

P & C MINUTES

Homebush Boys High School

October 16, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Simone Burton, President of P & C at 7.00 pm

Apologies

Fiona Murray, Simon Ford

In attendance

As per book

Minutes of previous minutes

Read and confirmed

Moved K.Houhlias, 2nd S.Cowin

Business arising from minutes

Year 7 Orientation Friday, 7th December – P&C involved in hospitality and Q & A panel (max. 4). FAQ's to be posted on website and distributed on the day.

Action: Cheryl Miller to provide catering details from previous year to Simone Burton. Catherine Lea to draft FAQ's and progress to Tim Jurd for approval for website and distribution. Simone Burton to call for volunteers next meeting on 20 November.

Traffic Management –Traffic calming required on Mackenzie Street. Tim Jurd has been in contact with Strathfield Council's Mayor, Gulian Vaccari and Kim Warner.

Action: Tim Jurd to write to Strathfield Council's Traffic Management Committee. Simone Burton to co-sign.

Gardening Bee – Volunteers weeded, mulched and pruned the senior lawn tree. All volunteers acknowledged and thank-you cards distributed to Tim Jurd, Caitlan Dwyer and Kamie Kurshed.

Correspondence In

"Local Schools, Local decisions" - response from Barry Ó' Farrell, Premier

Correspondence out

Nil

Reports

- **Treasurer, Anita Kumar**

\$19, 991.55 as of 30 September, 2012

Logistics of the P & C trust account discussed. Marie Reardon (Head, SASS) will open the account. Issues raised included procedures for citizenship ceremony payment, reimbursements, audits and drawing cheques. It was noted P & C had already committed \$5000 in 2011 and \$7000 in 2012 to support the Instrumental Music Program [IMP].

Motion – Anita Kumar *“that P&C authorize the transfer of \$18,000 to the P & C trust account with the authority for the school to transfer \$12,000, honouring our commitment to the IMP.”*

Another cheque for \$890 was drawn for P&C insurance. The remaining funds will be retained in the P&C Bendigo bank account until we sort out the issues raised above.

2nd Catherine Lea. Motion carried.

- **Principal, Tim Jurd**

Prefect and SRC Induction day scheduled for November 13 (TBC) and Year 12 formal scheduled for November 17. Currently 2 staff tables booked. New format of Year 12 farewell day (indoor – graduation/portfolios/photos; outdoor – luncheon) on 20 September successful.

Parent contribution letter – Generous response

Action: Tim Jurd and Simone Burton to write and thank parents.

Instrumental Music Program [IMP] - HBHS, Burwood, Concord West and Homebush West primary schools combined orchestra to perform at Director’s Choice Awards at Sydney Olympic Park State Sports Centre on November 8.

Gardening bee – Pruning of trees exposed the side of a demountable.

Action Tony Letsios (Visual Arts) approached to co-ordinate the application of a mural.

General Business

P&C Survey to Amanda Fazio, MLC Legislative State Council, State Parliament.

Action: Simone Burton to respond.

Simone Burton interested in analyzing the attendance patterns of P & C meetings.

Action: Fiona Murray to provide statistics from attendance book.

“Parent to parent: sharing ideas to support our sons’ education – an information exchange of collective wisdom”

Action: P &C to bring their ideas to the next meeting on the 20 Nov

“Education Dialog Seminar” – Provided information on organisations delivering programmes to high school students, including Song Group, High Resolve and Beacon Foundation.

Action: Anita Kumar to provide Tim Jurd with further information

Final P & C meeting 20 November

Action P &C to bring a plate to share

NAPLAN presentation – Kamie Kurshed, Caitlan Dwyer, Tim Jurd

An overview of the smart data website was viewed with results, trends and history data retrievable and comparable at the student, school, and national level. Year 7 results largely attributed to primary school; growth rate from year 7 – 9 more significant for HBHS. Compared to national standards, HBHS above in numeracy, below in reading, average in writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation; results stronger in informational rather than imaginative texts. Newman’s prompts <http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/primary/mathematics/numeracy/newman/index.htm> relevant for error identification in numeracy.

Public Education Rally – Community Day of Action – Sunday, 18 November, Tumbalong Park, Darling Harbour from 11am

Meeting closed 8.59 pm

Minute Taker: Kim Houhlias