



# JAMES COOK BOYS TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

## Parents and Citizens General Meeting

**DATE:** Wednesday 24 November 2021

**Venue:** ZOOM

**MEETING OPEN:** 5.33 pm

**MEETING CLOSE:** 6.48 pm

**CHAIR:** Irene Omeros (President)

**MINUTES:** Irene Omeros

**PRESENT:** Mark Marciniak (Principal), Jim Mallios (Deputy Principal), Meredith Maggs (School's Business Manager), Irene Omeros (President), Peter Omeros (Treasurer), Kelly Stone (Secretary), Helen Gray, Mary Jordan, Jingjing, ML, Tracy Everson, Diane Mouhana, Sophie Norved

**APOLOGIES:** Nil

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**PREVIOUS MINUTES** accepted by Irene Omeros, seconded by Peter Omeros

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Nil

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

- Congratulations to Irene and P&C for the successful community grant application for the schools' lighting project. This is a phenomenal achievement that will add value to the school, students and the broader community. I look forward to working with Irene through the process.
- The water refill stations have been completed. Thanks again to the P&C for their financial contribution to supplying these items to support the school and in making the site a better place for students.
- We have officially announced the names of the Student Leadership Team 2022. The two school captains are James Maidiotis and Sam Sabarinathan. The Senior Prefects are Sam Petsoglou and Alexandre Marco. This year we have also included additional senior prefects. They are Paul Vedroumianos, Manu Tau and Ansh Khadka. Congratulations to the student leadership team. We are anticipating having a formal presentation, hopefully before the end of the year. I look forward to working with the team for the rest of this year and through 2022.
- On Tuesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> November we had a very successful Year 6 to 7 orientation day. Six of the local primary schools supported the day. The attending students had the opportunity to meet our teachers and student leaders as well as participate in some exciting learning. That evening we hosted a Zoom meeting for the students who were unable to attend the orientation day due to them coming from schools outside our LGA.
- Thanks to the great work of the P&C and especially Irene and Peter Omeros for running their second Bunnings BBQ at Rockdale this year.
- We are looking at having a modified end of year presentation day in week 10. It will follow a similar format as last year. Having year groups or stage groups attending small scale presentations and receiving their awards. The presentations will be live streamed and recorded so parents to share the success of their sons.

- This year instead of our traditional end of year activities week we will be running a Learning Week. This will be led by each faculty. They will be providing immersive learning projects either onsite or outside of school during week 10. Further information will be provided to parents.
- Year 12 have almost completed their HSC. It has been a very challenging year for the students and they have shown tremendous resilience and adaptability to contend with all the issues they have faced to get to this point. We have placed a year 12 student poll to allow students to decide how and when they would like to have their graduation day. Once the results are finalised a decision will be made.
- Once a decision has been made regarding the Year 12 Graduation we will request if the P&C are willing to purchase a gift for each Year 12 student. Last Year the P&C provided each student with a gift voucher. In previous years students received a book. The Year 12 Advisor will make the final decision on the gift. The school will purchase them, and the P&C can reimburse.
- Thanks to Peter Omeros for sharing his expertise and gardening passion with our STEM students this week. The students really enjoyed the opportunity to work together on a major project. Peter will continue to provide his time and knowledge to support the STEM garden throughout this year and in 2022.
- School cooperative workshops that are taking place are:
  - White Ribbon Day assembly last Friday and the Stage 2 and 3 poetry workshops around raising awareness about domestic violence with Carlton Public and Sans Souci Public Schools.
  - Shopfront digital virtual workshops and the Koor Kids poetry workshops next Tuesday.
- A big thank you to the P&C for all the great work you have done this year to support the school. A special thank you to Irene Omeros JCBTHS P&C President for all the hard work she has done.

#### **DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

- Technology Transition Program for 2022 is being prepared and delivered. Waiting on laptop covers to arrive. Laptops to be given out to students on the first day of school.
- Activities Week – update to be provided via email and permission notes to be sent out. Activities will be at Scarborough Park and Ramsgate Beach. There will be a competition on CO2 cars, rockets and STEM garden activities and a catapult program for Year 8 students.
- Subject Selection for Year 8 (going on to Year 9) and Year 9 (going on to Year 10) are nearing completion and will be emailed out.
- HSC Special Provisions for Year 11 students commencing Year 12 - a process of identifying students who should be applying will be undertaken. The school psychologist in combination with literacy testing of students will be carried out to determine which students should make application. Two written assessment tasks are to be completed and medical information is to accompany the application. Students will have 6 months to prepare their paperwork and submission of the application is required by the end of Semester 1.
- Learning Plan for individual students, which is also known as a Personalised Learning Support Plan (“**PLSP**”) – going through and refining the process. Now developed in alignment with the strategic plan. Target and support plan for literacy, numeracy and social skills. Aiming to simplify the long term meeting of the needs of students.
- HSC collection data goes back to Year 10 and lasts over 14 weeks of program.
- Covid ILSP funding released this year for the School was initially \$139,000 and increased to approximately \$153,000. Aiming to have Covid ILSP funding in 2022 of \$156,000 to have one full-time support person working with hopefully some funding for numeracy support. Aiming for \$20,000 to \$30,000 Covid ILSP funding in Semester 2 upon review.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- P&C Contributions for Term 3 2021 in the amount of \$40.00 were received on 28 October 2021.
- Bunnings BBQ fundraising funds deposited into the P&C account (net) \$1,107.15.
- Return & Earn funds raised transferred from the P&C PayPal account in the amount of \$45.30.
- Current bank balance \$7,609.23.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Nil**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- Our Bunnings BBQ fundraising event had a good turnout. We raised a total of \$1,704.40 including donations and after expenses of \$597.25 for the sausages, we banked a net amount of \$1,107.15. This included funds of \$105.00 raised from the mobile payment system provided by Bunnings. The donations collected in the Donations Box amounted to \$200.40. Thank you to all of our dedicated P&C members for their support at this fundraiser and for their donation of items, which amounted to approximately \$350. Thank you to Sophie and Tracy for their donations and a big thank you to Helen for her kind donation of the bread rolls.
- Our Return & Earn listing on the Spotlight Rockdale machine has started off well. Last week I received a report that we have had donations of over 400 drinking containers. TOMRA provides reports approximately every 3 months as to how many containers have been donated and makes payment of donation funds into the P&C bank account every 3 months.
- Thank you to all of our members for their contributions, support and team work throughout 2021. Despite a difficult year with Covid restrictions, we have managed to have successful outcomes. A great team effort by all. Well done. Thank you for a great year. I am looking forward to a successful 2022.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

- The 2 new water bottle refill stations are installed and are totally functional. Students are enjoying their use. Community users have not yet returned on school grounds to make use of the water bottle refill stations. Martial Arts is due to return on 15 December 2021.
- The P&C was successful in its Community Building Partnership grant application for the school's oval lighting project in the amount of \$49,000.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Nil**GENERAL / NEW BUSINESS:**

- The P&C will prepare Certificates of Appreciation to supporting businesses and donors. The School will also prepare its own Certificates of Appreciation. The President will provide the School with details of all businesses / donors. The Principal and the P&C President will make arrangements to deliver the Certificates of Appreciation.
- The P&C will donate the costs of the Year 12 Presentation Day prizes and will make payment upon production of purchase receipts by the school, estimated to be \$200. It is uncertain if the Presentation Day prizes will occur before the end of the year or at the start of next year.
- Enrolments for 2022 are early to mid 90's.
- Enrolments for 2021 are 97.
- The school chaplain is running a lunch club in the demountable kitchen.
- Next year the demountable kitchen is to be utilised for after school cooking classes, followed by inclusion in the curriculum for Years 9 and 10 and possibly Years 7 and 8. The school currently has a teacher who is experienced in food technology. The STEM learning group could also make use of the kitchen. In 2023 it is hoped to provide food technology as an elective subject for Years 7 to 10.

**SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:**

- School site upgrades and areas of improvement, with slideshow presentation:
  - Safe school entry with security gates and intercoms and with a separate safe student entry point.
  - Lower section of the driveway has been completed.
  - There will be a large concrete pour this week in the upper part of the driveway / school entry.
  - The school entry will be completed by 2022.
  - An additional entry is to be constructed.
  - Tennis court upgrade – the synthetic has been laid and is curing. Line marking will be done next week.
  - The STEM garden beds are completely finalised.
  - The 2 water refill stations are installed and operational.
  - The Return & Earn bins have been placed in the school quadrangle and are labelled and the students are filling them up with their empty drink containers.
- Mark Marciniak received a Director's Award for outstanding leadership during Covid.

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED:** AGM - Tuesday 15 February 2022 at 5.30 pm