

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

Meeting Opened: 9.30pm

Attendance: as per attendance book

Apologies: Tim Jurd, Cheryl Miller

Simone declared meeting open

1. **Annual President's Report**, read by Simone, as attached
2. **Minutes of previous meeting:** read by Simone, as per Homebush Boys Website
Accepted Simon Ford, Seconded Fiona Murray
Business Arising: adjustment to financial report on website, balance \$8081.55
3. **Financial Report:** read by Simone, as attached

The meeting was handed to Caitlin Dwyer, Deputy Principal, presiding chairperson.

Election of Office Bearers:

Caitlin declared all positions vacant. Nominations and appointments made as follows

Executive Positions

President - Kathy Totidis.

Nominated Catherine Lea, Seconded Kim Houhlias

Vice President - Wendy Wong See.

Nominated Simon Ford, Seconded Fiona Murray

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Nominated Catherine Lea, Seconded Kathy Totidis

Treasurer - Catherine Lea.

Nominated Fiona Murray, Seconded Simon Ford

Secretary 1 - Annette Bremner. Nominated Kathy Totidis, Seconded Jeff Mallia

Secretary 2 - Maria Ikimis-Healy. Nominated Annette Bremner, Seconded Kathy Totlidis.

Non Executive Positions, to be confirmed next year.

Fund Raising - Cheryl Miller

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Citizenship Ceremony Coordinator - Fiona Murray

IMP - Jeff Mallia

Annual Conference Rep

Regional Delegate

School Council Rep

Considered New Non Executive Positions, to be confirmed next year.

Grants officer - *Shani, Kim expressed interest*

Community engagement officer - *Nicole expressed interest*

4. **Meeting closed:** 10.00pm

Homebush Boys High School Parents and Citizens' Association

Annual Report 2013.

The parent body of Homebush was again active in 2013. We have continued to uphold our three fold purpose of promoting the interests of the school, assisting in raising funds, and supporting the welfare of the students.

What will one find at a P&C meeting? Any welcome visitor will discover a group of parents from a variety of backgrounds, passions, interests and levels of involvement. The parents hold to a few common values that bind the group together. Firstly, we desire our sons to have a positive and successful secondary education experience and wish to be as informed as possible as to how HBHS works toward this goal. Secondly, we choose to put personal time and energy into contributing to making HBHS a school of high standing. Finally, we believe that to achieve high quality public education, parents can and should play a role in fostering a healthy and vibrant school community.

During the year we have involved ourselves in a variety of activities so as to raise much needed funds for the school. It was decided that all funds raised in 2013 would be put toward improvements to the senior study area. This outdoor space is not only used by year 11 and 12 students but is increasingly becoming a community space for school events. With the improvements made it will also be able to be used as an outdoor classroom. The P&C have been pleased to contribute to this valuable project and are delighted with the outcome. We have raised money for this through activities such as: two Stalls at School (Mother's day/ Father's day), four Citizenship Ceremony Catering functions, a Trivia Night and Barefoot Bowls evening.

To demonstrate our support of the school we have attended a number of events. These have included: Iftar, Strathfield Rotary Dinner, Multicultural Day, Year 12 Graduation, P&C State conference and Staff Selection panels. The school has allowed the Parent body to make contributions to the development of the Anti Bullying and BYOD policies. Parents have billeted students from overseas on two occasions this year. The P&C (and so the parents) has had representation on the School Council of HBHS. We have also conducted two gardening bees on the school grounds.

The P&C hosted a number of parent evenings in 2013 with relevant topics presented by a variety of members of staff. We again thank those who gave of their time to engage with the parents on those evenings. The focus for the evenings included: Welcome to Year 7 Parents, 'HBHS: a safe environment', Pathways and senior years at HBHS, Developments in Technology at HBHS and Learning Support.

This year we have given much thought into how communication between parent and school can be improved. We have held productive discussions with the School Executive and been able to implement some improvements. We are aware that much more can be done and continue to work toward this.

I, on behalf of the P&C would like to again acknowledge the committed and hard working staff of HBHS. The role each person plays in contributing to the life of the school is valued and appreciated by the parent body.

On behalf of the P&C, I also thank the School Leadership Team of Tim Jurd, Caitlin Dwyer and Kamie Khurshed. We acknowledge, appreciate and value the strength displayed in the

highly professional and unified team that is the three of you together!

Thank you for your attitude toward and commitment to, the role parents have at HBHS.

Thank you for informing us, including us, and allowing us to have a voice and opportunity to input into the life of the school.

Thank you Caitlin and Kamie for your willingness to attend P&C meetings after hours, your preparation and input into the meetings and the open attitude toward us you have displayed.

Thank you Tim for your genuine love of education, your passionate belief in quality public education, your respectful attitude to staff and parents and your steadfast commitment to the well being and education of the students of HBHS.

I would also like to thank the hard working parents of HBHS. It always gets tricky when names are singled out for fear of missing someone but there are some who must get a mention. Vice President Kathy Totidis who has contributed ideas that has enhanced discussions and our thinking. Vice President Simon Ford completes many years of service to the school this year through executive positions on P&C and SC. Treasurer Catherine Lea has been very thorough and diligent in organising our book keeping. Secretary (joint) Nicole Zabbal has been eager and conscientious. Secretary (joint) Annette Bremner shared the roll well with Nicole by being responsible for correspondence and willingly took on Nicole's role when Nicole was unable. Leaders of the Fund Raising team: Cheryl Miller and Linda Tarasenko. Thank you for all you have done to help raise much needed funds. Wendy Wong-See for keeping improvements in communication on the agenda, for your fabulous fliers and for your hands on support where needed. Fiona Murray: thank you for your contribution to the improvements to the parent page on the school website and for your commitment to coordinating the catering for the Strathfield Citizenship Ceremonies which also bring needed funds to the school. Thank you Jeff Mallia for being our representative with the Instrumental Music Program (in which we take much interest).

Finally, thank you to all parents for allowing me the privilege of holding the Presidency the past 2 years. I would especially like to thank you for the moments when extra patience and grace was given me. The end of 2013 marks the end of a long association with HBHS for our family. My eldest son began in 2005 and my youngest finishes this year. My husband, his brother, their uncle, and my two brothers attended HBHS. I have been pleased to be able to utilise my passions and energy to put back into the school that has given our family so much.

My hope for the P&C in 2014 and beyond is that it will continue to support the school executive; value and encourage all staff of HBHS; appreciate the unique qualities each parent brings to the P&C, and embrace and include new families into this wonderful school community.

Simone Burton

19th November 2013

Homebush Boys High School P&C
Financial Report 2103

Income:

Student Contributions from student fees 2012 \$10,892.04
Special Contributions from 2012 \$9,685
Student Contributions from student fees 2013 \$8,400 (not include yr 12 fees)
Citizenship Ceremonies Catering for Strathfield Council \$2,000
Trivia Night \$4,312
Mothers Day Stall \$685
Bowling Night \$180

Total \$36,154.04

Expenditure:

School Literacy Programme \$9,685
Association fees and Insurance \$923
Equipment Hire for working bee \$200
Senior Study Lawn (SCOLA) \$10,000"

Total \$20,808

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.

As the records show that this year the P and C have made a commitment to devote all funds raised to the Senior Covered Outdoor Learning Area, I propose to write a cheque for \$15,000 for the school tonight and this will bring our 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 for \$7,300 (an amount equal to money that the school has passed on from year 12 fees and Special Contributions to P and C funds in response to letter) for the SCOLA, there remains about\$1500 to raise, although furniture may still be needed. Future special contributions may cover that amount.

In summary. we expect to have \$1000 in our Bendigo bank account by the end of this year, and to have contributed \$32,300 to the SCOLA during this year.

In conclusion, I'd like to extend a big 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.