



Chatswood High School P&C General Meeting (via zoom)

Thursday 23 June 2022, 7.30pm

Minutes (draft)

Attendees: Aileen Ng, Angela Todd, Apurva Kamat, Cathryn Co, Daniel O’Doherty, David Osland, Dharini Pararajasingha, Georgina Andrews, Jessica Ooi, Junaid, Kabeer Noorudeen, Karyn Cardew, Kylie Barter, Mary Wills, Matthew Baird, Misao Naritsuka, Paul Haynes, Pinpin Suryadi, Richard McKeough, Sanjeev Puri, Sarah Boyd, Sushma Maskey, Ulrike Wagner, Ying Wang.

Apologies: Tali Friedman.

Previous minutes

Motion: *To approve the minutes from the previous meeting without alteration. Moved by Karyn Cardew and seconded by Sanjeev Puri.*

Actions Arising from the Previous Minutes

No actions arising from previous meetings.

Wellbeing presentation by Ms G Andrews

Ms Georgina Andrews, head teacher of the CHS wellbeing program, presented a roadmap of wellbeing initiatives for students from year 7 to year 12. She also covered various initiatives like planning of wellbeing days which will help students in team building skills. Planning is underway for the “Love bites” program for year 8 and year 9 but may be delayed due to unavailability of trained facilitators in the local area. This program will help students in building positive relationships, showing respect in friendships, etc.

Questions were raised about whether a wellbeing events calendar exists and whether it could be shared with parents. The wellbeing team is currently developing one. The road map will help inform the program for next year too. Request was made to share a PDF version of the wellbeing presentation with parents.

David Osland encouraged regular meetings between members of the P&C Wellbeing & School wellbeing programs to coordinate efforts.

The school was invited to consider requesting funding support from the P&C for future wellbeing events.

Actions:

Georgina Andrews to provide a copy of the well-being presentation.

Karyn Cardew and Richard McKeogh to arrange regular meetings to coordinate well-being events.

President’s report

Ange Todd referred to her report, pre-circulated with the meeting agenda papers. She mentioned that the P&C Executive is preparing a short survey for circulation to parents about preferences for face-to-face versus online engagement.

Principal's update

Mr Osland provided an update on the Building project. The school is in contact with the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) to explore ways to acknowledge the local Indigenous history in the new school complex. He also mentioned that amongst local elders there is a point of non-agreement on the wording of the acknowledgement of the country. David is seeking advice on preferred wording and will share with the P&C.

The Trial HSC will commence on July 28th and will be going for 3 weeks. Year 12 students will have 7 weeks of school after the trials before they finish all lessons. This also sparks the change in the student leadership. **Year 10 to 11 subject selection is currently scheduled for July 26th.**

During the last P&C there were concerns raised by parents that they are not getting email responses from the school and Mr Osland has looked into this issue and instructed staff to ensure emails are forwarded to the right teachers, and that teachers respond promptly.

Mr Osland shared that there was an increase in uniform detentions as students are wearing hoodies instead of school jumpers/jackets. Ms Evelyn Manson discussed this issue with a large number of students and is exploring the option of introducing a sloppy joe as a new school uniform item. Mr Osland showed a sample on the zoom call and asked for parents' opinion. Parents were supportive of a new sloppy joe if students liked the idea, but there was a suggestion to make the school branding a bit bigger.

Teachers' industrial action is planned for Thursday 30th June, and the school will be operational with combined classes and minimal supervision.

Term 2 school holidays begin on 4th July and students will be back on 19th July (18th July will be school development day for teachers).

Mr Osland also provided a building update: Building S is almost complete, steel structure is complete. The roof is pending and will be completed soon. Once Building S is open, the removal of some demountables can proceed, allowing the majority of the basketball court area to be reopened, likely early next year. Removal of temporary structures will be carried out over the Xmas holidays. Buildings Q and T have had foundations and ground slabs laid. The completion date for these buildings is currently slated for April next year.

Treasurer's report

The audit report for the P&C's 2021 financials has been prepared

Motion:

That the P&C adopt the 2021 Audited Financial Report. Moved by Apuva Kamat, seconded by Sarah Boyd.

That the P&C sign and send the Representation Letter to the Auditor. Moved by Apuva Kamat and seconded by Paul Haynes.

Uniform Shop update

Dharini Pararajasingha provided an update on the Uniform Shop. Sales have been strong due to the cold weather. Track pants are out of stock but all other items are available. Stock is expected to be replenished in August. Second hand clothes can be donated at the Uniform Shop on Thursday mornings when the Shop is open.

There are 16 volunteers and the Uniform Shop is looking for more volunteers. Any interested parents can contact the P&C or Uniform Shop team.

Wellbeing program

Karyn Cardew provided an update on the Sleep seminar planned for next week, 28th June, which had to be rescheduled due to the presenter being sick earlier in the year.

Other business

A parent raised the issue of students needing concession cards for use with public transport separate from travel to and from school. Mr Osland said he will check with the office on how widely school cards are being issued and used.

Meeting closed at 8.36 pm.

Next meeting: Tuesday August 9 @ 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm AEST.