



JAMES COOK BOYS TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

Parents and Citizens Meeting

DATE: Wednesday 18 October 2023
VENUE: JCBTHS Admin Building
MEETING OPEN: 6.06 pm
MEETING CLOSE: 7.14 pm
CHAIR: Irene Omeros
MINUTES: Irene Omeros

PRESENT: Mark Marciniak (Principal), Irene Omeros (President), Peter Omeros (Treasurer), Tracy Everson (Vice President), Mary Jordan (Secretary), Belinda Hocking

ZOOM attendance: Jim Mallios (Deputy Principal)

APOLOGIES: Helen Gray (Vice President), Kylie Pamikat, Carmenita Green, Teresa Ryan-Teager

PREVIOUS MINUTES accepted by Irene Omeros, seconded by Peter Omeros

GUEST SPEAKERS: Nil

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- **NSW Govt Commitment for Coeducational Access**

Announcement was made early this week regarding the government's commitment to providing parents options to enrol into a public school in areas where they only have access to single sex schools. Obviously, this relates to families living in our catchment area. Kogarah High School is the designated co-educational school to meet this initiative. There is an initial concern how this announcement may impact on student enrolment numbers for JCBTHS and MGHS moving into 2025 and onwards. Hurstville Boys will become coeducational from 2025 as well as Penshurst Girls. In the meantime, we will continue to positively promote our school to the wider community. We have achieved so much in the last nine years and want to make sure that we continue to be the school of choice for families in the local area.
- **STEM Building**

Our STEM building is nearing completion and looks fabulous. We are very excited to be able open this new teaching and learning space to our students starting next year. In the next couple of weeks, we will be holding an official opening combined with a Showcase of student work for students and their families. We will be sending out information in the next weeks. I look forward to a great turnout. After the meeting we can have a tour of the new building.

- **Merit Selection Panels**

Thank you to Mary Jordan for being the P&C representative on the panels we are currently running. At the moment we are seeking to fill two positions. One is for the Head Teacher Special and Inclusive Education and the other is for a classroom teacher PDHPE.

- **Year 12 Camp**

Our Year 12 students are currently at camp in the Blue Mountains. This is the first time we have run a Year 12 camp. The Year 12 camp is the last in our Best Man series of camps from Year 7, 9 and now Year 12. The camps are strategically placed to coincide with the Best Man program run by John Dangas and Andrew Fifita and are designed to develop and challenge students at various stages of their development.

- **HSC Underway**

The HSC started this Wednesday, and all reports so far are that the exam/s have been reasonably good. We wish all our students all the best.

- **Grandstand Application for Community Partnership Grant**

Thank you to Irene for initiating the grant application for a grandstand that would be placed on the oval. The grandstand would be a highly appreciated item that would be utilised by the school for sporting events locally against other schools. It would also be utilised by our community users, and I know that one of our many community users DPN (Soccer academy) is fully supportive of the proposal and will also be providing a supporting letter. On behalf of the school, I would like to endorse the application by the P&C.

- **New Phone Policy**

The new phone policy started day one this term and generally it has worked well. We provided extensive communication to students, parents and staff and we envisage that the small number of situations where students have breached policy will continue to decline in the next couple of weeks.

- **Driveway Gates**

During the school holidays the driveway and security gates were commissioned and are now fully operational. That means the school is in lockout from 9:15am until the end of the day. The system seems to be working well and there has been a dramatic change in the number of vehicles entering and leaving the school, thus making it much safer for the students.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Nil

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Since our last meeting:

- Funds received in:
 - Return & Earn container refund from School bins collection \$53.70
 - P&C Contributions Term 2 2023 \$640.00
 - Father's Day Stall fundraising \$516.00
- Payments made:
 - Bunnings for STEM Garden Donation \$1,187.29
 - Bunnings for gift card for Father's Day stall \$50.00
 - Tyro for purchase of Go EFTPOS reader \$58.99 and payment of transaction service fees \$0.95 = total \$59.94
- The current bank balance is \$12,227.88
- A cheque has been drawn to the school for the Year 12 Graduation Day prizes \$372.06
- An invoice will be raised for the P&C Contributions for Term 3 2023 for \$1,351.00.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Nil

VICE PRESIDENTS' REPORT: Nil**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- Thank you to our volunteers who assisted with our successful Father's Day stall and raffle fundraiser. The event attracted student interest and there was great excitement when the raffle prizes were drawn . A positive outcome for this event with gross sales of \$576 and profit of \$466.
- I would like to acknowledge Peter Omeros for his amazing effort in propagating plants for the Father's Day stall, making the onion jam and kind donations of pots, soil and raffle prizes.
- I would also like to acknowledge and thank Fardoulis Chocolates for their kind donation of chocolates to our Father's Day stall.
- The P&C's Return & Earn fundraising campaign is ongoing and is receiving donations however no payment of donation funds has been made in the last few months as Tomra's systems in its Norway head office were cyberattacked in July. An assurance has been provided that once Tomra's systems are back online all donations will be paid and our patience is appreciated.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- EFTPOS merchant facility application to Tyro has been approved with the purchase of a Go Reader. The President and Treasurer are the 2 authorised persons on the Tyro account.
- Father's Day stall and raffle was a successful fundraiser.
- STEM Garden Donation of soil, manure, Rooster booster, garden sticks, assorted seedlings and seeds and a new garden bed has been made by the P&C to the school within the approved budget of \$1,200.
- The P&C's cheque for the Year 12 Graduation Prizes donation has been forwarded to the school. The school has provided the purchase receipts for the book prizes to the P&C.

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

- A donation of \$625.00 was approved by the P&C to be made to the school for the purchase of board games for students to utilise during recess and lunch as an alternative activity following the introduction of the mobile phone ban during school hours. 10 roll up chess sets with Staunton pieces @\$35.00 each = \$350.00 plus 5 clocks with bonus timer @ \$55.00 each = \$275.00, total \$625.00. The school will order and pay for the items and the P&C will reimburse the school by way of donation.
- Certificates of appreciation are to be prepared by the school and by the P&C to Abu Ahmad Butchery, Danny's Hot Bread, Bunnings Rockdale and Fardoulis Chocolates. The P&C will arrange delivery of all certificates to the recipients.
- The 2023 round of the Community Building Partnership (CBP) grant is open with applications closing on 27 October 2023. Discussed the proposed grant application by the P&C for a grandstand in the school sports field. This will assist to provide seating and shelter to students whilst watching sports activities. The current community user DPN_23 Elite Soccer Academy will benefit from the use of the grandstand and it will make the school facilities more attractive for further community use of the facilities.
 - The school has obtained 2 grandstand quotes and the preference is to proceed with a 60 seat capacity grandstand with roof shelter at a cost of \$53,350 being fully funded by a grant. If unsuccessful the second preference is to opt for a 40 seat capacity grandstand with roof shelter at a cost of \$42,121 being fully funded by a grant. If unsuccessful with either/both of the proposed grant amounts, the project is to be aborted as the school and P&C are unable to co-fund the project.

- The school will provide a letter of support for the grant application and will request DPN_23 Elite Soccer Academy to provide a letter of support.
- The school will arrange for the Asset Management Unit (AMU) form to be provided.
- P&C members present were in favour of and support the grandstand project for the school sports field oval and the lodgement of the proposed grant application.
- Christmas / end of year celebration dinner is to be held in conjunction with the final P&C meeting for 2023 at the St George Sailing Club at Sans Souci on 22 November 2023. The Secretary will organise the venue booking and will post an invitation on the WhatsApp.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: Wednesday 22 November 2023