

Homebush Boys High School

P and C Meeting Minutes

Date: July 22, 2014

Venue: Staff Room, Homebush Boys High

Meeting Opened: 7.10pm

Seminar: Cross Curricular Learning

Speaker: Mr Kamie Khurshed

Mr Khurshed explained education needs cater for different types of students and whereas higher achievers are doing well at their studies, in this project, the depth of study, a wider context and higher order thinking is developed.

A connection between subjects being studied (usually three subjects), and by analysis, synthesis, evaluation and creativity focus on chosen subject. The cross curricular project will be useful for senior years at high school and also in university and future working lives.

It is very important that high achievers are encouraged to stay on at Homebush until year 12 as Homebush offers a high quality, comprehensive education and a great learning community. This project will help students achieve better in stage 6.

Currently class 7A is involved in this project and this semester year 9 the project will be introduced and they invited to begin their assignments. Year 9 will need to self nominate and/or teachers will encourage them to chose a topic. Mentors through teachers, parents or tertiary educators will be arranged to help the students complete their work.

P&C - We look forward to seeing work the boys complete at the end of the year and thank the school for this endeavour.

Attendance: as per attendance book

Apologies: Cheryl Miller, Maria Ikimis-Healey, Fiona Murray, Daniel Derbas, Cathy Scanlan, Linda Tarasenko, Kim Houhlias.

1. Minutes of previous meeting:

Accepted: Jeff Mallia, Seconded: Catherine Lea
Business Arising: nil

2. Correspondence:

Inwards: invitation SESNW Education forum with Craig Laundry July 29 4.30pm
P&C Federation, new constitution and election notice and insurance letter. iftar invite,

Outwards:

business from correspondence: circulate flyer - *action Annette*.
write to Mr Laundry - *action Kathy*

3. Treasurer's Report: Catherine Lea

\$4756 at beginning of period
school office has given us \$14706 from student levy
current balance \$ 19462
to pay approx \$1500 insurance and association fees.

thank you to organisers for iftar dinner - noted.

4. **School Council Report:** Council met and discussed student reports.
business rising from report -
Caitlin asked for feedback about student reports and report nights.
1. Reports: generally, well phrased, teachers' efforts appreciated, conclusive
2. Online Booking System: maybe parents need more notification of process, system worked well
3. Structure of evening: overall good, appreciate teachers make effort to get to know parents, logistics - many students, some teachers take longer than their 5 minutes, some teachers get booked out or can't be there.
Tim - Still many of year 10 reports uncollected.
Tim - working on a student evaluation of the school

5. **Fundraising Report:** read by Kathy Totidis from Cheryl Miller
Fun Night

discussion - trivia nights are fun and raise money, how many people can be included, executive enjoys evening, teachers very faithful

Go ahead on September 6, Saturday night
Tim happy to organise questions and games
Kamie and Caitlin to compere
'Silverhair' band available
Cheryl to co-ordinate prizes and donations, with help please, prizes
Wendy to check that office can manage bookings
Wendy Flyer to be done
no bbq
meet 6pm before August 19 meeting with ideas for games, to be passed onto Tim

6. **Instrumental Music Programme Report:** Jeff Mallia
2 students performed at Opera House, Jordan Mallia and Po-shen Wang
Next Sunday Inner West Band Festival at Burwood
9/8 String workshop to be held during rehearsal
Symphonia Jubilate - discount for students belonging to participating schools.
Noted - acknowledge school for encouraging these students

7. School Executive:

1. Principal's Report:
Kamie and Icky, the school GA, have rejuvenated the common room kitchen ("Bridge Road Galleria") saving a lot of money. Looks good, very functional and tidy, still some painting and picture hanging to be done.

Tim working on draft for fundraising letter with Kathy.

Rubbish around school is very disappointing, asking students for ideas how to keep clean (*purge!*).

Integration Project is complete, opening this week with Mr Laundry. \$1.6m benefited the school with 5 lifts and 5 ramps and other modifications.

Iftar was celebrated with our Muslim families. Appreciated, shows inclusion and spirituality of the community.

Student attendance has risen, even though it was very high, appreciate teachers' dedication to detail and working with the boys.

School invited by Strathfield Girls High School and Burwood Girls High School to support #Bring Back Our Girls campaign and support against suppression of girls world wide. Two boys will be sponsored to attend an Amnesty International movie shown at Chauvel theatre, Paddington to raise funds. more info <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/bringbackourgirls-tickets-12187937449>

asphalt has been improved, "it is beautiful".

8. General/New business:

1. Federation Nomination. Cheryl volunteered to apply for councillor and delegate positions for P&C Federation. No other volunteers for second position. Catherine Nominated Cheryl Miller, Seconded Jeff, meeting agreed.

2. Father's Day Stall. Cheryl has offered to run a father's day stall 1/9 and 2/9. approved Any offers of help contact Cheryl or P&C gmail address.

3. Fundraising Discussion. Sample letter from last year distributed with list of ideas. Tim expressed his desire to beautify the school grounds as the outdoor seating incorporated this year has been so well used and appreciated by school community and users. The old gym, is also in need of rejuvenation. Letter to be drafted, with boxes to nominate amounts and donations to building project will be tax deductible.

Motion - "**Fundraising for 2014 to focus on the school environment, priority given to rejuvenation of the old school gym and improved seating in the play grounds.**"
Moved Kathy, Seconded Catherine. There was agreement to the motion.

9. Important Dates:

Next Meeting: August 19

Citizenship Ceremony: August 21

10. Meeting closed: 9.25pm.