

HOME BUSH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL
Parents & Citizens Assn Minutes

Date: March 17, 2015
Time: 7.00pm
Venue: Room 3/Common Room, HOME BUSH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL
Forum: Science Matters

Mr Everett, Head of Science explained the different areas of study and that two top classes in each year 7-10 are formed, all other classes equal. All classes do common assessments and marked by same markers. Science assessments, inc due dates, are listed in the assessment book, with which students have been issued.

All years have an assessment booklet and they can be viewed on line on the school website:
<http://web3.homebushbo-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/curriculum/assessment-planning>

Opportunities to indulge in science include competitions, science weeks, excursions and camps.

Text books are not issued. Supporting Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy, text books are accessed online, through Pearson Publishing. The school pays a fee and boys have access codes. This site is interactive, personal notes and highlighting can be made and saved for the year. To save material at the end of the year if needed, an extra app will be needed.

Thanks to Mr Everett who answered our questions and gave us a good background for budding scientists.
39 in Attendance.

General Meeting

1. **Opening and Apologies:** Amy G, Jeff M, Jane M, Linda T, Maria IH, Fiona M, Valerie K, Nicole Z, Jacqui F. 27 present as per correspondence book.
2. **Acceptance of previous minutes:**
November 18, 2014. Accepted Mark, Seconded Urmilla
February 18, 2015, with amendment to #6 "Discussed holding a social night. Look into dates for Barefoot Bowls/Karaoke/BBQ at Concord Bowling Club. Expressions of interest from new year 7 parents". Cheryl to investigate . Accepted Mark, Seconded Kate
2. **Correspondence:**
Global Funding Report NSW Education and Communities - tabled
3. **Treasurer's Report:**
Starting Balance of \$1809.60 Dec 14
\$85.75 membership received
Current Balance \$1895.35 Feb 15

Year 7 Meet the Teacher Night sausages donated by Mr Bardou, Annette to send thank you.
Cheryl to be reimbursed ice and drinks.

Proposed by Wendy that "The Bendigo Bank Account, Homebush Boys High School Parents and Citizens Association, PO Box 4159, Homebush South 2140, Bank Account Number 117083626 will be operated jointly with minimum 2 people required to make withdrawals" and statement to be received monthly.

Moved: Cheryl, Seconded: Kim. Accepted

As we need submit our audit report to the P&C federation, by one month after AGM, Wendy moved that “we change our accounting year to end, September 30, 2015”.

Moved: Wendy, Seconded: Cheryl. Accepted

4. School Executive Reports

Mr Kennedy reported on staff changes. Mr Abbou has replaced Mr Achmad as year 8 advisor. Mr Achmad is now Subject Head. Ms Kumaralingum will become 2016 year 7 advisor.

New flooring for hospitality and carpets will be purchased

Grant towards fixing gas heating for science blocks (C block)

School plan draft will be completed for this term

International Visitors have been valuable to our school community and very appreciative. Mr Kennedy thanked those who were able to give hospitality for Korean School students and expressed thanks from group of 9 Singaporean Teachers who acknowledged our boys were great hosts as they were toured around the school by Homebush students.

Bush Bulletin is almost ready to be released.

(Check the website, for interesting reports and photos. There is a subscribe option, if you would like to be notified of its completion).

Of 10,000 students doing HSC art, about 200 are chosen to be displayed at ART EXPRESS. Mr Kennedy is proud that 4 of last year’s Homebush Students are being displayed currently.

Open Day last week went well as did Yr7 Meet the Teacher Night. All appreciated the casual approach, and the SRC help with BBQ.

A joint programme with China (Hanban), to fund \$10000 to establish a “Confucius Classroom”, one of six in Australia to fund a teacher to support our Mandarin students.

Mr Kennedy attended Band Camp, at Lane Cove, with our music students, where students get to spend three days learning to play music and new instruments.

Cross Country will be on Friday, March 20.

A dedication for the opening of the refurbished gym will be held on the last day of term, to honour Mr Tedford, a former PDHPE teacher. Invitations to follow.

An additional grant for upgrading security \$25,000 given.

Regarding Welfare, Mr Khurshed announced the anti bullying policy was being discussed in mornings and Friday assembly will feature signing of poster for interested students. Students seem very responsive to understanding roles for bystanders.

Ms Dwyer advised ‘School Plan’ for next five years, in finalising stage. Thanks to council for input and feedback. Top end students will be a focus for this period as the lower end has been raised previously.

5. School Council Report

Discussed grant spending, school plan and communication with parents, particularly older years, how can be improved. younger SRC students very welcome and capable representatives.

Discussion about communication with families. brainstorming ?multicultural?migrant?calendar?dads in front of boys?father’s breakfasts?year meetings?community event?year groups?informative sessions?

6. Fundraising

Investigate further Family Portrait Session, as per advertisement \$15-\$20 per session. min 25 families. Cathy to follow up, contact Pam Vine re school photographer re any issues.

Proposed by Kathy that we investigate further and put together project plan for cookbook. Hard back, good quality, fun, photos of community etc. possible student involvement, sponsorship, advertising. We need the school support and must be mindful of the SASS workload. Initially form an ad-hoc sub committee, Kathy/Kim to co-ordinate project plan then liaise with the school to assess feasibility.

Moved: Kim H seconded: Cheryl M. Motion carried.

Cheryl proposed a Mothers Day stall at school 27th and 28th April. Kami suggested we include cakes. all agreed.

Discussed Trivia Night, consider we cancel trivia night and try something different 2015, review next meeting.

Cheryl has information about engraved Pavers. Possible fund raiser for school's 80th celebrations in 2016. We would need to start selling and collecting supporters now to build wall or footpath for next year. Cheryl to collect information and bring information back to next meeting for decision.

7. General / New Business

Suggestions for next forum, May 12: Student Wellbeing or assessment reporting.
Suggested and agreed thereafter, we only have forum every second meeting.

8. Upcoming Dates

Next Meeting - WILL NOT BE THIRD TUESDAY IN MAY. It will be Tuesday, May 12
Citizenship Ceremony - To be advised after election

9. Meeting Closed – 9.14pm