



CHATSWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Pacific Highway
CHATSWOOD 2067

GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2013 COMMENCING 7.30PM MINUTES

Attendees:

Tim Dodds - Principal
Terry McKinnon - Deputy Principal
Su Hill - Deputy Principal
Michael Waterhouse (Kenet 4R)
Lyanne Smith (None)
Greg Austin (Jasmine Elton 2T)
Nigel Justins (Eliza 6A, Morgan 3P)
John Burgess (Kate 6K, Charlotte 3G)
Christine Chang (Jacinta 6A, Justin 5H)
Constance Ho (Ashleigh 4/5C)
Andrew Wilson (none)
Sally Sternecker (Markus 6K Liam 4BT)
Nathan Hare (Charlotte KKatz)

Lyndall Franks (Ellis 2T, Eamonn KK)
Mark Twyman (Sophie Y3 Harrison Y1)
Lee Hughes (Imogen Y3)
Beverly Scott (Benjamin KH)
Brett Backhouse (Lizzie 5/6P, Ed 1E)
Andrea Austin (Amy KG, Lucas 1E)
Andrew Wyles (Angus 2K, Sam KF)
Robert Cen (Erik 3G)
Susan Simpson (Grace KK)
David Webb (Oscar KK)
Megha Naik (Shubh Raikar 2T)

1. **President's Welcome:** John Burgess welcomed everyone to another great year at CPS.
2. **Apologies:** Julie Hill
3. **Confirmation of Previous Minutes:**
Minutes of the previous meeting held 4 December 2012 were accepted. Moved by John Burgess, seconded by Brett Backhouse.
4. **Principal's report:**

Numbers: Holding pattern for classrooms in 1st week of Term 1 went well.

There are 882 students enrolled for 2013, which is up from 756 last year. There are 37 classes (including 9 Kindergarten classes and 2 composite classes) and 70 staff.

Kindergarten now has recess/lunch breaks at different times to the rest of the school. This arrangement is being trialled in Term 1 to address problems with space in the playground. No out of area children have been allowed to enrol in the school since June 2012. Tim will announce a plan for the school later in the year – to be implemented by 2015. This will help ease problems with space.

Grounds/Buildings: The Centennial Ave fence is now finished and CCTV is going into the school's main entrance. "A" Block is now wireless and iPads are being utilised. New school website about to go live. The staff car park now has 2 demountables – 75% of staff now park at the high school.

Music: The Music Committee is now being run by the school. The P&C will now run assets (i.e.

instruments). Jazz Band has been reintroduced.

Specialist classes: Discussion of rotation of Sport/Art/Mandarin classes. The class teacher may teach those KLAs one term then a dedicated teacher the following term. Ed Doyle away until Term 2 – Jenny Moran filling in. Korean not available to non Korean speaking students as the school only has 0.4 of Korean Teacher position. Library visits are now fortnightly.

Su Hill: Proactive approach to student welfare. There is a Learning Support Officer for each grade who will have more interactions/sessions with parents and teachers. Sister School visits for China and Korea being organised.

Terry McKinnon: 'Differentiation' will be the school's key focus this year. Staff development will be focussed towards supporting differentiation. iPads again being targeted. The National Curriculum will also be a big focus this year for implementation starting 2013-2015. The NC is largely based on the NSW curriculum. This will also be a professional development focus for staff. 'Bring Your Own Device' now being used with Years 5 and 6.

5. **Correspondence:** No correspondence of significance.

6. **P&C Treasurer's Report:** December 2012 Main Committee Report attached. Andrew ran through the report.

GST: Motion: That to utilise available GST concessions, the P&C:

- Treats the sales of the Canteen as input taxed;
- Determines that the Instrument Committee is a non-profit sub-entity for GST purposes;
and
- Treats the Back to School BBQ, Trivia Night, Year 3-6 Disco, Moon Festival, K-2 Bush Dance, Father's Day Breakfast and Carols in the Playground fundraising events as input taxed

Andrew Wilson moved motion. Seconded John Burgess. (Uniform Shop not included in this motion)

Australian Charities and not-for-profits Commission: Andrew Wilson read out our obligations under the regime (as per report).

Payments for approval: As per report. Motion moved by Andrew Wilson, seconded by Michael Waterhouse. All in favour.

7. **Sub-Committee Reports:**

Instrument Committee Financials: Financial Report December 2012 attached.

Andrew ran through the report, which reflects the new 2013 budget with the P&C looking after instruments and instrument hire. A committee is needed to maintain a record of instruments as well as a replacement and maintenance program.

Uniform Shop Report: Report & financials attached.

Storage – Christine agreed to talk offline with the Executive to discuss plans.

Canteen Committee: - Report attached.

Sally presented her report. There was discussion re changes to the School 24 canteen ordering

system being introduced 1/3/13 which resulted in Model 2, Plan 2 being accepted.

Grounds Committee: Report attached.

Brett presented his report.

Class Parents Report: No report.

8. **Outstanding Items:** John Burgess referred to the 4 December minutes –Motion in section 6. \$250 000 not consolidated yet but will be shortly.
9. **President's Report:**
Fees: Voluntary contribution was \$175 in 2011 and 2012. The P&C want to increase this to \$180 per child. A letter will accompany the invoice outlining the initiative. JB proposed the Voluntary Contribution to be set at \$180 for the 2013 school year. Seconded by Michael Waterhouse. All in favour.

Hall upgrade: JB and Tim Dodds visited a number of schools to look at their halls to see if there is a solution for all of the school to fit in the hall together. Some schools had doors opening from the back which led to an outside covered area that allowed more people to view the stage. This led to a discussion on the effect on the K-2 playground equipment. JB and TD will show some photos of what they saw at Lindfield and Roseville PS.
10. **Other Business:**
Nil

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.30pm

Next meeting Tuesday 28 May 2013 at 7.30pm

No April meeting – Staff Development Day