

# SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

## Homebush Boys High School

*June 5, 2012*

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

### **In attendance**

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

### **Minutes of previous minutes**

Accepted and correction noted - – G.Sheath present at 6/3/12 meeting

### **Reports**

- Student (SRC) Not available
- **Staff report Caitlin Dwyer**

Dedicated Year 11 parent/ teacher successful and this initiative will continue - 55% report collection rate. The Year Advisors' comments on reports are under review. Year 9 completed goal setting program. Korean Liaison Officer available and effective. Subject selection for Year 10 – students need to consider academic, vocational and personal aptitudes and have been provided with a digitized "school to work" resource. Careers advisor Ms Anton is very pro-active. Yr 7 SRC nominees commended for their speeches. Anti – bullying policy introduced based on Anatol Pikas' "shared concern method".

**Action:** Feedback welcome on Anti-bullying policy. NB: Anti-bullying presentation to P and C (A Juska HT Wellbeing)

- **Principal's report - Tim Jurd**

For 2012 the school is implementing a new structure to the day with 5 periods instead of 8 periods. (PowerPoint presentation). Changed time for the subjects has been allowed to implement the program.

Pedestrian safety at McKenzie St needs to be improved with the support of School Council.

**Action** Recommended that we write to Strathfield Council for traffic calming in this street.

Staffing has been finalised in nearly all areas except PDHPE and Social Science. New staff includes Kate Crosby Maths, Jennii Lee Science, Lidia Budanovic History, Gerard Reardon Kitchens and Kellie Whelan Enrolments.

P and C Thankyou Card comp has been announced on assembly. We need to focus on the details.

Secure Schools grant application has been successful for \$178 000 to install safety and security enhancements such as cctv, monitors, fence improvements, lighting and electric operated gates. Thanks to Caitlin Dwyer and Kamie Khurshed.

Performance night to showcase the IMP and CAPA departments is planned for 6.30pm 27 June 2012. Thanks to Kim Attwood and Tracy Burjan for their work.

School Development Day is on 16 July and will involve 7 high schools working together on Quality Assessment and Feedback. This is the first time this has been implemented and it is very exciting.

Boundary review – Homebush Boys High and Strathfield Girls to have identical boundaries. Michael Byrne, CEO of Linfox, a supply chain company delivered a well-received motivational address. Brendan Ha, Year 11 student, commended for giving assistance to a fellow commuter on a train. Transport to and from “knock-out” sporting events discussed and determined given this is an optional event no change in the current policy of own transport warranted.

*Melbourne Declaration of Educational Goals for Young Australians* is a seminal document, especially for guidelines on the Australian curriculum.

[http://www.mceecdya.edu.au/verve/\\_resources/National\\_Declaration\\_on\\_the\\_Educational\\_Goals\\_for\\_Young\\_Australians.pdf](http://www.mceecdya.edu.au/verve/_resources/National_Declaration_on_the_Educational_Goals_for_Young_Australians.pdf)

Meeting closed 8.45 pm