



JAMES COOK BOYS TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

Parents and Citizens Meeting

DATE:	Tuesday 18 October 2022
VENUE:	JCBTHS Common Room
MEETING OPEN:	6.06 pm
MEETING CLOSE:	7.29 pm
CHAIR:	Irene Omeros
MINUTES:	Mary Jordan and Irene Omeros
PRESENT:	Mark Marciniak (Principal), Irene Omeros (President), Peter Omeros (Treasurer), Mary Jordan (Secretary), Iwona Udigwe, Diane Mouhanna
APOLOGIES:	Tracy Everson, Helen Gray, Belinda Hocking, Teresa Ryan-Teager

PREVIOUS MINUTES accepted by Irene Omeros, seconded by Peter Omeros

GUEST SPEAKER: Nil

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- As we move into Term 4, I would like to wish our Year 12 students all the best in their upcoming HSC exams.
- It has been a very challenging two years for our young men, and I hope that they will be rewarded for their perseverance and commitment.
- The Higher School Certificate (HSC) is the highest educational award in secondary education in New South Wales. It is awarded to students who have satisfactorily completed Years 11 and 12 at secondary school. It is a major academic accomplishment for students to achieve this award.
- The first HSC exam commences on Wednesday 12th of October and the last exam is scheduled for the 4th of November. HSC results are expected to be released on the 15th of December 2022.

Year 12 Graduation

- To celebrate individual academic success and acknowledge the Year 12 2022 cohort we had the privilege of holding our Year 12 Graduation on Thursday the 22nd of September. This year's event was held at the St George Motorboat Club at Sans Souci.
- We had an incredible turn out of parents/carers, family and staff to collectively share the achievements of these fine young men.
- Congratulations to our outgoing captains and prefects and well done to our 2023 School Captains and Senior Prefect who were the master of ceremonies on the evening.
- It was an honour to acknowledge and reward the hard work of the students who achieved first place in their respective subjects by presenting their awards to them in front of their family, friends, and teachers.

- Congratulations to those students who were awarded for the leadership, community and allrounder awards such as the ADF award, the Caltex Award and the Reuben F Scarf award.
- Thank you to the P&C who donated funds for the purchase of prizes that were issued to the recipients.
- I would also like to acknowledge all the hard work and commitment of our teachers and non-teaching staff in supporting the students and their families particularly during the previous two years.
- Additionally, I would also like to thank all our parents and carers of our Year 12 cohort. It has been a privilege knowing you and working with you during the time your son/s have been at James Cook Boys Technology High School, and I wish you and your son/s all the best in the future.

P&C BBQ

- Mrs Omeros the P&C President and the committee have been actively involved in raising money and applying for grants to assist the school during the year. Their last fund-raising initiative was the P&C Bunnings BBQ at Rockdale where they raised over \$1,700 net profit. The financial contribution will be put toward the school's quadrangle beautification project and the STEM garden.
- The work that the P&C do is greatly appreciated by the school. We are very fortunate to have such an active and helpful P&C Committee.
- The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday the 18th of October starting at 6pm if any parents/carers would like to attend.

RU OK Day

- To create a greater focus and to raise awareness around mental health and suicide prevention on Friday the 9th of September JCBTHS held our RU OK Day. We were honoured to have the Member for Rockdale Mr Steve Kamper along with the Member for Kogarah Mr Chris Minns, the Mayor of Bayside Dr Christina Curry and Ryan Taite from Top Blokes to speak to the students about the importance of mental health and how to support each other. External providers such as HeadSpace, 2 Connect and Arncliffe Youth Centre set up information stalls in the library to speak with students and advise them of the support they can provide to young people.

Tag Gala Day

- This was the first time since the beginning of COVID-19 that we were able to facilitate our JCBTHS primary schools Tag Gala Day competition. This year we had over 300 primary school students from our local primary schools participate in an intense competition that catered for different year groups and mixed gender teams.
- As part of JCBTHS' hospitality, we provided a coffee cart for staff and parents and a BBQ for students. A special thanks to Phil Diab from Mazda Rockdale who kindly donated a signed St George Illawarra Dragon's jersey along with a substantial donation that went towards catering for the BBQ and the coffee cart.
- Well done to all the students who attended and who proudly represented their schools. A special thanks to Carlton South, Carlton Public, Brighton Le Sands, Ramsgate, Rockdale, and Arncliffe Public for supporting the event and having your teachers attend.

Year 10 Subject Selection Interviews

- Last term all our Year 10 students along with their Parents/Carers attended an individual subject selection interview to determine their future pathways and select subjects for Year 11 2023. The comprehensive process that involved the Year 10 Advisor, the Careers Advisor and a member of the school's executive staff has proven to be a highly successful process in supporting students to transition from Year 10 to Year 11.

Staffing

- Congratulations to Mr Ben Yelavich who was the successful applicant for the Head Teacher PDPHE position.
- We have received advice from teacher recruitment that we are able to proceed to local selection for the following positions. Head Teacher Teaching and Learning. We are currently putting panels together for a classroom teacher science and Learning and Support Officer for the autism class. Also, we have a closed merit new graduate English position in with teacher recruit and have been granted permission to advertise for a Business Manager. Teacher Recruitment are in the process of finding a teacher for the new autism class.

Cooking Club

- Our first extra-curricular Cooking Club workshop started today. The workshops will be held every second Tuesday from 3-4pm. Thanks to Ms Eloss for volunteering her time to support this initiative.

Moorefield's Girls Learning Partnership

- I have recently had discussions with Natalie regarding joint learning opportunities between our schools. They consist of after school workshops like band and STEM club for the students as well as looking at senior subjects. This term we are working on a joint project with the Year 5 primary school students.

New Student Behaviour Policy

- This term all schools across NSW will implement the new Student Behaviour Policy. This policy sits under the umbrella of the Inclusive Engaging Respectful school's policy. These new policies supersede all existing policies.

Steve Kamper Hansard Record

- Copy of Mr Kamper's parliament acknowledgment noted for the P&C.

Change for Last Day of Term 4

- As announced over the holidays the last day of Term 4 2022 will now be Friday 16th of December. Monday the 19th has been included as a School Development Day.

School Oval Lights

- Have been completed and are fully functional.
- Congratulations to the P&C on their community grant application to support this project.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Absent

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Since our last meeting:

- Funds received in:
 - P&C Contributions from the school for Term 2, 2022 \$660
 - Bunnings Sausage Sizzle – net funds raised in cash \$1,513.85 were deposited
 - PayPal funds from Bunnings Sausage Sizzle \$247.45 were transferred from the P&C's PayPal into the P&C's bank account
 - Return & Earn donations totalling \$42.20
 - Community Building Partnership Grant funds of \$49,000 for the lighting project
 - Bite Size biscuit fundraising \$250
- Payments made:
 - P & C Affiliation Fees & Insurance Premium for 2022/2023 year \$455.00
 - Bite Size Group – 20% deposit for the cookie fundraising boxes \$462.00

- The current bank balance is \$57,558.60

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Nil

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Absent

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Thank you to all for your support at our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle fundraiser which was a very successful turnout. I would like to thank Coles Brighton Le Sands for their Local Community Support donation of a \$100 Gift Card which was used to purchase items for the fundraiser. Thank you also to P&C members who provided donations for the fundraiser.
- I would also like to acknowledge and thank Bunnings Rockdale for their kind donation of 20 bags of soil and a mandarin tree for the school's STEM garden.
- The P&C's Return & Earn fundraising campaign has been extended for a further 6 months and will now end on 24 April 2023. You can continue to deposit your donations at any Return & Earn machine by setting the P&C's fundraising campaign as your preferred payout in your Return & Earn App.
- Return & Earn has recognised the P&C as being one of the five most active donation partners. Our listing is featured on the Return & Earn website "Donations" page and also at the top of the Charity campaigns list in the App for 3 months and will end in the first week of January 2023.
- Our next fundraising project, Bite Size cookie 'FUN'raising is underway. We need the participation and support of more people to make this successful. I have been actively fundraising over the last week and have sold 10 carry boxes. The feedback is positive, the cookies are delicious and well liked by all and the school is being promoted in the process. A percentage of proceeds made from each 'FUN'raising box is donated to the "Bite Size Kids Appeal" which distributes the funds to various charity organisations that help children and families in small meaningful ways.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- P&C Affiliation fees and Insurance renewal for 2022/2023 were paid in August 2022.
- Bunnings fundraising BBQ was a good turnout raising \$1,761.30 including cash donations of \$90 and virtual sausage donations via PayPal.Me link \$75.
- School's field lighting project – the Funding Deed signed by the Crown delegate and the Grant funds of \$49,000.00 have been received. The P&C is awaiting an invoice from the School and supporting documents for the release of the Grant funds. The Completion Report for the project is due March 2023.
- The donation by the P&C for the Year 12 2022 Graduation Prizes will be made once copies of the invoices / receipts are provided by the school and the total cost of the book prizes is known.
- Bite Size cookie fundraiser is running over the first 4 weeks of this term. We are into the second week of fundraising. Information to be sent / posted to SRC students to raise any further interest in assisting fundraising by purchasing a fundraising box. President to liaise with community partners, Mazda Rockdale and St George Martial Arts Academy, for interest in supporting the fundraiser. Stall to be held for the students at the end of Term 4 if there are any unsold products.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nil

GENERAL / NEW BUSINESS:

- End of year celebration dinner to be held on Thursday 8 December 2022. Venue to be confirmed. Secretary will make enquiries with various venues and a tentative booking.

- Certificates of Appreciation will be prepared by the P&C and by the School to supporting businesses and donors – Fardoulis Chocolates, Coles Brighton Le Sands, Butcher Boys, Danny’s Hot Bread and Bunnings. The Certificates of Appreciation are to be delivered to the recipients.
- Bite Size Group’s invoice in the amount of \$1,848.00 is due for payment on or before 17 November 2022, being a 6 week period in accordance with the company’s credit terms. The total cost of the Bite Size fundraising cookies is \$2,310.00 and a 20% deposit of \$462.00 has been paid.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: Tuesday 22 November 2022