

Chatswood High School P&C General Meeting (via zoom)
Tuesday 7 September 2021, 7.30pm
Minutes draft

Attendees: (members) David Osland, George Dragoi, Jenny Biggin, Karyn Cardew, , Kylie Barter, Lynn Donohue, Matthew and Marcia Baird, Nigel Justins, Rebecca Cleary, Sarah Boyd, Tali Friedman, Vivek Prahlad, Angela Todd.

Anas, Angela Huo, Angelina Shen, Anita Acharya, Bunlong Leng, Carol, Cathy, Cecilia Sze, Cesar Ocampo, Christine, Dongqing Ruan, Gretchen, Hoong Cheong Hiew, Jenny, Jess, Jinhong Tang, Kali L, Kristin Proctor, Li Ni, Li Zhang, Linda, Louis Wong, Lucas and Alannah Ta, Mary Wills, Matthew & Marcia Langton, MLS Iphone X, Muhammad Jawad Shakeel, Natalie Andrienko, Neelofer, Nokhez Akhtar, Paul Haynes, Rod Pereira, Saira Nazarali, Sean Abernethy, Sherry He.

Apologies: Alex Hudson, Apurva Kamat, Katherine Alexander.

Previous Minutes

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

Actions Arising from the Previous Minutes

David Osland reported that Year 12 was preparing a Year Book and would welcome a funding contribution from the P&C for printing.

President's Update

George Dragoi welcomed everyone to the meeting. The P&C has been liaising with the school about hosting an online event for Year 12 students and Year 12 alumni from 2020 to discuss the HSC, and life after the HSC. This event has been scheduled for next Monday 13 September at 3pm.

The P&C's new website has been launched. Sincere thanks to Jenny Biggin (Vice-President) who led the website work and the P&C Executive who reviewed materials and provided feedback. George also thanked Alex Hudson (Uniform Shop Convenor) and Apurva Kamat (Treasurer) who have applied for COVID Job Saver funding. George also acknowledged and thanked Sarah Boyd (Vice-President) who was successful in obtaining another grant from the Chatswood RSL to support the P&C's well-being activities.

Finally, George thanked David, the teachers and staff for their significant efforts during the latest COVID lockdown.

Principal's Update

David Osland also added his thanks to the teachers for their hard work, and to Sarah Boyd for her funding success. The P&C's well-being events are a significant and valued contribution to the students.

There have been some staffing changes, including the appointment of Stephanie Sexton (music) to a permanent position at the school.

Some Year 12 students have been attending the school to finalise and submit major works. The teachers have been supporting Year 12 students with trial exams, etc. Current projections for 2022 estimate 286 Year 7 students. This is somewhat lower than 2021, and may impact the number of teaching positions.

The NSW Government has announced dates for students to return to school, commencing on 25 October. While there have been recommendations for spacing of classes, social distancing, etc, because of the building works around the school this will be difficult. The teachers are working to minimise device use when the students return to school and have an increased focus on well-being activities. HSC exams will commence on 9 November. All staff must be vaccinated before the return to school dates.

David also advised that the 2021 NAPLAN results will be sent to parents before the end of term. The Tell Them From Me survey is also open for feedback from parents and students about the school.

The Building Program at the school is steaming ahead. The external cladding is being added to Building R, and internal panels are being installed. David is trying to schedule "virtual tours" for teachers to view Building R before the end of the year to help with planning for using the Building in 2022.

Treasurer's Report

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

Uniform Shop

A written report from Alex Hudson was included in the agenda papers. David Osland noted that Uniform Shop volunteers and staff were at the shop on the weekend unpacking new stock in preparation for the increased sales to new 2022 students in Term 4. He thanked them for managing this work with the current restricted access to the school.

Building Program Update

(see Principal's update)

Other Business

P&C Well-being events: Lynn Donohue advised that Paul Dillon will be presenting a webinar for parents on drugs and alcohol use among teenagers next Wednesday night at 7:30 pm. The webinar is free to all parents – zoom link details have been circulated to parents and are available on the P&C's website and Facebook page. Other well-being events have been impacted by COVID and are being rescheduled for Term 4 or early in Term 1 next year.

Request for funding for online HIIT sports program: Sean Abernethy (teacher, Sports Department) described a new online program that has been developed by a former school student. The online program can be used by students during class time or in their own time during COVID lockdown, but also when the students return to school as there will be ongoing constraints on space and use of sports equipment. The teachers will be evaluating the use of the program at the end of Term 4. No special equipment is needed for the program, and it can be adjusted to the fitness level of individual students. The teachers are hoping to continue to use the program in 2022. The proposal has strong support from the Sports Department and David Osland.

Motion: *To approve funding of up to \$2000 for an online sport program* Moved by Karyn Cardew and seconded by Angela Todd. Motion passed.

Term 4 Orientation Day planning: Orientation Day for new 2022 students will be held on 23 November and will be fully online, including musical performances and the presentation by the P&C.

P&C Annual General Meeting 16 November, and Executive position nominations: George Dragoi advised that all P&C Executive positions will be vacated at the AGM and new nominations sought. Several current Executive members will be leaving the school as their children are in Year 12, so new volunteers for the Executive are needed. Current Executive members provided a brief description of their roles. Further information is available on the P&C website at: <https://chspandc.org.au/positions-and-responsibilities/>). All inquiries and nominations should be directed to the P&C secretary at secretary@chatswoodpandc.org.au Please note, all \$2 membership fees for the P&C are due after the AGM for ongoing membership in 2022. Lynn Donohue thanked George for his role as President this year, and his contributions as an Executive member for the past 4-5 years.

Business without notice: Sarah Boyd noted that it will be World Teachers' Day at the end of October. The P&C has offered to contribute to a small gift for each teacher that is being arranged by the school.

Meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday 16 November 2021, Annual General Meeting followed by short General Meeting.