



CHATSWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Pacific Highway
CHATSWOOD 2067

GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY 28 May 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	Natasha Kovalenko (Eugene 2LP)
Lyndall Franks (Ellis 1E, Eamonn KK)	Greg Austin (Jasmine 2T)
Andrew Wilson (nil)	Jacqui Floyd (Emma 5H, Josh 3P)
David Wynker (nil)	Mark Twyman (Sophie Y3, Harrison Y1)
Samantha Tucker (Rohan Y5)	Brett Backhouse (Ed 1E, Lizzie 5/6V)
Andrea Austin (Lucas 1E, Amy KG)	George Dragoi (Kenny 4R)
Andrew Wyles (Angus 2K, Sam KF)	Melinda Holmes (Alex 2C)
John Burgess (Kate 6K, Charlotte 3G)	Angela Todd (Nic 1G)
Samantha Tucker (Roh Y5)	Nathan Hare (Charlotte KG)
Kavita Mukhi (Byron 2K, Josh KL)	Beverly Scott (Benjamin KW)
Constance Ho (Ashleigh 4C)	Michael Waterhouse (Kenett 4R)
Geoff Fenning (Maddy 5M, Poppy KG)	Lee Hughes (Imogen 3S)
George Dragoi (Kenny 4R)	Samantha Bones (Will 6S, Katie 2M)
Louise Chensuzuki (Anna 6A, Noah 1Y)	Deb Bodger (Marcus 6A, Luke 4R, Angelina KL)
Megan Carapiet (Jarrod 1P)	Joanna Li (Oscar KL)
Fiona Scott (Grace 1N)	Dale Hammett (Ella Y3, Emma Y2)
Sally Sternecker (Marcus 6K, Liam 4BT)	Emma Hall (Angus 2T, Hamish 1E)
Dabid McFoody (Sophie 4R)	Andrea Murray (Adam 5M, Rakai, 2C)
Carilee Hicks (Millie Y1, Sam Y4)	

1. **President's Welcome:** John Burgess welcomed everyone and introduced Steph Crofts.
2. **Apologies:** Nil.
3. **Confirmation of Previous Minutes:**
Minutes of the previous meeting held 28 May 2013 were accepted. Moved John Burgess, seconded by Brett Backhouse.
4. **Steph Croft - Executive member of the Northern Sydney Regional Council of Parents and Citizens Associations:**
Steph gave a brief history of the situation around overcrowding in public schools on the lower North Shore. She also gave a brief outline of the progress the Northern Sydney Regional Council of P&Cs has made with the Department of Education and Communities in planning for the future of schools in our area and the possibility of announcements in the State Budget that would assist with the development of the Bush Campus at CPS.

The NS Regional Council of P&Cs consists of 167 schools. Each P&C needs to pass a motion to join the council and send a delegate to the meetings, which are held in various school locations once per term. The Regional Director and SEDs attend the meetings and the Premier has been

invited to attend the next meeting.

- 5. Principal's report:** Tim Dodds thanked Steph for addressing the meeting and offered the school hall as a venue for a future regional meeting.

Bush Campus – DEC's projections for CPS enrolments is over 1000 students by 2015. CPS has been introducing strategies to assist with current overcrowding issues such as separate break times for Kindergarten, separate Stage assemblies, more clubs and opening the Lower Lower to provide more space.

Tim, John Burgess and Robert Cen have been attending meetings as part of a working group looking at a Master Plan for CPS planning for a new Bush Campus to be developed on unused land near CHS oval. The plans have been published in the school newsletter and will consist of 12 portable classrooms with decking (7m x 100m) between each row of rooms, accessed by steps from Centennial Ave. Funding has not yet been confirmed but is expected to be announced in the budget on 18 June, however building would start in Term 3 with infrastructure completed at the end on Term 4.

A Deputy Principal (Terry McKinnon) will be based at the campus as well a Teacher's Aide, Assistant Principal, clerical support and a staffroom. There will also be a covered COLA, Admin block and it is anticipated that Stage 2 (Years 3&4) will move to the campus. The site will be also be accessible from Eddy Road, have AC, phones, a PA system, CCTV footage, IWBs in every classroom and be wirelessly connected for 60 iPads to expand the iPad program. Benefits will also include programs with an environmental focus and access to gardens/small animals etc.

The site will be out of bounds for the HS students. There will be movement between the 2 CPS campuses for clubs, music tutorials, etc. There was a general discussion with various concerns/questions raised by parents attending the meeting, including safety at the Bush Campus and in moving students between the 2 sites, access to the canteen, design of the demountable buildings and which year groups would be placed at which campus, composite classes and drop off/pick up zones.

Tim Dodds urged parents to email him with any questions or concerns regarding the plans.

Confucius Classroom – The new CC teacher will arrive in Australia on 24 June and will be placed at CPS for 2 years. The school is currently seeking families who are willing to provide a homestay for the new teacher.

My School Music website – the school is moving administration of the music program to this web based management system.

- 6. Correspondence:** Nil

- 7. P&C Treasurer's Report:** Andrew read through report (see attached). He noted that approval was need for payments of amounts as per report. MW moved that the payments be approved. Accepted.

- 8. Sub-Committee Reports:**

Uniform Shop Report: Report attached. CC went through the report. There was a discussion about the sale of hat cords in the uniform shop. Vote: Does the P&C approve the sale of the elastic hat cords? Passed.

Uniform Shop Financials: No report.

Canteen Committee: Report attached. SS went through the report. Action: TD confirmed that the lost property table will be dealt with. TD asked committee to look at options for the canteen for the 2014 Bush Campus.

Canteen Financials: Report attached.

Grounds Committee: Report attached. BB put a motion forward to propose landscaping of the Lowers. Motion passed with BB to report on the ability to check the state of the walls.

9. Outstanding Items:

JB stated that the P&C had yet to develop a list of initiatives for the year as it was contingent on the details of the Masterplan.

9. Presidents Report:

Modification of school hall – discussion of modification of the hall as discussed in last month’s meeting.

Relocation of uniform shop – discussion of relocation of the uniform shop.

Theft of the orange tree – a reminder to report suspicious behaviour on school grounds out of hours and especially on the weekend. In this case it was not the monetary value of the tree but the impact on the kids who cared for it.

Bush Campus – the P&C will need to contribute to the new school campus.

10. Other Business:

Question regarding the lack of paper or hand dryer in the Kindy toilets. TD to investigate.

Question regarding the development of the area on the corner of Centennial Ave and Pacific Hwy. DEC has yet to address their plans for this area. The P&C will plan to develop the area with it’s own funds.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm

Next meeting Tuesday 30 July 2013 at 7.30pm