

Fort Street High School School Parents & Citizens Association Minutes of General Meeting

Chair: Michael Easton

Date: 14th June 2023

Time: 7:30pm

Venue: Zoom

Re: General Meeting Minutes (Motions, Actions and Outcomes)

Meeting declared open by Michael Easton – President

Attendance

Kirrily Druery, Michael Easton, Rebecca Cameron, Caroline Aow, Hung Ngo, Malcolm Groves, Suzanne Trimmer, Elizabeth Kenyon, Dante Diaz, Claire Bentley, Peter Bestel, Joel Morrison, Emma Pearce, Jens, Linh Pitzing, Louisa, Nevin Zeng, P. Lee, Subrat Nargunkar, Thu Trieu, Tracey Chen, Frederick Meunier, Elaine Kuenne, Bill Gray, Mike Chen, Olivia Hyde, Poh Keng Goon

Note that there are significant challenges with electronic meetings in gathering full names of attendees. As most are not members, there is no expected impact to voting.

Apologies

Peter Bestel, Juliette McMurray

General Meeting Minutes

1. President's welcome – Michael Easton

- Michael welcomed all attendees and outlined the meeting.
- Welcome to Country "We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the country on which we meet today, the Gadigal people of the Eora nation, and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging."

2. Student Representative Council Report – Claire Bentley, Dante Diaz

- The Future Leaders Conference was a great success.
 - Thanks to the P&C for the support.
 - Around 300 people. 250 students from other schools.
 - Still working out the final bill.
 - Quite a large time commitment, so not clear if it will be annual, but likely to happen again.

- This Friday (16th June) is multicultural day
 - Encourage students to wear some cultural dress
 - 20 student-run food stalls at Friday lunch. Cash only.
 - Japanese class running after-school movie and food event
- 2nd hand uniform shop
 - From Term 4 2022 to Term 2 2023 shop has earned \$3045.

3. Secretary's Report - Michael Easton

- Apologies
 - As above
- Declaration of Interests
 - No interests or conflicts raised
- Table minutes from last meeting
 - No minutes from last meeting
- Correspondences
 - None
- Action Item Updates from last meeting
 - Funding for chess club.
 - Timers, Boards have been purchased.
 - Membership has exploded. Have had to move from library to the hall due to numbers.

4. Principal's Report – Rebecca Cameron

- Reiterated how fantastic the Future Leaders Conference was
 - SRC did an amazing job of organising
 - Year 9 SRC organised all the food.
- Sem 1 Reports will be up on Sentral Portal for
 - Yr 7 and 10 this week
 - Yr 8 and 9 next week
- Parent Teacher nights scheduled
 - Thurs 22nd June - Y7 and 10
 - Wed 28th June - Y8 and 9
 - Bookings through Sentral Portal
- Staff group working through year 12 Academic Reviews at the moment
 - 1-on-1 interviews with students
 - Each student allocated a mentor
 - helping to get organised and prepared for trials
 - discussing plans post-Year 12
- Would love for parents to encourage kids to wear mufti on Multicultural day
- Staff common room and kitchen being gutted and renovated in holidays
- Wilkins building restoration complete (except for chimneys)
 - Scaffolding will be up in fountain quad for chimney work in T3

- Request for funding for School musical
 - Requesting \$10,000 to hire Sound Tech support
 - Funds from this year's musical will go towards next year's musical.
 - To be held on 10/11 August

Motion	That the P&C contribute \$10,000 to support the school musical
Mover	Michael Easton
Seconder	Kirrily Druery
Result	Passed

5. Treasurer's Report – Michael Easton

- Monica and Jeffrey have been helping better organise Xero for tracking and categorising income and outgoings
- Discussion about whether the unspent money from the Year 10 formal should be a) carried over for future formals or b) just transferred into general P&C funds. Consensus seemed to be in favour of b), but no motion tabled.

6. General Business

- P&C Secretary Role 2023 – Michael Easton
 - Malcolm Groves to assume Secretary role in future.
- P&C President Role 2024 - Michael Easton
 - Encourage anyone interested in taking on the role to contact Michael.
- August Meeting Clash with School Event - Michael Easton
 - Falls on the same night as the Open Evening.
 - P&C presentation to the Open Evening. No formal meeting.
 - Elizabeth Kenyon suggested a P&C stall to chat with new parents.
 - Presentation at the September meeting from Elephant Ed, covering parent's guidance on discussing sex ed, pornography, etc with their children.
- Role of the P&C - Michael Easton
 - Funding organisation to help enable requests from School
 - Communications channel between school and parents, and between parents
 - Helping engender the school spirit. eg. Fort Fair, Parent social events, WhatsApp groups, etc.

- May be worth doing activities for years 9, 10, 11 to help encourage this in years that missed out due to covid
- Petersham Bowlo nights, Working Bee weekends, etc
- Action Item for Elizabeth to discuss working bee opportunities in T3 with Juliette.
- Item to discuss at the next meeting.
- Funding Request from Year 12 Yearbook Committee - Michael Easton

Motion	That the P&C contribute \$300 for provisions for their Year 12 Yearbook Fundraising BBQ
Mover	Michael Easton
Seconder	Emma Pearce
Result	Passed

- Acknowledgement of Teacher Activities / Achievements
 - Mr Lattimer for organising and running the Silver DofE last weekend. Also Mr O'Neil, Ms Floutsima, Ms Jenkyn for assisting
 - Mr Wade, Yr 8 French, fantastic, theatrical lesson on French food.
- Other Business
 - Question from parent about how student results are returned to students
 - Google Classroom usage during lockdown has continued, but also some assessment tasks are returned physically - Rebecca Cameron

7. Membership Administration

- Please see the P&C website for more information on roles, contacts and joining.

8. Next Meeting – General Meeting – Wednesday 9th September, 2023 (In-person and Online)

Meeting closed at 8:45 pm