classrooms are required for 2018. Unfortunately the Cottage refurbishment could not be done in time so the demountables were ordered for the carpark and were supposed to arrive at the End of the Term to ensure that no classes would be in the library next year. Unfortunately they could not fit in the car park - so the flattest, least impacted spots were chosen. Due to impending building works, not many options were available. The sandpit will still be available to use. The classrooms will be ready for use next week as spare teaching spaces.
- In 2018 we are expecting 1305 students.
- Changing the Relief from Face to Face (RFF) programme  
Each teacher has 2 hours of RFF, in the last two years the school has used a dedicated Mandarin, Environmental Education and Sport teacher. It is suggested for next year:
  - ◆ K-6 will continue to have Mandarin
  - ◆ K-2 will have an external provider specialising in sport, dance and gymnastics
  - ◆ Y3-6 will continue with their current sport program on Fridays
  - ◆ Y3-6 will have a Writing Specialist to help with scope and sequence

- A STEM mentorship program will be rolled out students across the school that will include those students not in STEM classes.
  - Environmental Ed will no longer exist, and there will be no dedicated sports teacher.
  - Every school has a different RFF programme, most include sport but other subjects can be music, art or anything that the school feels appropriate.
- CPS Strategic Directions 2018-2020, 3 year plan

The school is working on their next 3 year plan, it is broken into 3 areas:

❖ Quality Teaching and Leadership – **Project: QT rounds**

- Over the last couple of years the QT (Quality Teaching) Rounds have been very successful and the school will continue with this program as teachers are finding it a very positive professional learning resource.

❖ Real World Connections – **Project: Global Connections**

- The original connection was Coonamble, but the thought is take this further and look at it from a broader/global perspective. Last term the successful video conferencing with our sister school and the Premier highlighted that classroom overseas could be part of our learning environment.

❖ Shaping Creative and Lifelong Learners – **Project: Future Focussed Learning**

- The STEM program is the start of the Problem Based Learning program, the STEM program will be extended in 2018.

**7. Bush Campus**

Over the holidays the damaged grass drainage was fixed and extensive drainage installed at Bush Campus. The P&C contributed \$14,000 to the repair of the grassed area.

**8. Music Studios**

The Music program will continue using the Kindy block for classes after school with the Musical Directors (3) given space during school hours. There is concern as the spaces need some refurbishment and Aimee Ipson-Pflederer is working on a proposal to refurbish these spaces and a motion was moved.

***Motion: Move in principal expenditure of up to \$3000 to refurbish the music studios.***

*Moved by Joe Grundy, Seconded by Paul Battaglia, motion passed unanimously.*

**9. Presentation Night – Su Hill**

This year's Presentation Night will be split into 2 sessions at the Concourse. K-2 will commence in the afternoon with Yrs 3-6 and the official guests for the night time ceremony. This is being done because the school is so large. Performances will showcase the school at both events. After this year's event feedback will be gathered by the school to check the success of the change. Official guests include NSW State Premier Gladys Berejiklian, Mayor Gail Giles-Gidney, Mr Kie Min Kim (Korean Education Centre Consulate General of Korea ( Republic) and Mr David Osland the CHS Principal.

**10. Korean Trip – Su Hill**

A short movie was shown of the recent successful Korean trip. Another is trip is planned for 2018.

**11. Coonamble Trip – Grant Galbraith**

A short overview and some photos of the trip to Dubbo, Coonamble and the Warrambungles.

**12. P&C Treasurer's report – attached**

***Motion: To approve amount totalling \$41,145.92 (from main account, as listed in Treasurers report) for payment.***

*Moved by Joe Grundy, Seconded by Brett Backhouse, motion passed.*

Tara presented her attached report. It was discussed that the time frame for budgets was too tight for proper discussion after the 30 September financial year end. It was agreed that this could be done at the AGM with the end of year reports.

- Some discussion around lower voluntary contributions and possible causes including new payment system and families not understanding what the P&C does.

**13. Sub-Committee updates**

***Canteen report*** – Verbal Report by Nick Moore, Treasurer

- Canteen doing generally well

***Uniform Shop*** – Verbal report by Matt Wood

- Fire – Insurance money has been paid out.
- Raincoats – have been introduced to inventory and are an optional part of the Kindy Orientation pack.
- The relocation of the Uniform Shop to the corner of Pacific Hwy and Centennial Ave has been closed down due to redevelopment of the school.

***Grounds report*** – Verbal

- Additional Fencing has gone to the Amphitheatre area to protect some plants.
- Bush Campus has been returfed (per above)

**14. Outstanding items**

- **Traffic Management** –

- i. De Villiers & Lone Pine bottle neck will have some new signage including a No Standing in the morning and 2 hour parking during the day.
- ii. RMS is currently looking at Centennial Ave to Pacific Hwy, Joe is continuing to push for a change of light phase

- **CBA banking** – Organising volunteer has resigned, the program is going well but we still need somebody to co-ordinate it
- **Lollipop Man** – is retiring at the end of the year
- **Toilet Cleaner** – started 14<sup>th</sup> August, they are using a special deodoriser that looks a bit soapy until it dries but is non-slip
- **Security Lighting** – has been repaired
- **Consolidation of School Apps & websites** – discussion started about rethinking Class Parent role to assist in communication to the school.

**15. Other business**

- Clubs if you miss out do you get preference? There is no way to easily manage this type of request. The school needs a new teacher volunteer to help with the clubs – that are all run by volunteer teachers.
- STEM rollout – next year there will 8 STEM classes randomly selected from EOI.
- Recyclable Bins – recycling is happening at Bush Campus because Kate Roberts organises it. A teacher volunteer is required at Main Campus.
- Eddy Road Incident – there is a teacher now on duty at Eddy Road and students are encourage to use that exit.

**There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.18 pm.**

**Chatswood Public School P&C Association: President's Report October 2017**

Hello and welcome to our last general meeting. Before we begin I would like to acknowledge the Guringa people who are the traditional custodians of this land. We would also like to pay our respects to elders both past and present.

The main items I would like to discuss tonight are:

- The recent Moon Festival
- The upcoming AGM and election of office-bearers – a number of people will be standing down
- The landscaping of the Bush Campus
- The proposals to ease the capacity issues
- Visit by Mark Scott, Secretary of the Department of Education

Of course, as we approach the end of the year there will be some discussion around the P&C budget and other operational issues.

***Moon Festival***

Another highly successful Moon Festival was held in September. It gets bigger and better every year and continues to make both an important cultural and fundraising contribution to the school.

While the numbers are still being finalised, I understand that the event made a significant profit after expenses in the vicinity of \$35,000.

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers, led once again by Sue Low, Rebecca Barker and Andrea Austin, for your efforts.

***P&C Annual General Meeting: Tuesday 28 November***

The AGM of the Chatswood Public School P&C Association will be held next month. Please note that all positions will be declared vacant and an election held, although several people have already nominated to continue in their current roles.

Several people will be stepping down, including myself, having reached the end of their tenure or are leaving the school.

If you wish to vote in the election of the office-bearers you must be a paid-up member of the P&C at the conclusion of this meeting.

***Bush Campus Landscaping***

For those with children at the Bush Campus, you may have noticed that some landscaping was undertaken during the recent school holidays, with the laying of new turf and some drainage work.

To ensure that these areas remain in good condition they have been designated as quiet play zones. More rigorous activities will be undertaken on the CHS sports field.

Many thanks to Terry McKinnon for coordinating these works. Please note that the P&C contributed of \$14,000 to the project, representing 50% of the cost.

***Capacity Issues***

Members of the P&C Executive and representatives from both CHS and CPS have recently been involved in several Project Reference Group (PRG) meetings to discuss the future of the school site and how the capacity issues will be addressed.

While the participants are bound by non-disclosure requirements, the role of the PRG is to provide a communication channel between the community and the project team and to ensure that feedback and local knowledge contributes to and endorses the design proposals.

Our project has been funded however the full details have yet to be publicly announced. The proposals are still in the planning phase however, broadly speaking, there are two options: A, whereby all building bar the heritage-listed A and B blocks are demolished, a new 3-storey development north of Block A (i.e. where the "teacher's car park" is currently located), a new 3-storey development along the southern boundary with the Bush Campus to remain on the high school site and B, whereby the current buildings are replaced to accommodate a larger number of students and other facilities.

## ***Chatswood Public School P&C***

A key driver of the project will be educational principles of the school(s) involved which will be sourced from the schools themselves and their respective communities. This will help to inform design and the best utilisation of buildings and space. For example, given that we have a significant music program at the school, it was acknowledged that flexible spaces for teaching and tutorials would be useful.

The possibility of combining the two schools as an "educational precinct" is under consideration, although this would extend final delivery dates (currently expected to be Term 1 2020), although it is acknowledged that this would likely deliver a better result.

Local traffic knowledge and forecast student numbers will also be key parts of the project.

### ***Visit by DoE Secretary Mark Scott: Monday 30 October***

Mark Scott, the Secretary (chief executive) of the NSW Department of Education and former Managing Director of the ABC, will be a guest at our school, with the visit organised through our involvement with the Northern Sydney District Council of P&C Associations.

The meeting will provide an excellent opportunity to hear from and interact with Mr Scott, who commenced with the Department in August 2016. He will provide us with his views on what is required to position today's students for success in the changing world and draw from his experiences in serving for 10 years as the chief executive of the ABC, a large and complex organisation

Following Mr Scott's presentation, we will have an opportunity for some Q&A.

The event is open to both those from our school community and others. If you would like to attend but don't regularly come along to our P&C meetings please contact our Secretary Andrea Austin to ensure we have enough chairs!

Please note that while any questions should be firm and direct, given that we have recently gained a significant amount of traction with the DoE, we would be doing ourselves a considerable disservice if members of our school community were too confrontational and put him on the defensive. I think you will all agree that we should remain courteous at all times, while still getting any points across.

Having served the maximum term of 3 years as president, this will be the last time I present to you. I would like to say it has been an honour and privilege to serve on the P&C for the last 12 years in many various roles. Thank you to my colleagues who also volunteer their time to make their valuable contributions to the school community, as well as the teachers and staff of this great school. I'd particularly like to thank Andrea and Joe for their dedication and assistance over the last few years, as well as Lee Hughes, Rachel Johnson-Kelly, Sue Low, Nigel Moore, Mark Twyman, Matthew Wood and many others including those who have left the school: John Burgess, Christine Chang, Nigel Justins, Sally Sternecker and Michael Waterhouse among others. Of course, without dedicated individuals such as Tim Dodds, Terry McKinnon and Su Hill the school wouldn't be what it is today. We don't realise how lucky we are to have such fine educators in our midst.

I've been fortunate to make many great friends as both a parent and through volunteering on the P&C and will always remember my time involved fondly. I wish the school and its community every success in the years ahead and am looking forward to seeing our many years of hard work come to fruition with a new "school" in the years ahead.