

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 5th December, 2018

PRESENT:

President: Dieu Quach
Principal: Beth Godwin
CHS Staff: Mark Every, Joy McElligott, Stephanie Pham
SRC: Brendan Ferreira, Anthony Mai & Kayla Trin
Interpreters: Thao Le, Linda Siv, Anh Vuong, Trinh Mai and Jamal Alkarkhey
Guest: Ms Dorothy Kiszanka - Outreach Registered Nurse, Family Planning NSW
Parents: Phung Lan Tran, Tu Lien Duong, Thy Huong L, Annie Soun, Hong Ma, Rennea Soth, Phary Soth, Phillie Mate, Nary Mack, Sopheap Pov, Savourn Chhay, Huor Suy, Lee Ban Hoor, Boramom Han, Ngy Long Khao, Su Cheng Chhay, Tu Loi Huynh, Thi Trang Vo, Van Nguyen, Dieu Quach, Nelson Cabrera, Diane Sonderson, Rimom Ishak, Tamar Tashji, Haroutyoun Awnijian, Fadya Naom, Washwan Butrus, Mariam Mikhaeel, Ablahad Sakha, Vivian Alamanani, Suzan Habeeb, Rasha Daa, Muntaha Arab, Mathanna Issa, Hanaa Zahi, Muthanna Al-Badri, Ameerodesho, Ivan Apro, Amy Tran, Ngoc Tram Le, Hanh Tra, Thi Xinh Trinh, Thi Bach Mai, Tu Nguyet Tran, Tu Uyen Tran, Van Lam, Kim Vo, Minh Dat Nguyen.

Apologise: Bunnavuth Kim

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Beth Godwin

- Follow up from the last meeting – computer give away. 20 names have been drawn from the list of requests. The families receiving a computer will have the student contacted and instructed how to download the system programs for free from the internet. All computers will be made ready and parents can pick them up on the allocated day. One condition of taking the computer is that you need to have the internet on at home so that you can download the operating system.
- 2018 has been a very productive year for Cabramatta High school.
- **Staffing** – we have employed an additional Deputy Principle for the Intensive English Centre. Two music teachers are moving to other parts of NSW and we will employ replacement at the start of next year.

There has been four retirements that we have replaced including a Head teacher of mathematics. Mr Derek Hie will be starting as the new head teacher in the last week of school.

We have employed a school nurse for the first time this year and she is actively involved in supporting the health needs of our students.

Harley our school dog was also introduced and is working at school 2 to 3 days per week.

- **Buildings** – We created the covered volleyball courts, put verandas on the IEC, installed energy efficient lighting, introduced solar power and installed a new roof on the hall.
- In 2019 we are planning on replacing 2 more roofs as the cement tiles on the buildings are more than 60 years old and starting to leak.
- **Academic Achievements** – Our STEM program has increased and resources have been purchased to allow more students to access these activities.

We have been awarded the title of high performing for NAPLAN growth at a National level.

Many students in year 12 have been given early University offers and one a cadetship at UTS with employment guarantees.

7 Students attended the space academy in the USA this year and 3 science students attended a world science forum in China.

- **The Arts** – the arts have grown dramatically with the girls hip hop crew performing at School Spectacular which will be featured on TV in the next week.

Violins have been reintroduced and 40 students have taken the opportunity to learn this instrument.

50 students are in the school choir which performed on peace day and may feature on SBS next year.

- **Sport** - Volley ball has been a strong focus as has badminton. Our school has performed admirably at Zone, Regional and State level. The sports presentation assembly will highlight these achievements next week.
- **Community** – The school has responded to community needs supporting 12 charities this year. One of these was the fundraising for the farmers in drought.

We have connected with the local community through White Ribbon Day, Anzac and Remembrance days. Our students have had a leadership role in these events putting Cabramatta at the forefront of the community.

This evening our raffle will go to creating food and gift hampers which will be delivered to our families in most need. We want them to know we care and are willing to share with them.

The Christmas gifts to victims and survivors of domestic violence have been wrapped and ready to deliver. Any parent wishing to donate a gift for these people can drop it off tonight or tomorrow at the school office.

- **Parents and teachers learning together** – Parents have been asking for courses around technology. So have teachers.

We would like to offer parents the opportunity to join teachers on a Saturday next year to learn more about digital safety. The day will be on Saturday the 6th of April. It will be for 3 hours.

We are planning on having a children's fun day to provide babysitting for parents. There will also be lunch available.

The tow closes primary schools parents will also join us.

The topics include:

- The challenges for parents in the digital world
- How are teens using technology today?
- What are the popular games and social networks?
- How do we keep gaming under control?
- How can we prepare students for a world of fake news and content?
- What is the contact risk for young people? How do we help them?
- How does social media impact on the social and emotional well-being of children?
- Self-esteem and social media
- Communicating on-line
- What are the laws regarding cyber bullying?
- How can young people create a positive digital footprint?
- How do young people manage their screen time?
- What happens to our brains when we pick up a device?
- How can we move from digital literacy to digital leadership?

If you are interested in attending this Saturday please fill out the form in your language groups. Please let us know on the form whether morning or afternoon is the best time for you.

FACULTY REPORTS

Science - S Pham

- 22 Students aim to go to Space Camp 2019 in December 2019
- 2 Annual trips to China for one week for students – free for students
2017 – 4 Students
2018 3 students and 1 teacher
Activities included: STEM problems like coding, as well as cultural experiences

PHPE -

- 13 teachers in 2019
- Sex Education, Mental Health, Drug education, Road safety
- New volleyball courts opening ceremony – first serve by Ms Kurovsky
- New cricket pitch – no ball tampering
- Invictus games excursion
- Sports coaching – our students teach younger students, building leadership.

GUEST SPEAKER – Dorothy (Registered Nurse) from Family Planning

- Looks after young to old women around sexual and reproductive health.
- Offers testing for example Pap smears (every 5 years), STD, pregnancy options, post-natal advice.
- Talk-line 1300 658 886 (for advice)
- Staff are experienced nurses, if they need doctors' advice they can get it from doctors over the phone.
- They call interpreters if needed for patients
- Need to bring Medicare card
- Consultation is free. You may need to pay for pathology but if you difficulty, they can arrange alternatives.
- Clinics open 9am-5pm
- Don't need referral, just an appointment.

CAPTAINS TALK - Kayla Trinh, Anthony Mai and Brendan Ferreira

- Peace Day – video showed
- Special event this year 100 Years since end of WW1
- Prof Joseph Striglitz's speech had a great impact on students.
- Packaged gifts for Bonnie refuge