



# CHATSWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Pacific Highway  
CHATSWOOD 2067

## GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY 22 October 2013 COMMENCING 7.30PM MINUTES

### Attendees:

Tim Dodds - Principal	Robert Cen (Erik 3G)
Lyndall Franks (Ellis 2T, Eamonn KK)	George Dragoi (Kenny 4R)
Brett Backhouse (Lizzie 5/6V, Ed 1E)	John Burgess (Kate 6K, Charlotte 3G)
Mark Twynam (Sophie 3S, Harrison 1H)	Bev Stevens (Benjamin KW)
Andrew Wilson (nil)	Lee Hughes (Imogen 3S)
Sally Sternecker (Markus 6K, Liam 4BT)	Greg Austin (Jasmine 2T)
Angela Todd (Nic 1G)	Christine Chang (Jacinta 6A, Justin 5H)
Constance Ho (Ashleigh 4C)	Andrea Austin (Amy KG, Lucas 1E)
Nigel Justins (Eliza 6M Morgan 3P)	

- 1. President's Welcome:** John Burgess welcomed all to the second last P&C meeting of the year. Lyndall Franks thanked Brett Backhouse on behalf of the P&C for the work he has put into developing the school grounds.
- 2. Apologies:** Terry McKinnon, Su Hill, Michael Waterhouse.
- 3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes:** Minutes of the previous meeting held 27 August 2013 were accepted.
- 4. Principal's report:** Tim Dodds welcomed everyone and supported the vote of thanks for Brett Backhouse. The school grounds have improved incredibly, particularly in the past 6 years. He also acknowledged the Moon Festival committee for their hard work – the Moon Festival was a huge success. It was great to see many teachers involved this year. Thanks were also given to the organisers of the Trivia Night, which was a great night with the teachers' tables coming second and third respectively. TD also thanked the organisers of the Staff lunch, the Kindy parents, which was greatly appreciated by all involved.

**NAPLAN:** The test is a nationwide test. It is differentiated for Gifted and Talented students and lower ability students. It not meant to be used to compare schools, but to identify student needs. TD went through the 2013 results for CPS and looked at the school's results in comparison to other 'like' schools in the region.

**Bush Campus:** The first parent meeting has been held. Next one will be in Week 5 followed by an 'on-site' meeting in a classroom on the campus.

**November:** Male teachers in the school will be growing moustaches to raise money during the month of Movember. TD seeking the support of the general school community.

**Music committee:** The school has purchased new music stands and would like to purchase 3 new pianos. There will be a performance space and piano at the Bush Campus.

**Motion:** Approval for the music committee to buy 3 pianos for a total of \$3000. Moved by John Burgess. Seconded Chris Chang. Motion passed.

**Motion:** Approval to buy 26 trolley stands for the music program, funded from the Instrument program. Moved by George Dragoi. Seconded by Robert Cen. Motion passed.

**Confucius classroom teacher:** The accommodation allowance from the Chinese government is \$150 pw. The teacher is currently living with a Korean parent for \$150 pw board. TD would like to pay the annual board of \$5000 from the school's \$70 000 annual P&C contribution.

5. **Correspondence:** Nil.

6. **P&C Treasurer's Report:** AW read through the report (see attached).

**Motion:** That Accounts totalling \$21, 353.36 as listed in the Treasurer's report to the meeting, are approved for payment. Moved by John Burgess. Seconded by Brett Backhouse. Motion passed.

**Instrument committee financials:** See attached report.

7. **Sub-Committee Reports:**

Uniform Shop Report: Christine went through the report (attached).

**Motion:** Approval to spend \$205 000 to proceed with the development of building a new uniform shop under B Block.

There was discussion regarding the significant cost of the proposal and formation of a sub-committee to consider wider options. It was proposed that this committee provide a master plan for the school including a recommendation for the uniform shop and to report back to the P&C in the second meeting of 2014.

Uniform Shop Financials: Constance went through the report (attached).

Canteen Committee: No report.

Grounds Committee: Brett went through the report (attached).

Sally Sternecker asked a question regarding the need to hire a book keeper for 2014 for the canteen and uniform businesses. **Action:** Report to the next meeting with recommendation.

8. **Outstanding Items:** Nil.

9. **Presidents Report:** The P&C provided \$15 000 to renovate the library earlier this year. The P&C would like to make a similar contribution to upgrade the Art room.

**Motion:** That the P&C provide in principle support to spend up to \$15 000 to upgrade the art room, pending quotes. Proposed by John Burgess. Seconded by Andrew Wilson. Motion passed.

10. **Other Business:** Nil.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

**Next meeting Tuesday 25 February 2014 at 7.30pm**