
Confirmed minutes from CHS P and C Association Special Meeting 2021.04, held on Tuesday 3 August 2021 at 5:30pm, using virtual meeting technology.

In Attendance: Megan Salmon (chair), Mark Ley (minute taker), Kathy Melky (Principal), Peter Barraclough (Deputy Principal), Jodi Arrow (Deputy Principal), Jane Merrett, Heather Clark, Angela Pearson, Amanda Ley, Andrew Boyce, Anna Castle-Burton, Kerrie Tuckwell, Kristina Dodds, Laurens Libeton, Jenny Riseborough, Karine Marr, Mary Tazawa -Lim, Richard Harb, Sara Klug, Elizabeth Hitman, Frederick Feng, Amanda Petrides, Jenny Perry, Susanna Westling, Susan Enners, Maissa Alameddine, Maree Shakeshaft, Ellen Lynga, Asta Chow, Maryanne Docker, Jason Lewis, Charlie Ottley, Harry Harris, Srima McQullan. Brenda Liu, Vivian Lee, Rowan Brown, Julie Manlos, Rayan Saqib, Alice Bennett, Lucas Lan, Kathleen Dalziel, Diane Staats, Tanya Gutschow, Rucchi Bhandari

Apologies: n/a

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. Ideally we were hoping that the meeting could be held on school premises but obviously the recent lockdown has made this impossible.

2. Minutes from previous meeting

Motion: that the Minutes from the 4 May 2021 meeting be accepted as a true record.

Moved: : Kristina Dodds

Seconded: Anna Castle-Burton

Carried

3. Business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

n/a

4. Correspondence

n/a

5. Reports

5.1 Principal's Report

Ms Melky welcomed all and encouraged the cameras on. She acknowledged how difficult this lockdown has been. Feedback has demonstrated that CHS has had an exemplary approach to online learning with a particular focus on the wellbeing of the students. The meeting acknowledged the outstanding work of the teaching staff and the wellbeing team.

Assessments have been modified for Years 7 to 9 due to the remote learning setting. For older students, Older students' learning and assessment is based on the curriculum:

- Challenge with Year 11 and still working on the best way forward but will ensure the focus on wellbeing and their learning.
- Year 12 decisions on trial HSC have been made and will continue to survey students as situation changes. Recent feedback is that there is some concern on coming back onsite. Will take this into account in determining the best way forward. Mental health is as important as their learning. A lot of feedback that the senior kids are very worn out.
- Year 10 Learning Coach interview discussions continuing. Keen to keep all processes still progressing.
- Also progressing Year 8 into Year 9 discussions.

Mr Barraclough discussed the elective choices for Years 9 and 10 into 2022 based on feedback from students and teachers. Continue to be agile and responsive. Some updates on grants and P&C support. Feedback from DoE Assets Office on a number of activities including, West St Hall \$35k grant with good news that process will be expedited. Should be a straightforward process to progress the shade sails and COLAs that have been approved but will require a DA due to heritage location on Hazelbank corner.. Also discussed generally positive feedback from home learning survey.

Ms Arrow discussed the latest advice around the Covid special consideration program. If the subject involves project/performance and is impacted by lack of availability, the work is not submitted and the teacher provides an estimate which the department moderates. NESA trying to find the fairest way to assess. Pushing early entry applications. Echoed message around cameras in zoom classes and general level of fatigue.

Presentation from the Wellbeing team started with Jenny Perry discussing some tips for students to create a positive home schooling experience. Focus on routine, getting dressed, limit phones/social media, cameras on, don't stay in bed and study groups encouraged.

Pip Hicks noted that all this information is being regularly communicated with students. Each year group has a google classroom with relevant information for the year group. Assignment used as a check-in checkpoint and the various for learning and wellbeing opportunities to reach out for support. There is lots of contact with the students but please advise the school if your child is struggling.

Liz Hitman noted that Covid has reminded us how interdependent we all are and words like lockdown, isolation etc are impacting us. Need **to** have meaningful conversations about mental health. Many will have struggles. Noted that parents shouldn't feel the need to become teachers. On the positive side, research has shown that humans have a great ability to 'bounce back'. Good sleep patterns and healthy behaviours are critical. Self care is critical (quality positive information, nature, eating well, good activities, gratitude etc.) Importance of maintaining good social connections. Psychological focus on what you can control, mindfulness etc. Mental health services discussed and details in newsletters etc.

Siobhan King finished with some healthy habits and discussed the importance of hydration and nutrition. Also the endorphins from exercise and fun activities (race around the world etc). Encourage your child to verbally talk to friends.

The Presentation will be distributed to the P&C DL and communication sites.

5.2 President's report

Megan thanked the school, the teachers, admin staff and the wellbeing team for the fantastic work transitioning back to home learning. All went very smoothly and professionally. Great to hear the focus and emphasis on wellbeing. Positive feedback from parents on the parent-teacher meetings, club activities, quality of classes etc.

In terms of P&C activity, focus going forward is on the activities of the P&C to support the school and teachers. Thanks Laurens for his reminder about developing a long term budget plan. An ongoing basis there is around \$70k to \$80k in voluntary contributions with a further \$30k to \$40k from fundraising activities. Spending has been on wellbeing programs, equipment and various site improvements around the school. Current surplus in excess of \$150k. Various opportunities for future funding include the hall audio visual equipment.

5.3 Treasurer's report

The Treasurer's report as at 25 July 2021 followed on from the President's discussion. Some of the approved items on hold due to covid etc (first aid training, air quality monitoring etc).

5.4 Subcommittee Reports

Environment Committee

Kristina noted a program called Clean Air Schools on air quality. Submission to Parliamentary Inquiry completed and hearing in September. No working bee for the foreseeable future. Tunnel updates discussed. No working bees in the foreseeable future.

Uniform Subcommittee

Mary will reschedule another date for a uniform store and please retain all uniforms, particularly old basketball and netball uniforms.

Wellbeing Subcommittee

Karine thanked all the wellbeing coordinators and discussed an idea about students reaching out to someone not in their close friend group. Wellbeing motions discussed at this point and carried.

Sports Subcommittee

Anna noted lucky to get basketball finals (U14 boys and U18 girls). Unfortunately netball cancelled but three of the CHS teams were ahead in their divisions. Sports has put together a basketball committee etc. Noted tennis has been able to continue

Social subcommittee

Richard noted the year hasn't progressed as planned but glad that delivered the Welcome Nights. Trivia night scheduled for 18 October but feels unlikely

Communications Committee

Susan discussed any community businesses that they wish to promote on the website, the entertainment book etc. On Local Supporting Local - Any local businesses willing to offer the CHS community a special benefit are welcome to contact communication@cammeraygalpandc.org.au to promote their business on our P&C website.

6. General Business

6.1 Sports

Anna Castle-Burton discussed the funding motion and explained that the original proposal was prepared for a normal year. The proposal was revised to reduce funding for activities which have been impacted by Covid. Coaches' uniform designs were shown .

Motion: The P&C approve funding of up to \$5,830 to support CHS extra curricular sports.

Moved:: Jenny Riseborough

Seconded:: Jane Merritt

Carried

6.2 Wellbeing - Covid

Karine discussed the COVID thank you for all the great efforts of the teachers and a recognition for year 12s. Proposal for funding well supported.

Motion: The P&C approve funding of up to \$5,000 in 'thank you' and recognition gifts.

Moved:: Jenny Riseborough

Seconded:: Jane Merritt

Carried

6.3 Wellbeing - Parent activities

Karine discussed the Tomorrow Man/Woman and Paul Dilliss sessions for parents. Questions around the logistics reinforced that the sessions should be held face to face. Agreed that funding approved to ensure the session can be booked as soon as possible (which may not be until early 2022).

Motion: The P&C approve funding of up to \$5,000 in Wellbeing sessions for CHS parents.

Moved: Mary Tazawa-Lim

Seconded: Kristina Dodds

Carried

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.00pm.