

Homebush Boys High School
P and C Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2013

Meeting Opened: 7.15pm

Attendance: as per attendance book

Apologies: Tim Jurd, Cheryl Miller

Attachments: wish list

Welcome: Simone Burton welcomed all and esp Vidhushan Paheerathan, School Captain 2014

1. Minutes of previous meeting:

Accepted Simon Ford, Seconded Maria Ikimis-Healy
Business Arising: nil

2. Correspondence:

Inwards: P&C magazines

Outwards: nil

3. Students' Report: Vidhushan Paheerathan

Very happy to be present. So far this term, student reps/prefects have attended citizenship ceremony, homework club tuesday, Mrs Edwards' peer tutoring, breakfast club wednesdays. Bendigo Bank donated urn, grateful to bank and thankful for generosity of community, teachers and students, made pink ribbons raised \$600, induction with Ms Bonis, src adviser morning tea thanks to hospitality, to come - white ribbon day anti violence , 17 prefects going to leadership day 29/11, guest speakers, defence force, the author of The Book Thief, Mark Zusak. work closely with SRC, role modelling values of HBHS, peer mediation, have a senior room open after school, donating blood - and lots of it!

4. Treasurer's Report: Catherine Lea

4.1. as per report

4.2. Balance as of 19 Nov 2013 \$16,000 in Bendigo A/c and \$7,300 in trust.

4.3. Catherine will write another cheque towards SCOLA, of \$15,000 (totalling so far \$25,000 of \$33642.50 for SCOLA). Monies to come from trust. about \$1500 then needed to complete payment.

4.4. A balance of \$1000 will remain to cover insurance costs for next year.

5. Fundraising Report: Linda Tarasenko

5.1. Bowling night was rained out, appreciative of attendance by teachers, some new parents attended, yr 7s sent letter, flyer on website, personal invite, light musical entertainment and enjoyable evening. Club didn't take payment. Be good to have senior boys attending, better fun for younger and for all!

** Prefects/SRC encouraged to consider attendance in future.*

5.2. Raffle tickets to be sold orientation day

** action - secretary to write thank you to club*

6. Instrumental Music Programme Report: Jeff Mallia

6.1. summary of 2013 as per report

6.2. Sponsorship from Strathfield Council, attendance at Carols Night, December 6.

6.3. Concerns for numbers for China Trip, currently 8. parent information night for musicians and expressions of interest needed.

7. **School Council Report:** Simon Ford

7.1. Computer Purchase for BYOD deal and policy looks good

8. **School Executive Report:** Caitlin Dwyer

Year 12s finished exams and signing out

Cameron Parcell's woodwork selected for Itech, supported by Timber teacher Ben Crossweller and Leandos Pandoulis, for Art Express. Yr 11 William Nguyen, Victor Chang science award, fantastic achievements.

Year 11's being introduced to HSC expectations, including parental support.

2014 plans, focus on writing, student engagement, timetable structure, full timetable next year rather than independent study periods. 48 period cycle/2weeks, rejigging of timetables, well supported by teachers, recognition of investment in students

staffing: retirements John Pearson, Baron Gold, appointments Chris Burke, targeted graduate to begin, one vacancy still to be advertised

2014 year 7s, transitional planning day, by Audrey Juska and Dana Quick: a mini orientation about 40. also executive from primary schools.

BYOD policy developing - encourage yr 7 parents to provide son with devices, able to perform basic applications, internet access, pool available for use, need ensure technology is used

Prefects/SRC induction, was heartfelt, appreciated by all mini orientation mentors, not all SRC members, all did a great job.

9. **School Executive Report:** Kamie Kurshed

added his thanks to P&C for support to students and school

10. **General/New business:**

10.1. **Orientation Day**

welcomes new parents into school community: organising, facts how school runs, forum, friendships, P&C, Q&A's translated fact sheet.

**action fiona to send yr 7 email addresses to wendy*

Korean community liaison rep attending forum - 4 volunteers.

morning tea/tables - cheryl and wendy, list of volunteers

email addresses for P&C, voluntary - mention in forum

parent and teacher night may also be possible to glean and dispense P&C information

10.2. **Wish List**

from school as per Executive and Fiona submitted hospitality dept wish list for consideration and recommendation, decision to be made new year

**list attached*

10.3. **Contribution Levy**

Proposal that "we recommend that the school raises the P&C contribution levy from \$10 to \$15, per annum", proposed by Catherine Lea, 2nd Simon Ford

11. **President's Report:** Simone

Review of year on power point:

Involvement: Iftar, rotary dinner, multicultural day, yr 12 grad, billeting, P&C state conference, staff selection panels, input into policy making BYOD, anti bullying

school council, privilege, further informed, leadership

thanks to executive and members for involvement

what makes governance good? 10 points from TEAR, Simone feels Tim gives a good sense of empowerment, and a good governance

do we reflect the values of HBHS teachers, students involved values of school?

As a P&C could we also reflect values by supporting organisations for helping others for example: a collection for world vision or towards indigenous education.

12. **Presentation of flowers** to Simone and Simon, by Kathy and Kim

13. **Meeting closed:** 9.15pm

14. **Important Dates:**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 18, 2014, 7pm

Wish List in Priority Order, from Principal

1. Speakers PA. rewiring \$20,000
2. BYOD - Computers on Wheels, trolleys \$800 ea with bank of 16-30 laptops @ \$350 ea
3. Grassed Area \$50,000 tanks and sprinklers
4. Asphalt areas
5. Kitchen floor
6. Common room furniture \$10,000
7. Common room kitchen \$20,000
8. Gum nut cottage painting (working bee?)
9. Old gym renovations (building fund?)
10. Text books for Australia curriculum
11. Carpeting (heavy traffic areas)
12. Hall PA and computer, presentations staff and community
13. Lectern with fixed high pick up mic \$1000
14. Musical instruments \$5000 each
15. SJ China tour
16. IMP costs, Marie Bashir auditorium
17. music room lecture chairs
18. drums \$2000
19. school bus
20. school trailer

Other

Hospitality Airconditioning 4 x \$3600
Smart board and cupboard \$10,000
Commercial Non Slip floors 2 x \$15,000

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Expected Income and Payments:

The Year 12s have now paid their fees and P&C should receive a cheque from the school for P&C levy \$3,600

Some money (at this stage a disappointing amount compared to last year) has come in as a response to the Special Contributions for the P&c's fund raising appeal for the SCOLA. The school has \$3,700 to present to the P&C at the is stage.

I propose to write a cheque for \$15,000 for the school tonight and this will bring out contribution to the SCOLA up to \$25,000 and leave us \$1000 in our Bendigo Bank account. The SCOLA has so far cost the school \$33642.50. When the school passes on the student contributions it currently holds, I propose to bank the cheques so that a clear record of donations exists independently of the school. Then, if I write a cheque for the school of \$7,300 for the SCOLA, there remains about \$1500 to raise, although furniture may still be needed. Future special contributions may cover that amount.

In conclusion, I'd like to extend a bight thank you to Marie, the school bursar, for her very patient help, and to Wendy for stepping in at need. And to the tireless fundraisers: keep going!

Catherine Lea, Treasurer.

Homebush Boys High School Instrumental Music Program 2013

2013 has been a huge year for the IMP at Homebush Boys.

Both as Homebush Boys Orchestra and together with the combined schools orchestra of Symphonia Jubilate, the boys have had numerous opportunities to perform throughout the year.

Our year started out with a highly successful collaborative Music Camp which included students in the IMP of Strathfield Girls High School. This Camp set the tone of excellence for performances that followed this year. Our boys started the year being invited for the 2nd year in a row to play at the TAFE Oten awards ceremony at Burwood RSL.

The orchestra has performed for School events like the Creative and Performing arts night, Multi Cultural Day and Year 12 farewell assembly. In combination with Strathfield Girls, we performed for the Australian of the year “Tour of Honour” at Strathfield Girls School in front of Australian of the year Ita Buttrose as well as another performance for the 60th anniversary celebrations of that school.

With Symphonia Jubilate the boys performed for the following events;

- Granville Schools Spectacular at the Sydney Opera House
- The opening of the new Marie Bashir Public School in the presence of our Governor Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir,
- The DEC Arts Unit “Forever Young” concert at the Sydney Town Hall where we provided orchestra backing for Kamahl
- The DEC “Directors Choice” Awards ceremony at the State Sports Centre at Homebush.
- Symphonia Jubilate's end of year Concert performance which was in attendance by all associated School Principals, as well as the Director of School Education for our region Mrs Veronica Kapsimali.

In all of these events Homebush Boys performed excellently both musically and in the way they represented their school.

Still to come are a performance for the Burwood School band competition, Strathfield Carols in the Park and our own Presentation night.

Considering the incredible improvement in performance standard this year, I am really looking forward to seeing how far the orchestra can go in the coming year!

As a participating parent along with Noel Alley and Steve Black it's been fantastic to be involved this year. My thanks to Andrew Smith and Barb Gobel for their hard work and dedication to the orchestra throughout the year.

Jeff Mallia