



CHATSWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Pacific Highway
CHATSWOOD 2067

GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY 26 August 2014 MINUTES

Attendees:

Tim Dodds - Principal	John Burgess (Charlotte 4)
Su Hill - Deputy Principal	Andrea Austin (Lucas 2K, Amy 1S)
Terry McKinnon - Deputy Principal	Lee Hughes (Imogen 4R)
Sally Sternecker (Liam 5V)	Maria Ferreira (Elizabeth 2K)
Angela Todd (Nick 2G)	Melinda Holmes (Alex 3G, Matt KC)
Nigel Justins (Morgan 4B)	Joshua Sung (Clear KC)
David McFadyen (Sophie 5V)	Brett Backhouse (Lizzie 6M, Edward 2E)
Mark Twyman (Sophie 4M, Harrison 1/2T, Annabelle KL)	

- 1. President's Welcome:** John Burgess welcomed all via the green screen
- 2. Apologies:** Lyndall Franks, George Dragoi, Matthew Woods, Julie Hill, Bev Scott
- 3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes:**

Minutes of the previous general meeting held 22 July 2014 were accepted.
Moved by Lee Hughes Seconded by Mark Twyman

- 4. Principal's report:**

P&C Professional Learning Grant Application

Grant Galbraith was the successful applicant on Project Based Learning. Tim will invite him to present at the next meeting.

Alumni

Collecting Alumni for the new Alumni board to be placed down at Bush Campus

Willoughby Council

Tim & John Burgess attended a meeting with Gail Giles-Gidney & Greg Woodhams. Lee Hughes presented the Master Plan and they seemed impressed and will have Ian Arnott, the Development Planning Manager for the council to join our sub committee.

Wagga Wagga

Tim visited Wagga and next year the school will increase Aboriginal awareness

Local Schools

Three major school developments are happening locally

1. Mowbray Rd capacity will increase to 1000 and will take out of area students.
2. UTS, Learning Village – ideas are still developing
3. International Chinese Christian School on the St Paul's Anglican church site. It will initially be one classroom with the aim to eventually increase capacity into a highrise.

School Ranking

Tim shared that he was told some parents are looking at Chatswood Public Schools ranking at the following website

http://bettereducation.com.au/school/Primary/nsw/sydney_top_government_primary_schools.aspx

5. Green Screen Presentation

Jung Koo, winner of last years' Educational grant presented his Futures Lab. Through a series of videos we saw displays of some of the capabilities.

- Audio & Video mixer – a mini version of a broadcaster – with the view to move to livescreen.
- Currently doing things like news reports, Chatzfest, filming musicians
- High definition quality camera and a high quality microphone
- Portable green screen & lights
- Great tool for the students to collaborate and learn new technologies
- Cost was approx. \$3-4k for the P&C

6. Correspondence

Nil

7. P&C Treasurer's Report:

Maria presented the Consolidated reports (attached)

Motion: That accounts totalling \$4309.50 as listed in the Treasurer's report to the meeting are approved for payment.

Moved by Sally Sternecker Seconded by David McFadyen

8. Sub-Committee Reports:

Canteen Committee:

- Sally presented her attached report.
- Prices have been reviewed and the first increase several years will take place Term 4

Uniform Shop:

- Joshua had no written report
- Volunteer shortage, Tracey Moore had resigned for study reasons
- Request for a boy and a girl change room
- Joshua showed us some hairbands

Motion: To pilot hair bands for girls in school colours

Moved by Lee Hughes Seconded by David McFadyen

Grounds Committee:

- The P&C has a significant investment in the plants and the maintenance of these plants is required. Brett has spoken to Tim Woodland of H&B Gardens in relation on how to maintain the grounds and it was suggested to break the main campus into 3 areas and tackle them approx one every 3 months in the warmer months and less during the cooler months.

Motion: to have H&B Gardens come in and be directed by Brett Backhouse for 5 days over the rest of the year at \$250 per day + materials to assist in maintaining the gardens

Moved by Mark Twyman Seconded by Melinda Holmes

- Brett advised us that Andrew Leuchars the Landscape Architect firm previously used had been re-engaged for the Bush Campus now that the Oval plan had been set by council. A draft design and costing will be presented in October under the Master Plan.

9. President's Report :

- Fund raising goals – using the ideas from our last meeting, John Burgess handed out a list asked the P&C to rank from High to Low. The findings will be presented in the next meeting.

UNIFORM SHOP COMMITTEE

Unfortunately this years' Uniform shop Convenor, Joshua Sung and Treasurer, George Dragoi have had time availability issues and have decided to stand down John officially thanked Joshua for his efforts.

Motion: For the Canteen Committee to increase its scope and do a uniform shop review including the volunteer issue, finding a part time employee, reviewing stock and prices and looking at the possibility of online ordering.

Moved by Lee Hughes Seconded by Mark Twyman

- An advert for the Part-time position at the uniform shop will go into this weeks' newsletter

10. Master Plan:

- The Committee will talk to Terry McKinnon and have an email sent out to generate some wider community comment.
- Large plans will be printed and a copy will be put on each campus.

11. Outstanding items:

From March 2014 – Update August 2014

- Following Pitt Town tragedy and the arborist report some trees have been identified as a risk, there is a 6 month allowance to remove them as it needs to go to the Dept & Council.
- Council inspected the trees in August, 6 are to be removed. We are now awaiting the Departments approval.

12. P&C Website report

- Angela Todd presented her preliminary findings to the P&C on what other P&Cs are doing, what we are doing as a P&C and what the school is doing in a broader communication sense.

Action: It was decided to set up a sub-committee with her, Melinda Holmes and Andrea Austin who will assess the requirements of a P&C website via a survey sent to parents and present something to the wider P&C in October.

13. Other Business:

Blinds Bush Campus: to be installed during the holidays

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Next meeting 28 October 2014 at 7.30pm