

SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Homebush Boys High School

March 12, 2013.

The meeting was called to order by Simon Ford, President of School Council at 6.25 p.m.

Apologies

Marie Reardon

In attendance

T. Jurd, G. Sheath, C. Dwyer, S. Ford, S. Burton, N. Zabbal, K. Houhlias, C. Lea, A. Yoon, T. Sritharan.

Minutes of previous minutes

Accepted.

Reports

SRC - A. Yoon, T. Sritharan

- International Women's Day Friday 8 March
- Anti-Bullying Action Day and SRC Regional Conference Friday 15 March
- SRC clean-up – Ms McGuinness co-ordinates. [Simone advised front of school needs attention and for Tim square around fig tree on-going priority.

Action: Front of school and fig-tree to be targeted.

- Korean exchange students from Gapyeong High School
- SRC involved in leadership workshops and Year 6 open day with prefects
- Talent quest in Week 10

Staff report - Caitlin Dwyer

- Year 7 informal "meet the teacher" on March 5 more successful for English, Mathematics, Science than specialists VA, Music. Text notification to parents too late

Action: Feedback required.

- Leveraging students' sports house or a P&C award was discussed in the context of managing student behaviours.

Technical Update – Greg Sheath

- Presented a video on e-diary www.myediary.com.au – pre-populated by teachers with timetable and assignment details. Teachers and parents both have access.

Action: Trial for 2 years from next term.

- Last year of DER laptop roll-out for Yr 9.

Report - Tim Jurd

- Latest version of My School website www.myschool.edu.au has more detailed financial information, 5 years of performance data and the ICSEA (Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage) so comparisons can be made statistically with similar schools across the country. Is used as a diagnostic tool and to track trends.
- HBHS reported asbestos issues to Education authority register. Room 67, 69 (fixed). Block G room 17/18 has not been used since term 2. Repairs have been finished and a risk assessment completed. Use of the room still pending on an independent site test.
- Unflued gas heaters being replaced.
- Secure schools \$180,000 grant covers safety and security enhancements including gates, CCCTV, 18 cameras around the school, access cards and lights
- Senior lawn upgrade – 99% weather-proof shade cloth/sail needed. Some Year 11 students banned from this area due to misconduct.

P&C Report - Simone Burton

- Upcoming AGM 26/3 – Simone will nominate for President and inclusivity (CALD) her main focus.

Action: Kim to provide Simone with fact sheets from the P&C website for distribution at the AGM.

- Discussion about the voluntary contribution letter targeting the senior lawn shade structure.
- Topic at P&C meeting prior to AGM – HBHS - a safe environment

General Business

- Band camp – March 13/14/15 at Naamaroo Convention Centre at Lane Cove will be attended by 76 students – 40 from HBHS, 36 from SGHS.
- Tracey Burjan and Luke Wallace involved with Symphony Jubilatee and IMP/band/orchestra will perform.
- \$500 grant secured by Ian Albertson for "Fisher King".

Meeting closed 8.50. Minute taker: Kim Houhlias