

Minutes - CHS P&C MEETING 14th May 2024

Meeting commenced at 7.02pm

Attendees

Tony Ibrahim, Lisa Edwards, Rebecca Andrews, Kristen Brotherton, Mary Zdjelar, Corey London, Kim Birstins-Crabtree, Gitte Foran, Tristan Howison, Anita Elstob, Sharon Boudville, Natasha and Brendan Tink, Saskia Adamian, Jackie Henley and Caroline Fonda. Liam McGuinness (TAS Teacher) attended to provide a presentation at the commencement of the meeting.

Apologies

Nick Brady, Emma Scott, Kylie Nolan, Rena Haag-Hatzi, Susan Geldart, Dario Stambolija

Welcome

In Nick's absence (P&C President), Rebecca (Vice President) took on Chair role for the meeting. She welcomed everyone and all present briefly introduced themselves.

Presentation by Liam McGuinness obo TAS Faculty

Liam provided the P&C with a slideshow presentation and corresponding examples of student work to outline the benefit of the LST Laser Cutter machine which was purchased approximately 5 years ago (P&C funds supported the purchase at that time).

The CO2 laser tube which is the 'main heart of the machine' and usually lasts between 3-5 years needs to be replaced. The machine has been serviced annually and we have gotten the full lifespan of this tube however, the machine is not functioning correctly. The technician has provided us with a loaner tube and Liam has been able to confirm that it is working correctly – confirming that a new CO2 tube is required.

This is an expensive piece of equipment (provided copy of written quote costing \$6,666.00 inc. GST).

Liam provided the P&C with examples of how the tool is used and importantly, how it could be used to extend CHS student's skills and improve HSC results – enabling students to improve results and achieve Band 6 results. He highlighted how his recent experience doing HSC marking provided additional insights into creative ways that our students could be introducing ICT (using Adobe Illustrator) into their projects and using the laser cutter for etching and other detailed cutting.

He asked the P&C to consider any contribution they could make to the cost of replacing the CO2 tube.

When asked, Liam noted that new machines cost approximately \$20K, \$40K or \$60K for small, medium or large laser cutting machines respectively.

All present agreed how impressive Liam's presentation and passion for supporting CHS students was. It was agreed to discuss this request later in the meeting when we reviewed the Treasurer's report.

Call for new members

New members we called for with a brief overview of the \$0.50 membership and voting rights from the next meeting. Rebecca (Chair) warmly welcomed – Sharon, Natasha, Brendan, Saskia, Jackie and Caroline. Gitte is a returning member and all became financial members.

Minutes of the previous meeting (Receipt/Amendments/Adoption)

Rebecca asked that the minutes be accepted. There were no objections.

Business Arising

- P&C minutes are now available on the school website
 - Thank you to Tony for coordinating. Now they have been accepted, the minutes from the last meeting will be made available. Tony also noted that some changes are coming for the school website based on feedback.

ACTION – Mary to organise for March minutes to be posted on CHS website.

- Rebecca to take on ABN updates from Corey
 - Corey noted that he has requested the new form from ASIC as due to changes pre-COVID, we no longer have details of who was previously recorded as Directors. Corey will pass on the new form to Rebecca for action.

ACTION – Corey to pass on the new ABN form to Rebecca who will organise for the next steps for completion and lodgement.

- Tony to provide additional details about HSC results at our next meeting (14 May)
 - Tony provided an overview of the HSC results for CHS dating back to 2006 where he has been tracking the % results within Bands 4-6 and % within Bands 5-6.
 - In 2010, a target was set to reach 70% within top 3 Bands (4-6).
 - In 2019, after achieving the above target consistently, the target was raised to 75%.
 - Tony shared a graph which highlights that CHS results has continued to be above similar schools (demographics/area). Students are likely to do better at CHS than at similar schools.
 - In 2023, 27 of 35 (or 77%) of subject results for CHS were above the State average.

ACTION – Tony to share his presentation on CHS HSC results to accompany the minutes.

Business Arising

- Follow up action with P&C Federation as a result of AGM and change to Executive Roles
 - Mary confirmed that she had provided P&C Federation with AGM minutes and advised financials were audited and to be submitted. These need to be provided ASAP.

ACTION – Corey and Mary to sign financials (currently with Nick) and submit these to NSW P&C Federation.

Correspondence

- Congratulations to the following students who are representing CHS in their chosen endeavour. The P&C have received requests for sponsorship and is proud to acknowledge their efforts (See Appendix A below for all details)
 - Hayli Carter (Yr10) for Sydney East Girls Basketball Team - \$75
 - Jy Hibbert (Yr12) for NSW All Schools Tennis Championships (team won a silver medal), All Schools Australian National Championships (see note below \$375)
 - Ellie Howison (Yr10) Years 10-12 Dance Workshop (State selection) - \$125
- The P&C has previously agreed to a fixed amount for sponsorship at the Regional, Stage and National levels. Mary raised the question as to whether, due to the time between meetings, we could organise payments when the requests arrive. All requests are confirmed by the school Principal as student representing CHS at the required levels and P&C Executive could then expedite the payments and report back at each meeting. Mary raised the motion that sponsorship payments for students representing CHS can be made by the Executive (in line with the previously endorsed amounts) at the time of receiving the request, rather than waiting for the next P&C meeting. The motion was supported by members. Members agreed to sponsor Hayli Carter (\$75), Jy Hibbart (see below) and Ellie Howison (\$125).
- Mary suggested that given Jy has just competed at a State and now National level (and was named in the U18 All Australian Tennis Team at the closing ceremony) and has not requested sponsorship to get to this point, the P&C consider sponsorship amount to include Region, State and National amounts in this one payment. Mary raised the motion that Jy's sponsorship amount be the combination of Region, State and National representative amounts. Members agreed.

ACTION – Sponsorships for future requests will be organised by P&C Executive at the time of the request and not held over to the next meeting.

ACTION – Mary to liaise with Nick/Kristen/Corey to coordinate payments for the above students.

Treasurers Report

Nick prepared the May Treasurer's report as he has not yet had the opportunity to hand over to our new Treasurer, Kristen. Unfortunately, Nick was an apology this evening however, Kristen will engage with Nick and Corey and Mary to ensure Treasurer handover completed before next meeting.

Kristen noted that we have just had a deposit of the CHS P&C Levies (\$25,344). Opening balance of the combined accounts is \$38,317.14 and closing balance \$48,210.93.

Members then discussed request from Liam McGuinness and TAS Faculty for funds towards \$6,666.00 required for the new CO2 tube for laser cutter. Tony confirmed that the faculty does have a budget and suggested that 50% of the cost would be appreciated. After discussion, Mary raised a motion that \$4,000 be donated by the P&C towards the CO2 tube for the school laser cutting machine. Members agreed in favour.

ACTION - \$4,000 to be paid to school for the Co2 tube and Tony will deliver the good news to Liam and the team.

ACTION HELD OVER from Previous Meeting – Online saver to be closed based on motion moved after auditor's recommendation 19/3/24 meeting. Kristen to include in discussion/actions with Nick and Corey as part of handover. Mary available to be added as a signatory to accounts for ease in making payments.

Tony noted Leesa (CHS Office) has asked whether the P&C is happy to pay for the Year 12 Welcome Packs for 2024/25 class. The P&C has paid for these for the last several years. Rebecca raised a motion that up to \$2,500 be donated towards the cost of the Yr 12 Welcome Packs for 2024/25. Members agreed in favour.

ACTION – Tony to advise Leesa of P&C decision and Leesa to advise Kristen of total so payment can be organised for Welcome Packs.

Post Meeting Note – Tony provided P&C Executive a note regarding Art Express and a number of payments outstanding to students who sold artwork.

ACTION – Kristen to include in discussion/actions with Nick and Corey as part of handover.

Principal's Report

Building Update

Tony noted the 1st floor slab in the new building was poured and the stairs completed 13th May. It is expected that the steel frames will be completed by end of the week. Handover of the completed building is on track for October or early November 2024. This will provide for a new administration area and more classrooms.

Tony has requested that the underspend on the project be used to refurbish all the classrooms in A Block.

NSW School Funding

Tony provided advice that NSW school funding model has changed which has a net decrease in the overall CHS budget allocations from 2023. He is working with the school Executive, teaching and office staff to minimise the impacts on students and teacher resources, for example using a more targeted approach to teacher professional development opportunities and opportunities to draw in more through community funds (e.g. hiring facilities, etc.).

Staffing

Murray Collis Head Teacher TAS is taking leave and will be backfilled by Kath James and Liam McGuinness.

Tony is taking leave from 20 May and will return beginning of Term 3. The P&C wished him well on his around the world adventures with family. Rena is backfilling as Principal and Greg Pollard backfilling in the AP role. An announcement re: backfilling Head Teacher Computing (Greg's role) is to be confirmed.

Given the number of new members, Tony and Rebecca provided an overview of the opportunity for P&C members to be a community/parent representative on selection panels. If you are interested, please advise Tony or a member of the CHS Executive. You will then need to complete a short course.

General Business

Kim asked if there was another tool (other than EdRollo) for engineering as it isn't available. Tony suggested she contact Mr McGuinness or another member of the faculty who will be able to suggest an alternative. EdRollo is an online tool that the P&C helps to fund which is an excellent resource for Year 11 & 12 students.

Meeting closed at approx. 8.30pm

Next P and C Meeting

7pm, 11 June 2024

Motions Passed Summary

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 - Mary raised the motion that Jy's sponsorship amount be the combination of Region (\$75), State (\$125) and National (\$175) representative amounts. Members agreed. (total of \$375)
 - Mary raised a motion that \$4,000 be donated by the P&C towards the CO2 tube for the school laser cutting machine. Members agreed in favour.
 - Rebecca raised a motion that up to \$2,500 be donated towards the cost of the Yr 12 Welcome Packs for 2024/25. Members agreed in favour.
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