

**Homebush Boys High School**  
**P & C Meeting**  
**20<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

**Meeting opened:** 7.10pm.

**Presidents Welcome:** Simone Burton welcomed members and new parents to the meeting and asked everyone to personally introduce themselves and tell the meeting what year their son's were in as an informal way to start the night.

Simone handed over to Mr Jurd who welcomed Ms Tracy Burjan to the meeting and Tracy introduced herself and outlined her plans for the schools new Instrumental Music Program (IMP) as the Instrumental Music Program Director. Tracy has a son in Year 12 at HBHS. She taught music and Homebush West Public School for 12 years and Concord West Public for 9 years. She is a composer, conductor and music teacher and her passion for music is evident with plans to bring about a school choir and school band as well as coordinating music lessons and tuition for HBHS budding musicians. Her plans are to provide a rich performing arts environment in which students can experience the pleasure of learning to play musical instruments.

The program is offering opportunities for boys to join the choir and orchestra together with learning guitar and drums and join the string ensemble. Tuition is available and through a P & C donation, scholarships will be offered to boys with particular musical talents or those who deserve an opportunity to participate in the school music program. Some boys will have an opportunity to go to Band Camp on the 21<sup>st</sup> March for further experience. Mr Jurd informed the meeting that the school has a website dedicated to band information. Just go to <http://www.homebushbo-h.schools.nsw.edu.au>. Click on 'Communities' and then 'Band'. Tracy is hoping to organise a performance night at the end of this year to showcase our son's musical talents.

The school is short of a variety of musical instruments and it was suggested to Tracy that she produce a flier highlighting the musical program initiatives and highlight those musical instruments in short supply at the school. There may be families in our community who might wish to donate an unused/good second hand musical instrument. Any parent interested can contact Tracy through the school office.

**Attendance:** Per attendance book

**Apologies:** Ben Knight, Kylie Elakhras, Des Milligan, Richard Blaxland

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Accepted Cheryl Miller/Seconded Simon Ford

**Treasurers Report:** Nil

**Business Arising:** Nil

**Correspondence In:** Fundraising voucher – Captain Cook Cruises, Med Entry Brochure, Ten Pin City Cheque, NSW Education & Communities letter-School Global Funding.

**Correspondence Out:** Nil

**Principals Report:**

1. Defibrillator – Mr Jurd has purchased a Laerdal ‘Heart start’ defibrillator. Initially, the P & C allocated \$2000 for this item however Mr Jurd advised that a Year 11 student, Leonardo Pane is busy applying for community funding to pay for this well as looking at the purchase of 2 Oxyvivers (first aid kits with oxygen tanks).
2. HSC Assessments & Submitted Works- advice to parents
3. Board of Studies – Arrangements for Year 10 students in 2012 planning the implementation of a new credential for students who leave school after completing Year 10. The new – Record of School Achievement (R.O.S.A) will be discussed at upcoming meetings.
4. School Plan – Every three years the school is required by the NSW Department of Education and Communities to conduct a school ‘plan’ summarising curriculum/strategies and projected outcomes. Ms Dwyer gave an overview of this.
5. Harmony Day – to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> March. Theme of the day is ‘play/engage/inspire. Teachers and students encouraged to wear orange in support of this.

**General Business:** Simone Burton advised meeting that Simon Ford has been nominated as President of the School Council for 2012.

Cheryl Miller updated meeting on proposed ‘**Barefoot Bowls**’ night on 27<sup>th</sup> April. Flier to be sent out to members and update on **Mother’s Day stall** set down for Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May in school grounds.

**HBHS ‘Clean Up’ Day** set down for Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2012 – 12.30pm – 4.30pm. All parents welcome. Bring gloves and gardening equipment.

Simone Burton thanked all those wonderful parents who helped out serving afternoon tea and a sausage sizzle at the recent Year 7 presentation afternoon.

Staff encouragement – Simone suggested ‘thank you’ cards for staff members and visitors who present a discussion at the P & C meetings. Simone will purchase them. Cards have already been sent to the teachers from our first meeting.

**Citizenship Ceremony** – upcoming dates – 12<sup>th</sup> April, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 30<sup>th</sup> August, 8<sup>th</sup> November – Flier to be forwarded to all members.

**HBHS Trivia Night** – to be held on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> August 2012 at the Concord Bowling Club, Clermont Avenue, Concord. Tickets \$20. Guaranteed fun night with parents and teachers battling it out to be the smartest table.

Forthcoming matters to discuss – do the P & C pay for small ‘thank you’ gifts for teachers and visitor who present a discussion at the meeting? Members encouraged bringing their ideas to our forthcoming meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> May.

Ms Dwyer will arrange for a teacher representative to present a discussion on R.O.S.A for our next meeting. Furthermore, Ms Dwyer asked the P & C to forward her with their ideas on whom and what topics they would like presented at future meetings.

Meeting Closed 9pm

**NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> May 2012 at 7.00pm** in the Teachers Common Room.

**ALL PARENTS ENCOURAGED COMING ALONG. THE P & C WELCOME NEW FACES AND FRESH IDEAS.**