



**Chatswood High School P&C General Meeting (via zoom)
Thursday 10 June 2021, 7.30pm
Minutes**

Attendees: Angela Huo, Angela Todd, Dave Webb, George Dragoi, Hunter Ashton, "iphone", "Jawad", Jenny Biggin, Jinhong Tang, Karyn Cardew, Kylie Barter, Mary Wills, Nadia Kostadin, Nokhez Kostadin, Tali Friedman.

Apologies: Alex Hudson, Apurva Kamat, David Osland, Lynn Donohue, Sarah Boyd.

Previous Minutes

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

Actions Arising from the Previous Minutes

Tali Friedman, Rebecca Cleary and Jenny Biggin to progress P&C Facebook page (see Other Business below).

President's Update

George Dragoi welcomed Deputy Principal Hunter Ashton, representing David Osland, to the meeting. George noted the first Year 7 Parent Welcome event had been held on 8 June, attended by 88 people. Further details were provided by Hunter (see below). Several well-being events had also been held since the last P&C meeting. George invited Karyn Cardew to provide an update.

Karyn confirmed that the following events were held: on 24-25 May "Tomorrow Man/Woman" sessions for Year 10 students; and on 28 May the first of two workshops for Year 11 students focusing on study strategies (Art of Smart). Positive feedback had been received from both students and parents. Vanessa Hamilton will be presenting a parent session on Respectful Relationships and Sexual Health on 17 June; a large number of parents have already pre-registered. This complements sessions given to Year 9 students in May.

Principal's Update

Hunter thanked the P&C for its strong well-being program and recognised how much it has contributed for students and parents. The first Year 7 Parent Welcome event was held via zoom (see Other Business), and a second face-to-face event will take place on 15 June. Emails have been sent to parents regarding registration (due to COVID, there is a maximum limit of 100 attendees).

Teachers have been conducting parent-teacher interviews via zoom in recent weeks, and the process seems to have worked reasonably well.

Treasurer's Report

George Dragoi provided a summary of the Treasurer's report for January to May 2021 (circulated in the agenda papers). It was noted there was a good balance in the Building Fund which will be useful once the new buildings start to become available for student use in 2022.

Uniform Shop

It was noted that additional volunteers are still being sought to assist in the Uniform Shop.

Building Program Update

Hunter reported that construction of Building R is progressing well. Hoarding around Buildings C, D and E has been erected. Student movement around this area appears to be reasonable, although it was noted that new fencing is slowing down students in some parts of the school, including a 'pinch-point' between Blocks E and F. This is being monitored as a point of concern. John Staff and Richard Crooks (building developers) gave a presentation to school staff about the next phase, including asbestos removal from around Buildings C, D and E. The next Project Reference Group meeting is on 16 June.

Other Business

Year 7 Parent Welcome event: The welcome event had been delayed due to COVID. A zoom meeting was held on 8 June, and a face-to-face event is scheduled for 15 June. The zoom event was a great success with strong parent engagement and many questions. Hunter will be circulating the slides he presented to parents. George thanked Hunter for arranging the event and acknowledged that it was a great success.

P&C Facebook page: Tali Friedman and Rebecca Cleary have set up a page. They have worked to avoid duplicating content that is already available on the CHS Facebook page. New users for the P&C page need to "ask to join" and then the Administrator (Tali and Rebecca) will provide access.

P&C website redesign: Jenny Biggin advised that the redesign is progressing well and the main elements have been developed. Jenny has liaised with the school inviting students to provide photographs for the website.

Locker Coordinator: The previous coordinator, Chris Freeman, has provided helpful notes about the role and tasks involved. A new volunteer coordinator is needed.

Meeting closed at 8.12 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday 17 August 2021.