

# SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

## Homebush Boys High School

June 4, 2013.

The meeting was called to order by Simon Ford, President of School Council at 6.30 p.m.

### Apologies

Greg Sheath, SRC representatives

### In attendance

T. Jurd, C.Dwyer, S.Ford, S.Burton, N.Zabbal, K.Houhlias, C.Lea, M.Reardon

### Minutes of previous minutes

Accepted with correction noted - Unflued gas heaters being replaced in Block G room 17/18 only; this room affectionately known as "Gumnut Cottage"

### Reports

#### Caitlin Dwyer

Major curriculum issues.

- VET (Industry based standards) for stage 6 - HBHS currently offer hospitality, construction, sport, fitness and recreation and will expand to include Business and retail. Major audit pending.
- English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D) – Board of Studies (BOS) provide teacher education resources. 14K initial funding – not continuing
- DEC policy *every student every school* in 2016 will result in the loss of learning and support staff (1.1 - .5 Ms Edwards, .6 Ms Sells). It was noted some schools' P&C fund these positions.
- Securing grants an ongoing initiative. HBHS 97% compliance rate with school fees – (12k). It was noted business sponsorship would not pursued.

### Reports

#### Tim Jurd

- Secure schools \$180,000 installation complete. DET School Security and Safety Unit will complete audit pending minor technical adjustments. It was noted this was included and resolved in the School Executive presentation "HBHS – A safe environment" at the P&C meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2013.

- Volunteering initiatives strong at HBHS; specifically Breakfast Club (Vidhushan Paheerathan along with Ian Albertson secured \$800 from Rotary), discos and sporting events. Ayman Hill commended for his management of student behaviour at a cross country running event. Leonardo Pane and Edwin Guo's community efforts recognized at government level in 2012. Ms Sahay and Ms Anton drive student volunteering opportunities.
- StrathfieldHomebush RSL sub-branch donated \$1000 for the excellence fund [Secretary's note: This information provided by Tim on 10/6]
- The Homebush 49ers also donated \$1000 for the excellence fund [Secretary's note: This information provided by Tim on 10/6]

**Action:** Tim to write to donors

- Short term casual relief and Industrial award – 140k (5 days per staff member) allocated for sick leave; teachers entitled to 15 days per year. Relief budget nearly 200k in 2012 - (over by 60k). Extended leave comes from global budget. One strategy discussed to keep within budget allocation is to not provide relief to Year 12 classes given 1) they are responsible learners 2) Relief teachers are not subject specific.

**Action:** Tim to continue discussions further with staff

- Community use profitable. 2011 167k; 2012 198k; 2013 >200k managed by Kamie Khurshed and SASS staffer Kirsty. Stricter protocols regarding fees, contracts and banking now in place.
- Discussion re: 30k proposed shade structure – approx. \$28,400 in P&C Trust fund

**Action:** Tim and Marie to advise if shade structure part of the building Fund and Catherine to confirm Trust account balance. Shade structure as fund-raiser target needs to be ratified at next P&C meeting.

- Environment team planted 2 pots of ficus at entrance of HBHS
- 9 – 17 August, 22 boys from Cheong-Ju Korean High School will visit

### **P&C Report - Simone Burton**

- Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> May: Pathways and senior years at HBHS. The staff common room was full of parents. Georgia Anton (Careers Advisor) gave a thorough presentation which was well received.
- Tim asked if the P&C would commit to donating \$30 000 toward the senior lawn area. No decision was made at that meeting.
- Trivia night 2013 will be held on Aug 10 at Concord Bowling Club.

- AGM Results:
 

President	Simone Burton
Vice President	Kathy Totidis
Vice President	Simon Ford
Treasurer	Catherine Lea
Secretary (joint)	Nicole Zabbal & Annette Bremner
- Next Meeting: 11<sup>th</sup> June: " Developments in Technology at HBHS"
 

We have asked that the speaker discuss e-dairies and 'sircle'.  
Commitment to senior lawn to be ratified, trivia night and AGM date to be discussed.
- Gardening Bee, May 18.
 

We concentrated again on the front gardens of the school.  
Hiring a small digger helped greatly. Thank you to the school for covering the cost. *Would the school like to be reimbursed?*  
Thank you to Tim for the letter of appreciation sent home to parents. It was a thoughtful gesture.
- Trivia night – details need to be finalized
- Shade structure as fund-raiser target needs to be ratified at next P&C meeting.

**Action:** P&C matter

### **General Business**

- Mother's Day stall – viability issues raised including storage, more student support and impacts on admin staff. Positives included inclusivity for parental involvement and its relevance in the broader community sense (eg Motherhood assembly).
- Multicultural Action Research - reinforced stereotypes but also deepened cultural understandings.

**Action:** Caitlin to provide copies to School Council.

Meeting closed 8.20. Minute taker: Kim Houhlias. Next meeting 6 August