
Confirmed minutes from CHS P and C Association Special Meeting 2021.1 held on Tuesday 2 February 2021 at 5:30pm using virtual meeting technology.

In Attendance: Megan Salmon (chair), Mark Ley (minute taker), Jodi Arrow (Relieving Principal), Peter Barraclough (Deputy Principal), Edward Zuber, Lucy Rich, Joel Ocelli, Caroline Jerems, Rebecca Wong, Andrew Hwang, James Raxworthy, Victoria Waller, Allison Fox, Jane Merrett, Heather Clarke, Angela Pearson, Meera Gopakumar, Andrew Boyce, Karine Marr, Kara Moeller, Mark Flynn, Anna Castle-Burton, Susan Enners, Mary Tazawa-Lim, Hugh James, Delia James, Maree Shakeshaft, Geraldine Allen, Josh Downton, Richard Harb, Kristina Dodds, Natasha Henry, Jing Sun, Hilary Callahan, Rachel Yap, Michelle Passmore, Emma Babbington, Julie Manios, Amanda Petrides, Victoria Waller, Mike Knapp, Gaynor Armstrong, Suzi Pereira, Leanne Reynolds, Maryanne Docker, Alex Sniga, Eva Mas, Sara Klug, Danica Moore, Lucas Lan, Maria Laura Wigdorovitz, Kerrie Tuckwell, Frederick Feng, Angela Brother, Hedley Partis, Andrew Buchanan

Apologies: Srima McQuillan

The minutes are reported in the order of the agenda.

1. Welcome and apologies.

Megan Salmon opened the meeting at 5:30pm noting a quorum was present then welcomed members and visitors to the meeting. Megan introduced herself as new P&C president and thanked Srima and Allison for all their great work in leading the P&C over many years and their assistance in handing over.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

Motion: that the Minutes from 1 December 2020 meeting be accepted as a true record.

Moved: Kristina Dodds **Seconded:** Angela Pearson

Carried

3. Business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

N/A

4. Correspondence

N/A

5. Reports

5.1 Principal's Report

Jodi Arrow, Relieving Principal, welcomed everyone on the call, particularly parents of new students, to the school and community. She noted the very positive relationship with the P&C and is looking forward to joining more P&C community events this year.

Jodi briefly introduced the Head Teachers, Year Advisors and some new teachers, namely Ms Hakimi, Mr Zuber, Mr Nowicki, Mr King, Mr Mitro, Mr Burgess, Mr Barraclough, Ms Hillman, Mr Trinh, Ms Perry, Ms Darvey, Ms Richards, Mr Polifrone-Ocelli, Mr Reid, Mr Hwang, Ms Ban, Mr Wu, Ms Hicks, Mr Foster, Ms Cumberland, Ms Jerems, Mr Raxworthy, Ms Dewhurst, Ms Wong,

Jodi's update on key topics covered (more details will be in the newsletter):

- Full merit selection for all teaching positions (which will end next year);;

- New canteen provider established but doesn't currently have online ordering;
- Timetable changes and removal of daily roll call;
- School Improvement Program from 2021 to 2024 (more information and consultation to occur at the March meeting);
- Purchase of the Grand Piano (P&C contribution to be discussed at March meeting);
- Busy start to year with extraordinary number of new enrolments;
- Current enrolments is around 860 students with 68 teachers
- Voluntary contributions have been invoiced and good support so far;
- Many requests for change in classes but school preference is to maintain the chosen class groups with most issues likely to be resolved in the first few weeks.

HSC results were outlined in detail with highlights being:

- Significant improvements in final results compared to trials particularly for students who attended additional workshops;
- 44% of students in top 2 bands across all subjects;
- 9.4% in Band 6 (top) placing CHS 186th in the simplistic 2020 HSC ranking 'league tables' (27th out of the 800+ comprehensive schools);
- Better metric is a graph showing subject scores relative to Year 9 NAPLAN scores which shows that the vast majority of students have significantly gained from their CHS experience.
- Improvement expected in coming years;
- Numerous excellent individual achievements called out.

5.2 President's report

Megan thanked Jodi and noted enthusiasm and passion from the CHS teaching community. Their comments were greatly appreciated. P&C executive has met and will be reaching out in the coming months to gain feedback on priorities for 2021. Still very early days but lots of optimism and enthusiasm that the P&C can continue to make a great contribution to CHS and the community. More information contained in the upcoming Newsletter.

5.3 Treasurer's report

The Treasurer's report to 31 December 2020 was circulated prior to the meeting, Angela noted very little activity in the first month of 2021.

5.4 Subcommittee Updates

Brief introductions from each of the subcommittee leads:

Social - Richard Harb looking forward to running more events in 2021.

Comms - Natasha Henry working with Susan Enners to connect parents with info from school and P&C via facebook/website etc.

Sports - Anna noted a lot of interest in sports from students (eg 4 new basketball teams in Year 7) and high level of support from parents. Fitness and Agility training coming!

Wellbeing - Karine continuing the student, teacher and parent wellbeing activity from last year

Uniform - Mary thanked everyone for the second hand donations. Keep them coming!

Environment and Community - Kristina to discuss Beaches Link EIS and potentially organise working bee later in the year.

6. General Business

6.1 Beaches Link and Gore Freeway Connection Environmental Impact Study (EIS)

Kristina Dodds spoke to the Beaches Link and Western Harbour tunnels that connect around North Sydney and Cammeraygal High School. EIS just released with responses due on 1 March. Two exhaust unventilated stacks are 600m away from the Senior School. Significant truck traffic disruption expected over up to ten years. Kristina volunteered to draft a submission on behalf of P&C, working with Neutral Bay P&C, Cammeray and other schools in the neighbourhood. Other environmental issues discussed and any support in reviewing the 10,000+ page EIS greatly appreciated.

Motion: that Kristina Dodds and other volunteers draft a response to the EIS on behalf of the P&C with final approval for submission from Megan Salmon

Moved: Heather Clarke **Seconded:** Geraldine Wilcock

Carried

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 7:14pm.