

Homebush Boys High School

P & C Association

15th November 2011

Meeting opened: 7.40pm

Presidents Welcome : Simon Ford introduced Ms Joanna Chan, HT Admin relieving & Year 9 Co-ordinator to the meeting where Joanna presented her discussion on student mentoring. The school recognises the need for student mentoring for the group of boys who are particularly disengaged with school life and are in need of some assistance to get them on a positive pathway through their senior education at Homebush Boys. Ms Chan has been very keen to action a program such as this for some time and this year trialled a group of ten Year 11 Prefects Elect and ten Year 9 boys in a mentoring program. The Year 11 boys discussed their expectations as mentors and in group situations, boys discussed things like school expectations, goal setting techniques, problem solving techniques and things like ways of solving issues with cyber bullying and schoolyard confrontations. Next year Ms Chan is looking at bringing together other years into the mentoring program. Ms Chan is very interested in hearing from parents with ideas on student mentoring and in particular 'How can we look after our students well being'. If you would like to discuss this with her, please contact her on her email address: Joanna.chan@det.nsw.edu.au

Joanna introduced to the meeting Mr James Truong representing the Grace Point Presbyterian Church in Lidcombe. James works in the corporate world and works together with his Church to encourage mentoring between business people and school students. He is very keen to be involved in the HBHS mentoring program in the future.

Attendance: Per attendance book

Apologies: Tim Jurd, Caitlin Dwyer

Min of Prev Meeting: Accepted Catherine Lea Seconded Kim Houhlias

Business Arising: Special Contribution Letter- The P & C were disappointed that the letter did not specify that some of the raised funds would be distributed to the School Music Program as was voted at the previous meeting in October. The P & C wished to forward this information to the school Principal Mr Jurd.

Correspondence In: P & C Federation journal/Fundraising info

Correspondence Out: Nil

Principal's Report: In Mr Jurd's absence tonight, Simon Ford presented the report.

Volunteers are required for Orientation Day on Monday 5th December to welcome new parents and serve refreshments. 9.00 – 12.00 noon. A list of volunteers to be given to Simon.

Joanne Coverdale spoke on behalf of the School Council, updating the P & C on the review of the School Constitution which is to be ratified at the first meeting of the P & C in 2012. The School Council is looking at updating the Council's obligations to the school and they are looking at working more closely with the P & C in the future to modernise amendments and work more closely with the P & C all round.

Anita Kumar proposed that the final draft of the new Constitution be sent to all members of the P & C prior to drafting it for review at the first meeting in 2012.

Treasurers Report: The P & C bank balance at 31.10.11 is \$10,178.23.

Anita raised a valid point regarding the special Contribution letter that needs following up. Money raised is being deposited into the P & C bank account but also into the School bank account. Either way the school benefits but technically, the letter was written by the P & C so a bank summary of funds deposited into the school account needs to be acknowledged in the P & C minutes in due course for their final gift to the school at year's end.

General Business: Mr Hilliard's farewell gift from the P & C- Simon Ford suggested that the P & C Buy a farewell gift for Mr Hilliard. A monetary figure was suggested however, since the school is also holding a function and buying a gift then maybe the P & C body should talk to Mr Jurd first.

Citizenship Ceremony – the final ceremony is on Thursday 17th November.

Barefoot Bowls – On Friday 18th November at Concord Bowling Club. 6.30pm start. Reminder being sent to parents.

Meeting Closed 9.10pm. This is the final meeting of the year.

Thank you to all the parents who have supported the P & C at the monthly meetings and given up your time on weekends to weed gardens and clean up the school. Also to those parents who have continually supported the Citizenship Ceremony by baking food or donating money, your generosity is very much appreciated and finally to those marvellous teachers and our Headmaster and DP's who have given up their evenings to support the P & C by presenting informative and enjoyable speeches and those who have help guide our parent body, we wish you all a grateful thanks and a very Merry Christmas.