School Council 5 August 2014

Present: T Jurd, G Sheath, C Scanlan, K Totidis, B Kim, A Kumaralingam

Absent: F Murray, M Reardon
Apologies: Dominic Yates

Minutes C Jurd moved, c Scanlan seconded.

Reports
1. SRC
Anti-little campaign, reminder for last five minutes to pick up rubbish. Environment team ratification
Announced this Friday on assembly. Support by teachers on playground duty.

Multicultural day - music, food stalls, raised 2000. Korean mothers, gelato with ms Zammit. Student initiative supported by a number of teachers. Very successful. Article on website.

Peer mediation training workshops - To solve low level conflict for 7, 8 and perhaps yr 9. To begin in three weeks. This program supports our safety, learning, respect

Integration project official opening last Monday - Education Week. Dignitaries greeted by SRC and taken on tour - Ms Kapsimali, Mr Craig Laundy. This was a very successful event.

2. Policy discussion - SRC and parent input for Presentation Evening review
Proposal to mitigate early leaving and other issues - viability of having a during – the day presentation. SGHS model discussed - Would involve whole school audience, finish early.
Would limit parental attendance.
Too long. Possible junior / senior presentation. Dinner event?
SRC view - parental attendance more important than peers.
Lock doors to discourage leaving?
Staff sit with students.

Order of events - ?sport first
Rationalise number of awards; present rest of year awards. (1 1/2 hours is reasonable for parents.) Are 1,2,3 needed for each course? Decision First (or second) only, especially in small subjects. For maths - stage 5 one per course only many co-curricular. Streamline: Premiers reading challenge, attendance, student volunteering, chess awards, drum corp one only, Duke of Edinburgh, categorise community many sporting - Importance of sport. Keep sporting awards in keeping with criteria (last year this section took 8 minutes)

Specifics
Timing of photos, timing of duxes, systems for not announcing those absent. Decision: Any student not ticked present by a certain time, isn’t announced. Students must be made aware of this before hand
Vouchers - Certificate, claim voucher, unclaimed vouchers could be used by library
photos at the end

Criteria for an award at whole school event
Extended period of achievement
Representative achievement of a program unless exceptional circumstances
Broad category, Not a specific program
Cohort size influences eg 100 students as benchmark - acknowledgement remains but presentation goes to first in course only

3. Principal matters
Online payment system is now on website
P&C letter - Kathy to follow up