

SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Homebush Boys High School

4th August 2015

The meeting was called to order by Cathy Scanlan at 6.10 pm.

Apologies

Marie Reardon, Kathy Totidis

Absent

Bok Reo Kim, Greg Sheath

In attendance

J. Kennedy, C. Dwyer, C. Scanlan, F. Murray, S. Ford, K. Houhlias (Representing P & C President K. Totidis), SRC Members – D. Yates, B. Nguyen, Z. Osmond

Minutes of previous meeting

Accepted S. Ford/F. Murray

Reports SRC

- Boys are working on a program to engage students struggling in school/troublemakers and those disengaged or lacking motivation, by encouraging them to embrace the school spirit, wear their HBHS uniform with pride and become more involved within the school community based on the Breakfast Club but running it at lunchtime. Looking at local sponsorships for food donations.
- A leadership workshop/camp to Minnamurra Beach is in the process of coming to fruition, run by Strathfield Council and involving other Councils in NSW. Year 12 student Ramsin is coordinating with the local high schools. Four boys from HBHS have been chosen to attend. Dominic Yates, Kaya Bremner, Zaki Osmond and Arnath Kumilinhgam. There will be fun activities which will actively promote the five principles:- Honesty, Non-violence, Respect, Love and Modesty. Ms Kumilingham is assisting with the aim of encouraging younger SRC boys to carry on the good foundation laid down by the older peers.
- Scheme to reduce waste in the school by playing music at the end of lunch break for 'cleanup time' has petered out. The boys do not think it is working but Ms Dwyer thinks it is still beneficial and the prefects and SRC should continue to set good examples for the other boys.
- Program raising awareness for the hearing-impaired students was initiated. A competition to make a short film or video on this matter was discussed however deadline has passed so will consider for 2016.

Principal's Report

- Australian Youth Football Institute will train 30 x HBHS Year 7 and 8 boys using local soccer fields and our indoor gymnasium.
- Local member for Strathfield Jodie McKay visited HBHS, touring the grounds and discussing a 'routine maintenance grant' for upgrade to drainage and capital works. Also looking at funds to resurface the oval, lino for hospitality kitchens,

carpet for classroom and the Gas works grant for classroom heating has been approved. Simon Ford has spoken to a few people to try to raise money for turf on school ovals. He contacted John Symonds, Aussie home Loans office as John is a HBHS Old Boy, and Simon is happy to continue looking for sponsorship. The school programmed maintenance budget for 2015-16 is \$91,000.

- HBHS involved in PISA testing. Comparing different countries in educational standards.
- Year 12 Graduation is on 17th December 2015. Together with a formal assembly and luncheon hosted by the hospitality department.
- 2016 Prefect nominations are open.
- Planning for 2106 subject selection/timetables is in progress.
- Finance committee meeting for 2016 planned for week of 11th August.
- Expanding Horizons concert with students from China will be on 17/8/15. HBHS involved. Student Edward Ye will be the host.
- 'Just Media' display coming up on 21/8/15 in school hall. Andrew Lei providing technical support.
- Visual Art Display/exhibition is on 27/8/15.

Caitlin Dwyer Report

- Year 10 subject selection policy overhaul. Possibly considering a one on one student/teacher meeting giving boys a better understanding and opportunity to ask questions relating to their future choices.
- Proposed Enrolment policy for 2015-16 discussed. Department restrictions. Still a work in progress.

Meeting Closed 7.45pm

Minutes Taker: F. Murray-Secretary

Next Meeting 3rd November 2015.