



JAMES COOK BOYS TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

Parents and Citizens Meeting

DATE: Tuesday 16 August 2022

VENUE: JCBTHS Library

MEETING OPEN: 5.55 pm

MEETING CLOSE: 7.38 pm

CHAIR: Irene Omeros

MINUTES: Irene Omeros

PRESENT: Mark Marciniak (Principal), Steve Kamper MP, Irene Omeros (President), Peter Omeros (Treasurer), Tracy Everson (Vice President), Belinda Hocking, Divina Detablan, Iwona Udigwe, Teresa Ryan-Teager, Helen Gray, Diane Mouhanna

APOLOGIES: Mary Jordan

PREVIOUS MINUTES accepted by Irene Omeros, seconded by Tracy Everson

GUEST SPEAKER: Steve Kamper MP, Shadow Minister for Small Business, Property & Multiculturalism

- Steve Kamper sent a letter to The Hon. Natalie Ward, MLC, Minister for Metropolitan Roads on 26 July 2022 addressing the concerns voiced to him by parents of the school regarding the proposed M6 Stage 1 road upgrade works and their affectation on the school. A copy of Steve Kamper's letter was provided for the P&C's records.
- Steve Kamper's office will follow up the Minister for Metropolitan Roads next week for a response.
- If parents have any further concerns about the M6 road works and their affectation on the school they are welcome to contact Steve Kamper's office.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Year 7 and 9 Semester 1 Parent Teacher Report Evening

- Thank you to all the parents and carers who had the opportunity to attend the report evening on Tuesday the 28th of June. It was a fantastic opportunity for the parents who attended, especially the Year 7 parents to meet our staff and receive feedback regarding their son's progress. The partnership between school and home and teachers and parents is essential in fostering and supporting student learning and wellbeing. It was a pleasure to meet all the parents who attended and thank you for your positive feedback on the evening.

Year 8, 10 and 11 Semester 1 Parent Teacher Report Evening

- Due to the NSW Teacher's Federation Industrial action that occurred on Thursday 30th of June unfortunately we were forced to postpone and reschedule the evening. The parent teacher evening will take place on Thursday 21st of July from 3:00 to 6:00pm. Student academic reports will be emailed prior to the date and an online interview booking system is in place. A hardcopy of your son's academic report will also be provided on the evening. It is

highly recommended that your son attend the evening with you to receive valuable feedback from his classroom teachers. Light refreshments will be provided.

- Should you require any further information about the report evening or need assistance in booking an interview time with your son's teachers please contact the office.

Year 12 Term 3

- Term 3 signifies the last term for our Year 12 HSC students. Thank you to our dedicated teachers who facilitated HSC holiday workshops during the previous school break to further support their students' learning in the lead up to their HSC Trial Exams.
- This term is a very important period for our students to consolidate their knowledge and understanding of each of their subjects. Students are encouraged to seek constant feedback on their understanding of each topic from their teachers and should be working on finalising their topic summaries and practicing past HSC questions. It is essential for students to have a home study timetable and for them to be totally committed to spending two to three hours a day after school and on weekends effectively studying.
- To support Year 12's learning and wellbeing we will be providing all students with the opportunity to participate in a study skills program and social and emotional support from our Student Support Officer (SSO). Year 12 students have been working with our SSO during Term 2, with a focus on goal setting, managing stress, organisational strategies and preparing for assessments. During Term 3 the focus will be on supporting students to prepare for their Trial Exams and the HSC. The Year 12 Trial Exams are scheduled for weeks 6 and 7 (August 22 to the 2nd of September). Further information will be provided to students regarding their examination timetable.
- To acknowledge and celebrate the success of our Year 12 2022 students we will once again be holding our traditional Year 12 Graduation Dinner in Term 3. This year the graduation will be held at the St George Motor Boat Club at Sans Souci on Tuesday 20th September. Parents/Carers are required to attend the evening to celebrate the success of their son's academic achievement in reaching this milestone in their education. Additional family members and friends are most welcome to attend. Tickets can be purchased by contacting the school office.
- We hope that you will be able to join us in celebrating this important event.
- An invitation for the Year 12 2022 Graduation Dinner will be forwarded to the P&C.
- Year 12 will be sitting their HSC Trial exams in weeks 5 and 6. This year we will be using invigilators to simulate the HSC exam. The invigilators/supervisors will be the same as when the students sit their HSC in term 4. For the HSC trial exams, a subject teacher for all exams will also be present.

Year 11 Term 3

- This term is the last term of Year 11 academic studies. The Year 12 course starts at the beginning of Term 4 2022. It is extremely important that all students apply themselves with academic rigour to complete all their subject assessments to a high level. Year 11 final examinations are scheduled for the 12th September to 23rd September (weeks 9 and 10). This term is a crucial time for students to demonstrate their commitment to moving forward to completing the HSC course starting Term 4.

New Staff

- This Term our new Head Teacher of English, Ms Sophie Plibersek, will officially start at JCBTHS. Ms Plibersek has a depth and breadth of knowledge and skills having worked in numerous schools during her teaching career. Ms Plibersek was successful at interview for our merit selection position that was advertised last term. We are very excited to have her join our school and look forward to working with her in the role of Head Teacher English.

- I would also like to welcome Ms Denise Roditis who will also be joining the English faculty as a permanent member of staff and Ms Joanne Mason who was successful at interview for the Legal and Business Studies teacher position. Ms Mason will be joining the HSIE Faculty.

Merit Selection

- PDHPE Head Teacher position. Panel is formed.

Building Update

- Our new STEM building plans are in the process of being finalised. The new facility which will include a newly designed and installed food technology kitchen to cater for up to twenty four students, storage areas, a preparation area, a new theory space, STEM workshop and practical learning areas will foster innovation and creativity. This space will be constructed in a current building at the far end of the school carpark. This is a very exciting project that is being funded by School Infrastructure NSW. The new building renovation will be a showcase building that will aesthetically enhance the school environment and provide students with a state-of-the-art high quality learning area.
- The Oval Lighting project has commenced. They have trenched the oval and started drilling the holes to create the form work for the light poles. Weather permitted the project should be finalised by the end of term or in the holidays.

Proposal for an Autism Class

- I have been approached by the Director to discuss and consult with parents and staff regarding the inclusion of an autism class in the future. The class would consist of seven students, a teacher and a support teacher. The option existed for us to accept two classes. If this was accepted, we would be provided with staffing for an additional Head Teacher. Currently we have one IM support class. There is a growing need for all schools to support students with special needs.
- All parents present at the meeting agreed it would be beneficial for the school to have one additional class to support students with autism.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Absent

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Since our last meeting:

- Funds received in:
 - Return & Earn donations totalling \$79.30
- Payments made:
 - Zoom Licence Fee \$125.00
- The current bank balance is \$6,762.10

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Absent

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Nil

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- I would like to thank Fardoulis Chocolates for their generous donation to the P&C.
- Thank you to Mary Jordan for her assistance with preparation of the gifts of appreciation to the JCBTHS staff.
- Thank you to all for your ongoing support and donations for our Return & Earn fundraising initiative. From January 2022 to date, a total of approximately \$288 has been raised, \$103 from the students through the two Return & Earn bins at the school and \$185 from the school community.

- The P&C's fundraising campaign via the Return & Earn app runs to the end of October 2022. You can continue to support the school by setting the P&C's fundraising campaign on the App as your payout and depositing your donations at any Return & Earn machine. Other family members and friends are welcome to deposit their donations.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- Auditor's engagement letter for 2022 & 2023 years accepting his fees of \$429 per annum was signed by the President and returned to the Auditor, Costas Petrides, on 27 May 2022.
- ACNC reporting for the year ended December 2021 was submitted to the ACNC on 17 June 2022. An Annual Information Statement, Financial Report and Annual Report for the 2021 year were lodged. The P&C's charity reporting is up to date.
- The P&C applied for Budget Direct Sponsorship of \$5,000 on 16 June 2022. If successful the grant funds are to be donated to the school's STEM garden project.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nil

GENERAL / NEW BUSINESS:

- The P&C has acquired a Zoom Licence from the P&C Federation at a discounted rate of \$125 per annum from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023. The P&C can hold unlimited virtual meetings which are not limited in time.
- The P&C's Affiliation fees and Insurance renewal for the 2022/2023 year was due on 1 August 2022 in the amount of \$455. Payment is required and is to be made immediately.
- Community Building Partnership Progress Report for School's field lighting project was submitted on 23 July 2022.
- The Completion Report for the school's field lighting project is due on 31 March 2023.
- Bunnings fundraising BBQ will take place on 10 September 2022 at Rockdale. A roster will be posted on the WhatsApp. Your support to assist on the day and fill the roster will be greatly appreciated and by any other parents in the school community. Feel free to pass on the roster link to interested parents. Tell your friends and family to come and support the school.
- Year 12 Graduation Prizes will be donated by the P&C upon presentation of the purchase receipts by the school.
- The new bike racks are due to arrive shortly. The Ramsgate RSL grant funds covers the cost of the new bike racks.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: Tuesday 18 October 2022