



# CHATSWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Pacific Highway  
CHATSWOOD 2067

## GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 MINUTES

**Attendees:** As per meeting register.

<b>1.</b>	<b>President's welcome</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Nick Moore, Joe Grundy
<b>3.</b>	<b>Presidents Report – attached</b> Refer to president reports attached – May 2018 Additional points of note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 688 – 692 Pacific Highway (Snap building)– Tim advised he is working with Aqualand to ensure their development and the school development do not clash. Aqualand will be taking over a small section of the school carpark with the agreement that the uniform shop can remain in the interim and lost carparking will be relocated to alternate parking temporarily. We believe Aqualand are looking at two options: either demolish during the Christmas school holidays or sell it with a DA in 2019. Tim is meeting with Aqualand and the Department of Education to discuss impact on school.</li> <li>• 654-666 Pacific Highway – Joe Grundy is corresponding with Council regarding concerns of school pedestrian traffic past the site. Any concerns should be flagged ASAP with Joe Grundy or the school</li> <li>• 18-20 Freeman Road (behind Bush Campus)– Joe Grundy is currently trying to get a turning circle included in the development requirements</li> </ul>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> Email from North Sydney Demonstration School new P&C President David Bond – reaching out to say hello
<b>5.</b>	<b>Confirmation of previous minutes</b> <b><i>Motion: That the minutes of the previous general meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 be approved.</i></b> <i>Moved by Paul Battaglia, seconded by Jyoti Dhawan, all in favour, motion passed.</i>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Guest Speakers</b> Robyn Scott – Deputy Principal – Stage 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delighted to have started at the school.</li> <li>• Complimented the children on their manners and how happy they are</li> <li>• Previously worked at Lindfield Public school, another large school but not as large as Chatswood</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Majority of educational experience on the north shore including many years at Waitara. Taught OC classes at Waitara and also spent time teaching in the UAE and 12 months in Broken Hill as an instructional leader</li> <li>• Passionate about Australia and what we can do to educate the children on how lucky they are to be here.</li> <li>• Will be based on the bush campus looking after Stage 2.</li> </ul> <p>Linda Ryan – Deputy Principal: Stage 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Based in the councillors office looking after K-2</li> <li>• Recognises no school is perfect but Chatswood is an awesome school</li> <li>• Children have shown total respect and beautifully behaved</li> <li>• Passionate about student welfare, staff welfare and parent and community welfare</li> <li>• Interested in differentiated curriculum to ensure students are getting work to their level in class</li> <li>• Building children’s social and emotional intelligent and help students find their passion</li> <li>• Last school was Carlingford West which was slightly larger than Chatswood at 1350 students and with a similar diversity of students with 92% non-english speaking background</li> <li>• Loves bat and ball sport</li> </ul>
7.	<p><b>Principal’s report – presented by Tim Dodds</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduced two new Deputy Principals.</li> <li>• Took 2 weeks off to care for my wife who had surgery – Sue Hill did a great job in my absence.</li> <li>• Current student count is 1280 students (down from 1281 at the start of the year) – rate of growth has slowed slightly. Noted that high school got 2 extra classes this year</li> <li>• Building works – at the concept plan stage. Expect the new school campus to be built before the school relocates. Bush campus may be relocated to high-school during building works. Budget due out in 3 weeks. One aim is to provide a smoother transition programme for year 6 to year 7.</li> <li>• NAPLAN complete for the year. No issues experienced.</li> <li>• Initial discussion with Mark Scott regarding the OC tests and the high school tests – looking to possibly change from just exam based to more well rounded approach.</li> <li>• Uniforms – the school has pulled back from asking kids to change from sports uniform. The school will communicate the requirement for special occasion school uniforms.</li> <li>• Music program – painting of the rear walls and carpet to the resource rooms to proceed with the help of volunteers</li> <li>• New school will have dedicated music tuition studios. Looking at the potential to combine music directors across the primary and high school</li> <li>• Finance – internal new finance tool is coming in June 2018. Training is taking place.</li> <li>• New newsletter – Sway - now in place. Much more efficient for administration. Will include feedback link for parents to easily send feedback to the school</li> <li>• Would like the P&amp;C to provide a grant to allow some people to go down to Melbourne to check out new schools for ideas for the new building. P&amp;C to consider.</li> <li>• Recent media regarding the Confucius classrooms – Tim confirmed they only teach the curriculum. China Day was celebrated today</li> <li>• Bilingual Program – lots of visitors to the school are always amazed that we run them at no cost. Recent change to kindergarten teacher due to prolonged sickness.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carparks update – quote received and is being by the AMU. No firm date set for works to take place.</li> <li>• Writing program (improved writing)– no progress but will be looked into.</li> <li>• Learning support – 16 students in mini lit and 2 students getting multi lit. Grateful for funding.</li> <li>• Mr Tipping shared expertise with non-STEM classes in Stage 1. Next term will be stage 3 and term 4 stage 2. Aim is to upskill all teachers to get STEM across the curriculum in 2019. Mr Tipping to be invited to the next P&amp;C Meeting to discuss the program.</li> <li>• Concern raised by parent about the behaviour of the high school students including verbal abuse to the parents and physical abuse to children. Parent has previously raised with the high school but has not had an adequate response. Mr Dodds to raise with the high school principal on parents behalf and check into option for additional CCTV externally.</li> <li>• Joe Grundy to raise issue of lack of pram ramp onto Pacific Highway outside the school gates with the council</li> <li>• Parent requested consideration to be given for parents to be informed in the event teachers are going to be away for planned leave. Would be usual to prepare kindergarten parents and or anxious children. To be raised with the school executives to put some guidelines in place to meet parents expectations.</li> </ul>
8.	<p><b>Treasurer’s update</b></p> <p>Pearl presented the Treasurer's Report – refer to report at end of minutes.</p> <p>Additional notes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voluntary contribution– \$135k from Term 1 school fees still to be banked</li> <li>• Bank West funding of \$1000 received for music grant</li> <li>• \$85k contribution expected to be paid in May</li> <li>• Mothers day stall raised approx. \$1500 in takings (\$800 profit).</li> </ul> <p>ns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>To approve amount totalling \$26,788.28 from the main account as listed in the Treasurers Report for payment</i></b> <b><i>Moved: Andrea Austin Seconded: Melinda Cameon; all in favour. Motion passed.</i></b></li> </ul>
9.	<p><b>Subcommittee Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Canteen report</b> – refer report from Aimee Ipson-Pflederer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Big upswing in volunteering this year</li> <li>• YTD net profit to end of April is c \$14k compared to \$9k for the same period last year. Partly due to increased sales / gross profit and partly lower expenses</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Uniform Shop – Verbal report from Matt</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The shop has managed to stay in the Snap / Aqualand building for the foreseeable future. This however is not a long term option and there will be challenges until the new campus is complete. Looking at using this time to move to 100% online as the economics of renting a shop in Chatswood is not feasible. Looking at options with the biggest challenge being trying on and delivery. Aim to be online 100% for term 1 - 2019. Currently 30% of business is going through online. Andrea confirmed there will be a uniform shop in the new build.</li> <li>• Sales have dropped from last year for the same period – believe the reason is liquidating a lot of the “fire” stock and insurance payout.</li> <li>• Newsletter is updated weekly for fire stock availability. Quite a bit of summer stock left</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uniform committee is reviewing options for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crest on uniforms</li> <li>• Girls uniforms and meeting the needs of the students.</li> <li>• Special event function uniform.</li> <li>• Committee will meet to discuss and then present options to the school community for discussion. Tim requested to be involved in the process.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Rain coat – major delays with manufacturer and still waiting on a firm delivery date. Do not want to bring in a simple raincoat that does not meet the student needs. Andrea requested the school be strict on umbrellas for rain days. To be included in the newsletter.</li> <li>• <b>Events –</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bush dance – Year K-2 pushed back due to heat in May and Mothers days weekend. Will aim to get the teachers more involved this year. Looking at 17<sup>th</sup> June 2-4 pm. To be coordinated by Year 1 parents</li> <li>• Year 3-6 disco – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 6.30 – 9.30. To be coordinated by Year 6 parents</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Grounds</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No report</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Technology –</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uniform shop moving to google drive</li> <li>• Currently documenting the uniform procedures. Will move on to canteen next</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
10.	<p><b>ending items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Traffic Management &amp; Public transport options, update by Andrea on behalf of Joe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer above notes under President Report</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Lollipop Man <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• System is working as long as the Lollipop man advising the school / department of absence</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Sandpit and long jump pit – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refurb complete over Term 1 holidays. Long jump pit to be put on hold.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• OOSH – Bush Campus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approved by the school for after school care. Will be located in Simon Matthews room and include use of the undercover area. Awaiting government approval.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Carparks – Fencing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer Principal section above.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• School Magazine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be raised at next executive meeting by Tim.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
11.	<p><b>business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• P&amp;C Stickers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion: To approve spending of approx. \$500 for vinyl stickers for P&amp;C provided equipment</li> <li>• <b>Moved: Matt Wood Seconded: Paul Battaglia; all in favour. Motion passed.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Centralised scheduling of extra-curricular activities (sports / music / dance) – school is aware of the issues and looking to move PSSA to after school.</li> <li>• Sexuality Education &amp; respectful Relationships Presentation – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May CHS</li> <li>• Year 5 Canberra Excursion – raised issue of lack of notice to parents. Su Hill apologised and advised there were last minute issues with the provider.</li> <li>• Year 2 and 3 day excursions and lack there of– Year 2 excursion is being planned to Elizabeth Cottage.</li> </ul>

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**There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.32 pm.**