

**Concord High School P&C Meeting
Minutes
15 March 2016 - Staff Common Room**

Meeting Opened: 7.06am
Attendance: As per Attendance Book
Apologies: Emma Wakefield, Cathy Scanlon, Deb Helmrich Terry Moore, Violet Abbas, Gina
Previous Minutes: Accepted: Pina Seconded: Lesley - passed as true and correct
Correspondence: In: Federation magazine

President's Report: Rae Lawrence filling in for Emma

- . Thank you to everyone, especially Uniform Shop Sub-Committee.
- . Harmony Day – working in close consultation with the school.
- . The AGM has been postponed until the May meeting as there is no audited report. Have organised for another accountant (Fiona M) to do the 2015 audit. Liaising with Elias 2013/2014 audits.
Motion: that the P & C provide a \$100 gift voucher to Fiona.
Accepted: Helen Seconded: Lesley – carried
- . Current treasurer Violet is quite unwell and has decided to step down from the role. We are looking for an interim treasurer. Enormous thanks to Violet for putting program in place for Mae. Suggested that Cathy Scanlon take it on as no one present interested.
- . Proposal: End of year thankyou with cards to CHS staff Outcome: not necessary – stick with World Teacher's Day morning tea
- . Proposal: Refreshment cost for P & C meetings, ongoing allowance from funds Outcome: just bring it ourselves

Guest Speaker – Sue Ricci, Canteen Company – Healthy Canteens – was unable to attend

Business Arising from previous minutes:

- . Constitution documents – sent out to members for feedback before the AGM
- . Harmony Day Picnic – next Monday 21 March, 12.30 - 1.30 – P & C to run cake stall. Donate cakes – seem to have a few volunteers to run the stall, Emma liaising with Fiona Milligan – funds raised to go to Beyond Blue. Cakes to go to front office – please add ingredients lists. P & C to email all members re donations as well. Couple of performances and games as well. Students to wear national costume or wear something 'orange' on them.
- . Social & Fundraising Committee Meeting - going to have an informal catch up in the next week to bring P & C members together as well as discuss fundraising to bring firmer plans to May meeting
- . Bunnings BBQ – what should funds raised go towards: mental health program "Bully Busters"/peer support/BAS.

Treasurer's Report: none provided

Uniform Shop Report: Cathy

- . Things on backorder, still coming from Fiji. Wet weather jackets are coming with the school logo put on. Should be in well and truly before wet weather sets in.
- . New price list – no price changes – accepted by all.
- . Motion: that Mae's hours be extended to 8 hours a week
Accepted: Rae Seconded: Helen – carried
- . Motion: that Mae implement a new prepaid phone plan up to \$30 month.
Accepted: Rae Seconded: Pina - carried

Volunteers to help in uniform shop – need to do Working With Children check – do online

Principal's Report

- . Swimming carnival – Hawaiian theme - lots of fun, good participation, fantastic house spirit, kids really enjoyed it. Very successful swimmers; large team (41 students) went on to zone carnival – very successful there, 3 relay teams to regional carnival
- . Knockout competitions – cricket, volley ball, basketball etc - about 12 teams starting off now with success already
- . Year 7 camp – another very successful event, all came back smiling but very tired. Bonding and getting to know each other, followed up with peer support program with Year 10 support leaders working in small groups going through different aspects of settling into high school and continuing the group atmosphere.
- . Symphonia Jubilate - more children in our orchestra, those children and a couple of others gone to Symphonia music camp (14 students) as well as a teacher, only 3 students went last year. All going to be enthused to keep going with the band. Concerts at Marie Bashir Public School beginning June. Great concert.
- . Chess Competition – school taking part in Campbelltown Chess knockout
- . International Woman's Day Breakfast with Zonta organisation. New award for a boy, "Young men standing up for woman". Milosh from our school selected – there is an expectation that student will go along to a couple of events and give speeches. Another new category for young indigenous woman as well.
- . Spelling Bee tomorrow, approached by TV but we won't be appearing on television – practising set etc. Group participating – a lot of fun. Put out to English classes, 20 odd kids in 2 sessions
- . School photos on tomorrow – Advanced life photography. Can order online
- . Open night a couple of weeks ago. SRC helping out with bbq, student helpers in faculties as well.
- . GATS info evening, test today. Draw in the borders to keep numbers down.
- . General numbers – sitting on 1085 students – creeping up slowly – only local students now.
- . Anticipating large demand for next year – strict with boundaries, pretty slim chance for out of area students. Last year siblings were taken but may be restricted this year depending on numbers.
- . Build up some more programs with the girls to strengthen their presence and confidence
- . Survey "Tell Them For Me", department commissioned – run across the majority of schools – students and families take part – please participate when you get the link in KIT. It's about student wellbeing, how safe and comfortable and connected they feel at school. We will use to evaluate our programs and planning. Used last year for first time, good to get year to year bank of data and see trends etc.
- . Newington buses, always been an issue for us. Lobbying for second bus started last year and now lobbying for third bus. Recommended something needed to be done. An extra service being put on but is a public service.
- . Year 12 exams between Easter and term 1 – mid course exams. Trial HSC later on in term 2. Part of their assessment program overall. Students need to be organised and studying on a planned and timetabled basis. 7 days of exams, coming back after Easter for 2 days for final revision.
- . ATAR club underway for Year 12s. This is an extra motivator, gives an understanding of the system, how to maximise marks, studying techniques, looking beyond HSC, pathways to uni and other things. HSC not being the be all and end all – people change careers and directions – matching students up with a mentor from teaching staff – guest speakers as well.
- . Staffing – hasn't really changed in terms of numbers, 3 vacancies for permanent positions. We need a few more people to go on panels as P & C reps. Another training session during the year.

- . School would like to purchase new electronic signs.
Quotes: Large electronic sign where standard sign is now ranging from \$32,500 plus GST to around \$41,000. Different standards of screens – anti graffiti surfaces included in prices. 1920 x 650 screen size/ 1600 x 5050 whole thing – led 1600 x 960.
Is the P & C still happy to aim towards that?
Motion: that the P & C aim to fund the cost of new electronic sign – leave till next meeting.
- . Update on school plan - 3 year plan, evaluation and monitoring of where we are going from year to year. Executive have done a lot of work on this, things that have been achieved / things still to be worked on, looking at results/data. 3 strategic directions for plan – similarity across all schools to fit in with departments priorities - on the website.

General Business

- . Future Speakers: Year 10 work experience and work placement – Careers Advisor
PBL later in the year
- . Parent/teacher interviews for Year 12 early next term. 3 parent/teacher interview evenings this year, Year 11 give out reports on the evening.

Meeting closed: 8.35 pm

Next Meeting: 3 May 2016 (AGM)