



**Chatswood High School P&C General Meeting
Tuesday 8 December 2020, 7.30pm (online via Zoom)
Minutes**

Attendees (members): Alex Hudson, Angela Todd, Apurva Kamat, David Osland, George Dragoi, Jane Stergio, Karyn Cardew, Katherine Alexander, Kylie Barter, Lynn Donohue, Sarah Boyd.

Apologies: Ann Proudfoot, Jenny Biggin, Joe Grundy, Karin Wentworth-Ping, Lyndall Franks, Melonie Bayl-Smith.

Minutes of the previous meeting (10 November 2020)

Motion: That the minutes of the previous meeting be approved. Moved by Karyn Cardew and seconded by Lynn Donohue. Motion passed.

Actions Arising from the Previous Minutes

- Lynn Donohue has drafted a letter 'template' for parents to send to School Infrastructure NSW about the building changes adversely affecting access to sporting facilities for school children. George Dragoi will update the letter and finalise for inclusion on the P&C website.

Correspondence

- The latest updates regarding the school building program (for November 2020) were noted. Extensive discussion followed regarding the increasing detrimental impact on access to sporting facilities, the poor practices by some of the subcontractors, and the lack of responsiveness from School Infrastructure NSW. Parents will be encouraged to use the letter template drafted by the P&C to email concerns to: schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au
Action: That Lynn Donohue includes details about contacting School Infrastructure NSW in the next school newsletter.
-

REPORTS

President's Report

George Dragoi extended sincere thanks to Jane Stergio, on behalf of the P&C, who will be leaving the position of bookkeeper. Jane has made an enormous contribution to both the P&C and school over many years.

Principal's Report

David Osland also thanked Jane Stergio for her significant support to the school. David acknowledged that 2020 has been a very challenging year for students, parents and staff due to COVID-19 and the many associated changes. He thanked his staff for their ongoing commitment, flexibility and support for students and families. Two combined events for end-of-year awards and presentations will be held at the school on 14 and 15 December. The events will be filmed to allow interested parents to view them. The results for HSC students will also be released on 18 December.

David noted the flexible arrangements and appointments introduced by the Uniform Shop to help parents and students purchase clothing, especially the new students commencing in 2021.

David also advised that the Department of Education will be introducing new performance targets, with a focus on high academic performance. Discussion ensued about the negative messages this sends, and the risks of adversely impacting children working at lower levels, and other non-academic development areas including emotional and social well-being. The P&C is keen to work with the school to continue to support the needs of every student.

Treasurer's Report

The P&C's income and expenditure for January to November 2020 were included in the agenda papers. Apurva Kamat, Treasurer, noted the significant income from the Uniform Shop. She also mentioned that two term deposits had matured and been renewed. The new bookkeeper, Katherine Alexander, has been given access to the P&C Westpac Bank account.

Motion: That further expenditure of \$4000 towards Cyber Safety presentations by Susan McLean be approved. Moved by Apurva Kamat and seconded by Sarah Boyd. Motion passed.

Motion: That the new P&C President, George Dragoi, be added as a signatory for the P&C's bank account. Moved by Apurva Kamat and seconded by Karyn Cardew. Motion passed.

Action: That Lynn Donohue liaises with Apurva Kamat about the well-being program for inclusion in the 2021 budget.

Uniform Shop Report

The Uniform Shop report was included in the agenda papers. The Convenor, Alex Hudson, advised that stocktake would take place on 9 December. An end-of-year dinner for staff and volunteers will also be held that evening. Alex reported that the new weekend appointments for 2021 Year 7 students have been working very well. The Uniform Shop has been exceptionally busy. She thanked all staff and volunteers including the Duke of Edinburgh students who have been assisting and making invaluable contributions. In Term 1 of 2021, purchases will again be by appointment, and already one-third have been booked. George Dragoi extended sincere thanks to Alex and her team for their great efforts throughout this difficult year.

Project Reference Group (PRG) Update

Construction on the new Building R is expected to commence in the summer break. Preparatory work is already under way. The removal of hazardous substances from Buildings C, D and E will also take place before these buildings can be demolished. The safety of teachers and students has been a clear priority in all work to date. Sarah Boyd will be replaced by Angela Todd on the PRG for 2021.

Other Business

- P&C Website redesign – the website is in need of revision and updating. Any interested persons are invited to contact the P&C secretary, secretary@chspandc.org.au

- 2021 Meeting dates are as follows:

Tues 16 Feb

Thur 11 March

Tues 19 May

Thur 10 June

Tues 17 Aug

Thurs 9 Sept

Tues 16 Nov

Thur 9 Dec

- George Dragoi thanked parents for their contributions throughout 2020, including the P&C Executive. He also thanked the teaching and administrative staff for their hard work, and wished everyone an enjoyable holiday time.

The meeting closed at 8:35 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday 16 February 2021

Actions arising (summary)

That Lynn Donohue includes details about contacting School Infrastructure NSW in the next school newsletter.

That Lynn Donohue liaise with Apurva Kamat about the well-being program for inclusion in the 2021 budget.