

**Homebush Boys High School
Parents and Citizens Association Meeting
11 June 2013**

Attendance: As per attendance list

Apologies: Simon Ford, Maria Lkimis-Healey

Handouts: Legal Issues Bulletin, DEC No41 Reviewed September 2012

Item	Details	Action
<p>Topic Talk 'Technology' Guest speakers: Sherif Ahmed</p> <p>Greg Sheath</p>	<p>Edmodo video presentation – Social learning network. Facebook wall style tools to keep students engaged. Teachers post alerts and links –students can discuss, reply and submit assignments. DEC approved. Can be downloaded on iphone.</p> <p>At HBHS – teachers post blogs, rules of usage and have students interact, role play. Back channel discussions (real time) – helps with grammar/punctuation. Currently: Languages, Sciences, IT. Parents get a code – to view only – by letter. Unique code per teacher/class – on registering – restricted group. Can communicate with teacher and not whole class. Can be blocked if inappropriate. Also teaches Digital Citizenship, Netiquette.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New website – currently rewriting school website – should be up next term. Optimised to work on tablets/mobiles. Designed to keep Faculty areas/curriculum –relatively the same. ▪ e-diaries – electronic version and adjunct of paper diaries. Also works with tablets/iphones. Includes calendar. One third of staff already registered, no student users yet. School online learning – moodle environment built up since 2004 – + edmodo with professional dvlp. ▪ Issues – communication with parents to view/sign up – limited accuracy with emails; creating demand; equity for those without laptops/3G; barriers of information, Phasing in period – complex; communication initiative - a priority. ▪ Homebush Boys App: on iphone/androide - links to community calendar. Newsletters will be added in. \$1 per student. Arinum solutions ▪ Username: community; Password: Homebushbohs ▪ Pango – www.pango.edu.au online tuition (by UWS) in process careers advisors signed up. 	<p>Suggestion for P&C to discuss taking on links with parent groups/networks?</p>

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Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ P&C journal Term 2 	Yes
Previous Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Correction dates: Trivia night – 10 August; Yrs7 / 8 Dance – 19 July 	Accepted
General P&C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Trivia night – Fundraising prizes – Cheryl; Questions – Tim and Scott (60 Q 4 X 15 - 3 table quizzes) MC – Caitlin and Kamie; Money counting – Caitlin and Wendy; Scorers – Tim + (PP?) Advertising quality flyer – Simone to coordinate Tim has British and Irish jersey (signed) at the school worth up to \$6,000? Proposed framing it selling on eBay – to hand over on trivial night. (Cheryl to follow up with eBay) ▪ AGM Discussion around whether to schedule AGM in Nov or March. Tim: Positives for both. In Nov – current Yr 12 parents exec can hand over; new committee ready to take off in new year In March – Yr 7 parents can take up opportunity, more attend, can actively invite exec. 	<p>Trivia Night – 10 August</p> <p>Spend more time on trivia night at the next meeting</p> <p>Decision on date for AGM deferred</p>
Treasurer’s report – Catherine Lea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Partial report - proposing an amendment to keep the Trust account (useful to keeping clear paper trail. Current \$6,000 Cheque for last year’s P&C contribution - \$10,892 Special contribution for Literacy + cheque \$9,685 in bank ▪ Proposal 1: For a cheque of \$10,000 to be given to the school for the Senior Lawn. (seconded Cheryl Miller) ▪ Proposal 2: To write a cheque to the school for \$9,685 for Literacy Program. (seconded Linda Tarasenko) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prioritising funds <p>Tim: Would like to start first wave of work for Senior Lawn with the \$10,000 - for P&C to see evidence of work going ahead.</p> <p>Simone: Expressed reluctance to commit to the full amount for funds that don't exist yet – referring to a previous discussion around expectations of the full cost of the work on the Senior Lawn.</p> <p>Q. What legacy to school if more funds available? Eg. Towards communication / Literacy?</p> <p>Q. Possibility of raising contribution to \$15?</p> <p>Proposal to reimburse the school for the dingo (\$200) – agreed.</p> <p>Brief discussion on ensuring agreement in advance to clear priorities.</p>	<p>Work on Senior Lawn to go ahead, Tim to get quotes, Cut back if P&C not able to fund</p> <p>For further discussion</p> <p>Agreed</p>
<p>Principal's Report – Tim Jurd</p>	<p>Secure Schools Grant</p> <p>As reported in March of Secure Schools project of electronic gates, CCTV and lighting is as a great benefit to the school. Since instalment – external vandalism has been cut to nearly 0. Table documented for March – legal issues bulletin on use of overt CCTV, Privacy Act – carefully monitoring. All recorded images stored on a server here and at DEC. Three workstations and service operator – complying with issues bulletin.</p> <p>Fantastic outcome – everything working as planned – all \$178,000 spent -</p>	
<p>Prefect's Report Scott Worthington</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In School Soccer Comp – cancelled ▪ Strathfield Girls / HBH dance at Strathfield Girls – + lucky door prize ▪ Special Olympics Volunteering – 10 volunteers ▪ Multicultural Day Parents to provide food, donations; Students to run stalls, raffle to fund prizes, cultural dances/displays – 	<p>19 July (correction)</p> <p>Thurs 20 June at Syd Uni</p> <p>23 August Fiona and Nicole to link</p>

<p>General Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Website update in progress – thanks to Fiona for taking this on. ▪ Thank you cards to the following students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Year 11 Vid hushan Pah Eerathan – driving force behind breakfast club - Year 12 Leonardo Pane – promise in everything he works on - Year 11 Po-Shen Wang – leading the school orchestra – extraordinary violinist ▪ Block G ‘Gumnut cottage’ Rms 17 and 18 – major improvement – asbestos cleared out, electricity fitted out. ▪ SMS alerts – Discussion around limited/inconsistent communication and the possibility of having more events backed up by SMS or emails – Currently mainly sent out for P&C and report nights not for student driven events as SMS costs \$150 each time. Suggestion to look at purchasing unlimited or different package for SMS messages. ▪ Automated emails/push notifications is another way – but high level of non-delivery. Suggestion to add with notifications ‘check website for updates’. 	<p>Fiona</p> <p>by Wendy WS, Catherine L and Simone</p>
<p>P&C President Simone Burton</p>	<p>Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Next P&C Meeting 23 July Topic – Learner Support ▪ Strathfield Citizenship Ceremony – Thursday 13 June ▪ 14 September – Next Gardening Bee (+barbeque) 	