

Chatswood High School P&C General Meeting : Tuesday 10 May 2022

Draft Minutes

Attendees: Angela Todd, Apurva Kamat, Karyn Cardew, Dharini Pararajasingham, David Osland, Sue Su, Gaya, Ben Barter, Daniel O'Doherty, Sarah Boyd, Tran Thi Thu Huong, Melissa Gock, Ulrike Wagner, Aileen Ng, Mina, Swati Deva, Mary Wills, Cathryn Co, Malethy Mohan, Khan, Theresa Gu, Nokhez Akhtar, Sushma Maskey.

Apologies: Kat Stewart, Rebecca Cleary, Sanjeev Puri and Tali Friedman.

Previous Minutes

Motion: *To approve the minutes from the previous meeting without alteration. Moved by Karyn Cardew and seconded by Apurva Kamat. Motion approved.*

Actions Arising from the Previous Minutes

No actions arising from previous meetings.

Principal's Report

David Osland provided a school update. He thanked Evelyn Manson for taking on his role while he was away in Term 1, and thanked Lauren McKinnon for taking on Richard McKeough's role in the first two weeks of Term 2.

Mr Osland outlined the roles and names of the various well-being teachers at the school. He advised that the new head of wellbeing, Georgina Andrews, will provide an update to the P&C at an upcoming P&C meeting.

COVID-19 is impacting the availability of teachers and casual teachers at the school, and this is causing several issues. The school has strategies in place to try to ensure continuity for the students.

Total number of students at the school now is 1678.

The building program at the school is continuing with demolition of some buildings currently underway for the construction of the new Building Q. The construction of Building S on the west side of the school is also well underway. The rain has meant that the building program is delayed but there is a plan in place to try to ensure the building works still finish on time. Mr Osland answered a question regarding the replacement for Building N and explained that the current hall will provide rehearsal spaces as well as storage and performance space though the seating capacity will be reduced.

A question was raised about cleanliness of the toilets and Mr Osland committed to investigate further and provide additional cleaning if required.

Mr Osland was asked which extra-curricular clubs were running again and he advised that some clubs are functioning again after the COVID-19 pause. He will list these clubs in the next school newsletter due to be circulated mid-Term.

A parent queried whether the parent portal could receive messages from parents rather than parents being required to email the school to reach a teacher. Ms Osland will investigate this option.

Treasurer's Report

The audit report for the 2021 financials has been prepared but was not circulated in time to be approved by parents. It will be circulated for review by P&C members so it can be discussed and approved at the June meeting.

Uniform Shop Update

The Uniform Shop is settling into the new location and is in the process of making orders for 2023 uniforms. The Uniform Shop would welcome more volunteers to help in the store on Thursday mornings.

Wellbeing program

Karyn Cardew provided an update on the plans for the well-being program in 2022. Four events are confirmed so far: Dr Carmel Harrington presenting to parents next week; Paul Dillon sessions for parents and students on 19 July; Tomorrow Man and Woman in early November; and The Art of Smart for senior students in Terms 2 and 3.

Other Business

(Nil)

Meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Next meeting: Thursday 23 June 2022