



Chatswood High School P&C General Meeting (via zoom)
Tuesday 18 May 2021, 7.30pm
Minutes

Attendees: "Amna", Angela Huo, Angela Todd, Benita To, Bobby Poondikulam, Catherine Cummings, Clare Kelly, "Cookie", David Lonergan, David Osland, Dave Webb, Dong Ming, "Ed", Garfield Reynolds, George Dragoi, Hui Yuan, Hyunyoung J, "James", Jenny Biggin, Jessica Ooi, Jessica Yang, Kat Alexander, Kelvin Wong, Kylie Barter, Lizzy Wenk, Lynn Donohue, Mary Wills, Matthew Baird, "Natalya", Natasha Andrienko, Nigel Justins, Nokhez Akhtar, Peiyin Li, Rebecca Cleary, Saheli Jayanetty, Sarah Boyd, Sk Mah, "Srishti", Suchitra Shetti, Sue Su, "Sukesh/Lynda", "Sy iphone", Tali Friedman, Terry Wang, Ulrike Wagner.

Apologies: Alex Hudson, Apurva Kamat, Karyn Cardew, Karin Wentworth-Ping, Melonie Bayl-Smith, Phillipa Sobb.

Previous Minutes

Motion: *To approve the minutes from the previous meeting without alteration.* Moved by Jenny Biggin and seconded by Sarah Boyd. Motion passed.

Actions Arising from the Previous Minutes

Tali Friedman and Jenny Biggin to discuss and research Facebook page option (see Other Business below).

President's Update

George Dragoi and Lynn Donohue provided a summary of recent and upcoming wellbeing events sponsored by the P&C. Susan McLean presented Cybersafety sessions for students in Years 7 and 8 (12, 13 May), and for parents via zoom (13 May), which was attended by 45 parents. Feedback from students and parents was very positive. Vanessa Hamilton is presenting Respectful Relationships and Sexual Health sessions to Year 9 students this week (17-19 May). A parent session is scheduled for 17 June. On 24-25 May there will also be the "Tomorrow Man/Woman" sessions for Year 10 students. The issues of gender diversity and fluidity have been raised by parents with the P&C and the presenters will include discussion of these. There will also be the first of two workshops for Year 11 students preparing for the senior years (Art of Smart) on 28 May.

George Dragoi thanked Lynn Donohue and Karyn Cardew for their work in coordinating these well-being events on behalf of the P&C.

Principal's Update

David Osland welcomed the parents online, and thanked the P&C for supporting so many well-being events for students and parents. David has also had positive feedback from students about recent sessions. The school now has 1640 enrolled students, and the well-being events are a significant contribution.

The Department of Education has issued emails via all schools about students not bringing knives to school. This is a significant safety issue, and CHS students will be suspended if they do so.

With some easing of COVID restrictions, students had recently attended a Year 11 camp, and the school hosted a music night. Both were very successful. There is a cap on a maximum of 100 adults to an event, so parent-teacher interviews will be held via zoom this term.

The building project is progressing well. The construction of Building R is now up to the third level and on track to be completed by the end of 2021. Hoardings for Blocks C, D and E are under discussion, to ensure movement of students around the school is not significantly impeded. Some asbestos removal from these buildings will also occur under strict safety standards.

Treasurer's Report

George Dragoi provided a summary of the Treasurer's report for January and April 2021 (circulated in the agenda papers).

Uniform Shop

The report for the Uniform Shop (circulated in the agenda papers) showed strong continued sales. Again, additional volunteers are sought to assist in the shop.

Other Business

Canteen operations: there has been a decrease in students purchasing from the canteen which has reduced queuing. Parents provided feedback that the new canteen location is less convenient for students, and parents of younger students would be more likely to use the canteen if online ordering was possible. One parent recommended the "Qkr" online service. Logistics of distributing online orders needed to be considered. David Osland will investigate further.

Play space/oval use: Parents have expressed concerns about ongoing restrictions to student play on the oval. Due to limited space on the perimeter of the oval, and one-third of the oval dedicated to primary school students, some students are needing to sit in the middle of the oval for lunch, restricting play and running spaces. David has had discussions with the primary school about alternating lunch time breaks, and is exploring splitting breaks for Years 7-9 from Years 10-12 to increase opportunities for physical exercise during breaks.

Year 7 Welcome event: following requests from parents, the school will host 2 welcome events on 1 and 15 June. Although planned as zoom events, parents requested that one be a face-to-face meeting, noting the limit of 100 visitors.

TheatreSports Incursion proposal (English Faculty): **Motion:** That an increase of \$1,180 for the 2021 TheatreSports program be approved. Moved by Lynn Donohue and seconded by Sarah Boyd. Motion passed.

*Renewal of Zoom licence: **Motion:** That renewal of a Zoom licence for a further 12 months at a cost of \$125 be approved.* Moved by Angela Todd and seconded by Jenny Biggin. Motion passed.

P&C facebook page: Jenny Biggin, Tali Friedman and Rebecca Cleary have investigated options. They will create a facebook page with communications provided by the P&C for a 3 month trial period. The option of two-way communication will need further work including operating rules, a privacy policy and an administrator.

P&C website redesign: Jenny Biggin advised that the redesign is progressing well and aims to complement (not duplicate) content on the high school website.

Meeting closed at 8.23 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday 10 June 2021.