

BURWOOD GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL - PARENTS & CITIZENS COMMITTEE MEETING

28th Oct 2020 *Final*

Attendance: Mia Kumar - Principal, Kathy Lye - Deputy Principal, Kathy Totidis - President, Kara Gabbett - Secretary, Peter Zographakis - Treasurer, KT Wlodarczyk - Assistant Treasurer, Katy Wake, Vicki Dodds, Tim Cunningham, Natalie Jennings, Marina, Christina Ziazaris

Meeting Chair: Kathy Totidis

Meeting recorded by: Kara Gabbett

Apologies: Karyn O'Brien - Deputy Principal, Elaine Brown

Format: online Zoom Meeting

Welcome – Kathy Totidis, P&C President

- Acknowledgement to Country
- Recognition of the online format owing to CoVid19 precautions. Thanks to all who have attended this meeting online

Principal's report – Mia Kumar

- Year 12 Graduation Assembly was held on the last day of Term 3. New Captains were announced. Musical performances occurred. Portfolios were presented. It was a formal affair similar to other years, except that there were no parents (due to covid restrictions). A concert and picnic followed. It is believed it was a suitable celebration for a year group that have had a difficult final year of school.
- Sustainability audit - checking and sorting and analysing a weeks worth of rubbish. Waiting on data analysis.
- 319 TTFM responses. Grown enormously. Thanks to Kathy.
- Big Night In - 2 videos have been released, showing what the bands and string groups have been up to. Thank you to Andy.
- HSC - Started on 19th. Covid safe measures are in place to keep year 12 in their bubble including all students entering in one gate, temperatures taken, students arriving 30 minutes before, students spaced in the hall. Three BGHS students are completing their HSC overseas because they are unable to return to Australia.
- Year 8 are being part of a USyd longitudinal study on Mental Health.
- Staffing - Jack Butler is a new teacher in HSIE, IEC teachers are here for Term 4, Alan Richardson is teaching Science.
- Prefects took their oath. There is a new teacher leading the prefects - Ilia Ioannou.
- Grounds: Corridors were painted white in the holidays. All doors at the front of the school are now glass. STEM building has begun! Early 2021 completion.
- Future Events: Formal is on 15th November. November 18th P&C meeting (In person or Zoom TBC), November 30th Year 7 Celebration of Learning, Year 6 Orientation Day may be able to be in person, without parents and in a bubble.
- 46 year 12 Students have already received Early Entry to Universities.
- BHGS is Advertising for a Deputy Principal. The ad is out and applications are closing in 2 weeks.

Message of thanks to the teachers of Year 12 - Thank you to the teachers especially of Year 12's who have given their own time - including coming in on their own time in holidays to help with major works. Thank you to teachers for being available via email. Year 12 parents

would like to thank the teachers, and the school for the final celebration which was very successful despite restrictions.

Treasurer's report – Peter Zographakis

- Bank account is very healthy
- Very little movement since last meeting.
- Peter is going through the process to connect to the ATO. Building fund will be communicated to the school community next year. Agenda item for February 2021.
- Full report is attached
- **ACTION: Natalie Jennings to follow up whether payments have been made from Lowes. \$1660 will be back paid.**

Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Minutes passed by KT Wlodarczyk, Tim Cunningham

Uniform committee:

- Lowes repayments minuted under treasurer's report
- Winter jackets have not sold very well, possibly next year they will be more known by the students. Most popular among the Year 7's who are wearing large ones (to last a long time!)
- 20% off sales at Lowes are twice a Year. March/April and the end of the Year. Lowes send a text and email to people who subscribe BUT not a lot of notice is given. Suggestions that when the sales are on could be put on the website and possibly told to the students. Unfortunately if things are out of stock at sale time, you cannot get the sale price.
- Jnr blouses not selling well. 900 in stock. Students not keen on the emblem on one side and pocket on the other. Thicker material is a good change. Emblem off the pocket is less popular.
- **Action: Monitor feedback on the current shirt. By Term 2 gather both formal and informal feedback on the summer shirt.**
- **Action: Elaine and Natalie to communicate RE Uniform Committee. Possibly gain another member for 2021. SRC to look at a strategy to get feedback from the student body**

Grounds Committee:

- 120 Agapanthus plants have been given to the school by an ex teacher. We have a new ride on mower and hedgers that Mario and the gardener (who comes in once a week) now use.

Building / Grants committee:

- More students are cycling. Bike racks would be a good thing for school.

Other business

P&C will wait for next week's guidelines from the Department Of Education as to what meetings are allowed before we decide if the next P&C is in person or over ZOOM.

Curriculum - Mia and Kathy asked for feedback on the idea of giving Year 10 fortnightly lessons on Careers - guiding students on subject choice heading into Year 11/12. Guidance on University options. Guidance on scholarships. Guidance on job interviews. General consensus was positive.

Mobile phone use is an ongoing issue. The mobile phone policy will be sent out with the next Minutes and agenda.

- **Next Meeting:** 18 November 2020 (Not the AGM as noted on the Agenda)