

CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

General Meeting ABN: 43 317 153 298

Meeting Tuesday 29th November at 6:30pm Where: CHS Library

	Item	Lead
1.	Welcome	Monita Patel
2.	Attendees Monita Patel (President), Ruth Lindsay (Vice-President), Cassandra Seto (Vice-President), Sarah Cosier (Secretary), Kathryn Zerk, Pina Fanggidae, Suzanne Ellis, Natasha Mogilin	Sarah Cosier
3.	Apologies Victor Newby (Principal), Chris Shaw (Treasurer), Linda Dunkin, Teresa Rosier	Sarah Cosier
4.	Acceptance of Minutes Moved: That the minutes of the P&C General Meeting held 18th October 2022 be accepted. First: Sarah Cosier Seconded: Ruth Lindsay Carried	Sarah Cosier
5.	Monita announced three of the P&C Executive have resigned from their positions effective the end of this meeting - Cassandra Seto (Vice-President), Ruth Lindsay (Vice-President) and Sarah Cosier (Secretary). These positions are open for election. Monita scoped at Year 7 Orientation Day, 10 parents attended the P&C stall but there was no interest in the positions. Kathryn expressed her disappointment with this announcement, and asked if an explanation could be provided. Ruth, Cassie and Sarah each advised the decision was for personal reasons. Monita Patel (President) and Chris Shaw (Treasurer) wish to retain their positions. Kathryn advised two positions need to be held for the P&C to remain viable, otherwise as per the P&C Constitution it will have to fold (which is a big process). Monita has tried to find other Executives but unsuccessful so far.	Monita Patel



Correspondence

Email received asking for updates from Victor on following two items:

1. Federal Government Election promise, update on the \$95k

Refer Principal report for response from Victor:

The funding request to Sally Sitou for the Theatrette upgrade equipment has been made and the required application paperwork has been submitted together with quotes for sound and lighting upgrade, upgrade to the audio-visual equipment and purchase of a grand piano. All items requested are portable and will be able to be moved to the new Theatrette as part of the major upgrade project. The project is part of the Federal Govt Schools Upgrade Fund. Our application has been signed off by the Minister and we are expecting a transfer of funds before the end of the year.

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Monita Patel

2. CHS's response to the parliamentary enquiry into school infrastructure and how and when they expect to address the recommendations

Refer Principal Report for response from Victor:

Parliamentary Inquiry into School Infrastructure was tabled in the Upper House of the NSW Parliament in late October 2022. There were a total of 30 recommendations in the 160 page report relating to the ways in which the NSW Department of Education address maintenance and infrastructure needs in schools through their two authorities – Schools Infrastructure NSW and Asset Management Unit.

To date, none of the recommendations have been adopted as Department policy to my knowledge. The school's response (if any) will be informed by Department policy.

Business arising from previous meeting

7.

- Email correspondence received from Alice Leung as Teachers
 Federation representative Federation letter to be emailed to all CHS
 parents, need to arrange for the school to do this on P&C behalf.
 DONE
- Gonski report document in the P&C WIP spreadsheet. DONE



	 Sports equipment funding - update the P&C website to for the goal post project and advertise accordingly ie. KIT, P&C email to parentsNOT DONE Robotics Grant - \$1,630 - Terms of the Grant have not been met and therefore the funds need to be returned. It is a very strict Grant. School purchased one kit for \$700, the P&C agreed to reimburse the school for this. Motion raised by Cassie and seconded by Monita, however after further discussion it was agreed Ruth and Suzanne would contact the Grant provider to discuss an extension as returning the funds is a complex process - it would be more ideal if the remaining funds could be used for kit purchase in 2023.ONGOING. BAS Statements - David and Chris to commence work on BAS submission to ATO. NO UPDATE. Quotes to provide ChillTrees in the Senior courtyard - Natasha looking after this. NO UPDATE 	
8.	Principal's Report Principals Report to P&C Nov 2022.docx	Victor Newby
9.	President's Report Will defer to the first meeting 2023	Monita Patel
10.	Treasurer's Report	Chris Shaw
11.	Building subcommittee Report Natasha Mogilin and Linda Dunkin met with Principal Victor Newby and Asset Management Director Jeff Siebels 7 November 2022 at the school • Minutes available • Key dates • Toilet upgrade ready for students day 1 term 1 2023 (Library toilets available 24 Feb 2023) • Senior Courtyard completed mid – late term 2, 2023 • Maths common upgrade over the Christmas holidays and ready day 1 term 1 2023 with learning walls installed, new paint on walls and trims (not the current grey), new carpet. All other commons will follow	Natasha Mogilin Linda Dunkin



- All projects except the Senior Courtyard can now be wrapped up into the school upgrade project, with input from the parent representative on the PRG
- We are keen to see swift progress on the Senior Courtyard, ensuring
 the furniture for this space which was purchased with 3 years of parent
 contributions is available for use by term 2, 2023. As a key stakeholder
 of this project, we would like to be kept informed and consulted about
 any design changes in a timely manner
- We would like to thank everyone who has been part of the P&C Building subcommittee since we set it up
 - Our state MP John Sidoti for kicking things off and emphasizing the importance of acting so that we have a school we can all be proud of
 - Victor Newby and Jenny Jackson from the school
 - o Jeff Siebels and team from SINSWs Asset Management
 - ShakeUp Architecture for the amazing designs, and for creating diverse student focus groups to ensure designs meet student needs
 - The amazing students at Concord HS for speaking up and for their feedback - this is your school and the P&C wants you to love being there!
- There has been some blurring of how the many improvements at the school have come about. The P&C Building subcommittee is really proud of what we've achieved in less than 18 months. By advocating for the students at Concord High School we have been able to initiate the following projects
 - The transformation of an unsafe, rarely used oval into a multipurpose sports facility with 6 outdoor table tennis tables.
 We are filled with pride and happiness when we see how popular this space is with students and that they have a place to be active during breaks and that PDHPE has amazing new resources
 - First-class seating and landscaping to fill the student seating amenity gap
 - Upgraded toilets designed with student needs in mind to remove the root cause associated with having to lock students out of toilets
 - Improved cleanliness at the school which was highlighted in P&C research where students told us of hardened bird poo



	Meeting close	8.15pm
14.	Any Other Business	Monita Patel
13.	Motions Refer to Business Arising	Monita Patel
12.	Grants Update Refer to Business Arising	Ruth Lindsay
	where they were expected to eat their lunch and that pathways littered with gum made them nauseous A complete school upgrade including a facelift for existing buildings and new buildings to replace the 17 demountables, including demountable toilets Ensuring student voice beyond the SRC is incorporated in designs that impact them A demonstration of how and why environment is important We'll keep the P&C Building subcommittee going until the school can close out on the Senior Courtyard. There is \$75k of parent contributions in this project and we would like to see this space delivered quickly for the Year 11 and 12 students	

NEXT MEETING: CHS Library 2023, date and time TBC