

SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Homebush Boys High School DRAFT

September 4, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Simon Ford, President of School Council at 6.15 p.m.

Apologies

C.Lea (via email)

In attendance

T. Jurd, G.Sheath, C.Dwyer, S.Ford, S.Burton, N.Zabbal, M.Reardon
K.Houhlias, S.Worthington, J.Hill

Minutes of previous minutes

Accepted and correction noted – [corrected from] **Action:** Recommended that **we** write to Strathfield Council for traffic calming in this street”
[corrected to] **Action:** Recommended that **Tim, Simon and Simone** write to Strathfield Council for traffic calming in this street”

Reports

- **SRC - Scott Worthington and Jacob Hill**
- Beanies and scarves will be included as school uniform to encourage adherence.
- Darren Mehmet and Austin Heesh this year’s SRC representatives. 13 Yr. 7 students ran for SRC positions and Yusuf Ali, Mohammed Elakhras, Nicholas Ngo and Ibrahim Taha.
- Auburn Bunning’s donated recycling bins which will be painted. Thanks to Perrin, Scott, Derren and Mr Pearson. SRC students planted Wollemi and lone pine trees.
- Annual multicultural day in November to be driven by Yr. 9 inspired by visit to Liverpool High School by Bassel, Derren and Ayman. All school involved as either participants or spectators.
- Mrs Kumaralingam and Yrs. 10 & 11 SRC sold merchandise for Daffodil Day at Strathfield Station.
- Mr Jurd and 4 students represented HBHS at Kokoda Track service hosted by Professor Marie Bashir AC.
- Values in SRC roll call shared with Friday assembly inspirational. Current value - “If wealth is lost, nothing is lost, if health is lost something is lost, and if character is lost everything is lost”.

- **Staff report - Caitlin Dwyer**

- Yacob Hill praised for his commitment, leadership and dedication during his presidency of the SRC.
- Values at roll call an inspiring initiative
- Behavioural Management Chart [BMC] - (see attached), HBHS Award System [HBHSAS] (see attached), Positive Behaviour for Intervention System [PBIS] and Anti-Bullying policy presented. Input from SRC sought. Strategies discussed to combat smoking currently at level -2. Yacob recommended higher level and Scott considered legalities – (It is not an offence for U/18's to possess or use tobacco cigarettes but it is an offence for U/18's to purchase tobacco products). Some SRC trained in peer mediation which is effective. HBHSAS new category Head Teacher certificate = 2 bronze.
- Yr. 7's Jake Howley and Nicholas Ngo competed on channel 9's game show *Pyramid* scoring 303, breaking the existing record of 286.

- **Staff report – Greg Sheath**

- Yr. 12 trials finished and their laptops are currently being rolled out.
- I pads being trialled in the library
- LOTE, Head Teacher Martina Shadwick to spend time in China

- **Staff report - Tim Jurd**

- Student leaders –a fabulous crew is elected – in particular Scott Worthington (Captain) and Perrin Tasker (Vice Captain).
- Jurisprudence – in relation to BMC the consistent enforcement rather than the severity of punishment is most important.
- Instrumental Music Program [IMP] –continued success – performance of Tracey Burjan's Elvenwood featuring Jordan Mallier on bass at Opera House.
- Yr. 12 Reports References almost ready to distribute. Method of report distribution to discuss. Uncollected reports to be mailed out. Report to parents in legislation. An "effort metre" to be added to Yrs. 7-10 reports – particularly useful for differently able students and most vulnerable students.
- Yr. 12 graduation arrangement for 20 Sept now a luncheon. Formal organized by prefects to be held at the function centre above IMAX, Darling Harbour.
- Secure Schools grant for security upgrade includes CCCTV, sensor lights, fencing and electronic gates to be installed.
- Singapore Tour - HBHS showcased to delegates from Singapore and focused on civics, citizenship and pastoral care.

- Staffing Issues. New staff on SASS Gerard Reardon and open finding on Social Science (Religion/Geography/Business Services) position. Currently unfilled.
- After last year the school intends to ask exam supervisors to assist with the supervision of the THSC and HSC
- Trivia night a great success. Thanks to all who organized this great fund-raiser.
- Working bee Saturday, 13 October
- **P&C Report - Simone Burton** (see attached)
 - Draft special contribution letter to target iPads (see attached)
 - **Action Letter to be ratified**
 - **General Business**
 - OTEN engagement - Nicole Zabbal called for suggestions as to how OTEN can engage with HBHS. Caitlan suggested liaison with the Korean community. The Band will deliver another performance at OTEN.
 - **Action Tim Jurd to investigate.**
 - P & C Trust fund – Marie and Tim reported due to the Learning Management & Business Reform [LMBR] HBHS will lose control of funds raised by P&C if left in its current account at Bendigo Bank - by transferring this money to a P&C trust fund the money will be protected from LMBR.
 - **Action: Simone to call an executive meeting of P&C and advise.**

Meeting closed 8.45 pm

Minute Taker: Kim Houhlias