



JAMES COOK BOYS TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

Parents and Citizens General Meeting

DATE: Tuesday 26 October 2021
Venue: ZOOM
MEETING OPEN: 5.35 pm
MEETING CLOSE: 6.50 pm
CHAIR: Irene Omeros (President)
MINUTES: Irene Omeros

PRESENT: Jim Mallios (Deputy Principal), Mark Marciniak (Principal), Meredith Maggs (School's Business Manager), Irene Omeros (President), Peter Omeros (Treasurer), Kelly Stone (Secretary), Margo K, Stuart, Suhail Falak, Chris, Helen Gray, Mary Jordan, Sophie Norved, Mr Masud, Sergiu Amalanei, Aiden Hoti

APOLOGIES: Nil

PREVIOUS MINUTES accepted by Irene Omeros, seconded by Peter Omeros and Mary Jordan

GUEST SPEAKER: Nil

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- Students have returned back to school well and are adhering to mask wearing.
- The end of the day is staggered to avoid all students congregating.
- The aim at the moment is to get students back into a routine and to build up tasks.
- No assessments will be administered this term.
- Year 11 has started HSC courses and will have assessments at the end of the term.
- Years 7, 8 and 9 will be checked in assessments of reading and numeracy tests.
- PAT (Progress Achievement Test) will be performed for Year 8.
- External testing for Years 10 & 12, Minimum Standards Test.
- Covid ILSP funding released this year for the 7 week cutback in 2020. Initial funding for the School was \$139,000 but has increased to a total of approximately \$153,000.
- \$320 million in ILSP funding will be announced for 2022 and hopefully the school will receive the same amount of funding.
- The school is having teachers refocus on students' wellbeing and routine.
- Implementation of targeted programs to maximise key skills needed.
- Year 12 students will receive a final report within the next 3 weeks.
- Year 12 Trials – students are having feedback sessions with teachers.
- Years 7 to 10 - grading A to E removed from Reports this semester. Effort has been tailored for online learning environment.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- Welcome back.
- Thank you for your ongoing support during lockdown. It has been a very trying time for everybody and it's great to see the students return to school.
- Majority of students returned day 1.
- Congratulations to all Year 7 and 9 students for our exceptional NAPLAN results. We have been seeing steady improved NAPLAN results especially in Reading over the previous five years. This result showed strength in Year 7 as well as students reaching at or above their

expected growth and in improvement in students reaching the top two bands. Our achievements were noted by the Secretary, Department of Education on a live webinar to principals and deputy principals across the state of NSW. Students who received results in the two bands will be receiving a recognition certificate in the mail.

- The rest of term four will focus on supporting student wellbeing and assessing student learning as per department requirements.
- Semester 2 Report variations will be evident to take into consideration the extended period students have participated in learning from home.
- HSC starts 9th November. Results are delayed until late January. We have met on a weekly basis to support our year twelve students during a very disruptive and difficult time. They have demonstrated a high level of maturity and resilience despite the regular setbacks that they have faced. HSC and those studying year 12 subjects returned a week early as part of the stagger return to face to face teaching.
- Information was distributed to parents via email last week regarding the expectations of students upon their return and indicating the slight change in exit times when cohorts leave the school.
- To ensure the school follows a Covid safe protocols all staff and adults on site have been double vaccinated in accordance with DoE requirements. There is no mandatory requirement for students to be vaccinated nor is there at this stage a program to vaccinate students for Covid in schools. Students twelve years and above are recommended to be vaccinated in line with the governments message. Face masks needs to be worn by staff and students indoors and on public transport. There are spare masks and hand sanitisers in every teaching space. Additional Covid cleaners are still onsite cleaning high school areas.
- We will be recruiting new staff this term in anticipation for 2022. A new centrally appointed music teacher Ms Lucy Cantrill will start next year. Currently we're asking for a parent representative to be part of the selection panel for a Music/History local choice appointment. Thank you to Irene who will be the parent representative on the Science position panel that Mr Mallios will be convening. We are also waiting on staff to centrally appoint a PDHPE teacher with the start date of 2022.

SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:

- New school entry way building project is underway. Excavation began 6 weeks ago.
- There are additional entry points for students to enter the school grounds which are safe.
- The tennis court upgrade will start Thursday this week, 28 October 2021.
- The installation of the new garden beds has been completed, so students can begin to grow STEM gardens.
- The plumber is coming on Thursday 28 October 2021 to install the water refill stations.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- 2021/2022 P&C Affiliation fees and Insurance of \$455.00 was paid on 4 August 2021.
- P&C Contributions for Term 2 2021 in the amount of \$640.00 were received on 6 August 2021.
- P&C Contributions for Term 3 2021 due to be received.
- Current bank balance \$6,416.78.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- The last couple of months have been interesting starting off with an offer from TOMRA of being featured as a donation partner on the Spotlight Rockdale Return & Earn vending machine and our latest offer from Bunnings to host a post-Covid fundraising BBQ.
- I designed a promotional flyer and information for the Return & Earn fundraising for the wider school community which has been posted on the school's Facebook page and the website.
- I have also been working on the registration of our P&C as a Charity on the myTOMRA app in an effort to launch a fundraising campaign when our listing on the Spotlight Return & Earn machine ends in April next year, to allow the wider community to continue to donate their recyclable containers to the P&C.

- TOMRA yesterday confirmed our listing on the Spotlight Return & Earn machine is live.
- TOMRA also confirmed yesterday that the P&C has been approved as a Charity on the myTOMRA app and that the P&C's fundraising campaign on the app was approved. The campaign runs for 1 year so we can continue to fundraise after our listing on the Spotlight Return & Earn machine ends.
- Our charity listing on the myTOMRA app can be found under Education or by searching "James Cook". Our fundraising campaign is live on the app.
- I am excited about the launch of the Return & Earn fundraising project.
- I also applied to Coles Brighton Le Sands store for a Local Community Support donation. The manager was kind enough to donate a \$50.00 gift card which has been applied towards the purchase of items for our Bunnings Fundraising BBQ.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Nil

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- Community Grants Project: The 2 new water bottle refill stations are to be installed by the school's plumber this Thursday, 28 October 2021.
- The launch of the Recycling Return & Earn bins will begin on Monday 1 November 2021 with teachers spreading the message to students, as assemblies are not allowed at the moment.
- Students are to engage in and design signage for the recycling bins in accordance with the Community Grants Application, to raise awareness.
- The proposed DA for the oval lighting project has not progressed due to restrictions. Enquiries to be made with the Local Council regarding its requirements prior to the next P&C meeting.
- The Return & Earn fundraising initiative has been launched with a live listing on the Spotlight Rockdale Return & Earn machine and a Charity fundraising campaign on the myTOMRA app.

- **CORRESPONDENCE:** Nil

GENERAL / NEW BUSINESS:

- The acquittal report for the Community Grants project (water refill stations) has been received. The school is to provide photos evidencing the installation of the water refill stations and report on their success.
- Our next Bunnings fundraising BBQ is on Saturday 6 November 2021. Volunteers are still required for the roster and must be fully vaccinated. Mary Jordan will design promotional material for the School's Facebook page and forward it to the Principal. Bunnings now allows bread in addition to bread rolls. Members voted for bread rolls. Discussed items required and coordinated who would assist with items, ordering and collection.
- Bunnings has donated a buddy bench to the school as a Year 12 graduation present. Ehab Gerges approached Bunnings staff and Bunnings increased the donation to 2 buddy benches.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED ON: Wednesday 24 November 2021