

BURWOOD GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL - PARENTS & CITIZENS COMMITTEE MEETING

16 Feb 2022 *Minutes*

Attendance: Mia Kumar - **Principal**, Kathy Lye – **Deputy Principal 7-9**, Julia Alvarado – **Deputy Principal 10-12**,

Kathy Toditis – **P&C President**, Janelle Prasai – **P&C Assistant President**, Kara Gabbett – **P&C Secretary**, Carolyn Bacchus, Shantana Duuta, Kate Wake, Marnie M Noor, Cat Rodie, Leanne Eastway, Helen Das Gupta, Susan Young, Daniel Papadatos, Allison Reid, Susana Guio, Javier Garcia, Jackie Speak, Debbie Bell Chiara Cenati, Natasha Zaitsev, Manjoosh Joshi, Natalie Jennings

Meeting Chair: Kathy Toditis

Meeting recorded by: Kara Gabbett

Apologies: Peter Zographakis – **P&C Treasurer**

Format: In Person

Welcome to Country: Kathy Toditis

Principal's report – Mia Kumar

- Welcome to all of the new year 7 parents. There are 190 Year 7 students this year.
- Presentation Day was held last year (without parents again, due to Covid) but was made enjoyable for the students.
- New student support officer – Liz Latham
- Welcome to many new staff members.
- Correspondence has been sent out to all parents to explain who everyone is on staff and who to talk to for various issues.
- New lighting has been set up in the hall. Set up to support Entertainment students in the school.
- Musical has been postponed from last year, but rehearsals continue on a Monday afternoon.
- Duke of Ed Awards is now run by Alex Richardson
- Directions for 2022 include Focus on literacy and numeracy, Quality teaching and learning, Effective use of data, Improved feedback, Quality reporting, creating an innovative learning environment.
- Year 7 has sat the Basic Skills test
- 1100 RATS were given out in Week 1!
- Date to remember - 25th March. **International Day**. Students enjoy dressing up in various cultural outfits. Students can choose which cultural costume they would like to wear and which stall they will support (it does not have to match their own culture)

HSC Report – Julia Alvarado

- 184 students. 41 international students
- This year there were students Accelerated in Maths, Italian and Hospitality
- 57 Subjects offered. The school offers a wide range of subjects in order to cater for students interests. As well as the subjects offered in school there are another 3 languages, plus 8 TAFE options.
- 6 languages, small dance, small drama and small music classes all run.
- 1st place in Korean Continuers.
- Large number of Top Achievers
- Modern and Ancient History got excellent results.
- 4 students were all rounders
- 2nd in State for IDT is important to note as it is the first time that the school has offered this subject.

- 62% above state average.
- 123 ranking in SMH
- 8th best comprehensive school in the state.
- Outstanding results in Aboriginal studies. 6 students out of 6 got a Band 6. First time the subject was offered.
- **Treasurer's report – Peter Zographakis**
- Nothing has changed from last year. Report held over the AGM

Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Minutes passed by Kate Wake and Mia Kumar

Uniform committee: Natalie Jennings

- Uniforms are sourced through Lowes.
- Apologies to Year 7 students for the shortage of Blouses. There is a shortage due to Covid delays. Junior Blouses are due to arrive in the shop this week. Hopefully in the shop by Friday. Jason is the contact with Lowes. Size 12 skirts also short on stock. Some problems with the staff at Lowes.
- School does have a second hand stall. It was at Orientation Day.

ACTION: The school will look into streamline the access to the second hand uniform stall. Possibly working with Erin Dibbs (the teacher in charge). The school will communicate how the uniform system works.

To note:

- Students can use the Senior shirt if they cannot get the junior ones and will not get into trouble!
- Second hand uniforms are given out to those who need it.
- Students can wear shirt without a logo
- A wide range of pants allowed (but not tracksuit pants) They can be purchased from other suppliers. ie Navy pants from Kmart and Target
- If students don't have the right uniform, they can bring a note from home.
- Year 12 parents are encouraged to donate their old uniforms
- Year 10 parents are encouraged to donate their old junior uniforms.

Grants Committee:

- Money for bike rack needs to be transferred. KT is still investigating types of bike racks. We got a \$6000 grant from WestConnex. KT and Mario have worked together to decide on the positioning of the racks.
- What are areas that the school needs money for? Mia suggested a new laser cutter. We need more 3D printers for the new STEM room. (Where a lot of students can use them)
- Suggested that we could look again into air conditioning. School has applied to the Cooler Classrooms. Mia is still waiting to see what is happening to the grants. Air conditioned classrooms also have to have air filters.
- Also waiting for LED lights

ACTION: Discuss whether the P&C can follow up with the Govt/Dept Ed for Air Conditioning.

- Possibly a discussion with the School Board.

Building / Grants committee: No report

Other business:

- Yes to Democracy Sausages for the next Federal Election. Sally will organise and will send a call out for volunteers to both donate cakes and work on the cake stall (and possibly sausage sizzle)
- Parent Teacher evenings will be back this year. Dates to be decided.
- Students are not allowed to go to the toilet during class time. This is to prevent students congregating and vaping. If students have issues in regards to the bathroom, the parents can send a note and teachers will let them go to the bathroom during class. A lot of students have this system in place.
- Follow up on Kathy Toditis meeting with Ashfield Boys and getting some shared forums and about the issue of consent. On the agenda for the future to pursue further. Allowing conversations in mixed groups. Kathy is happy to be a conduit.
- Thank you to our wonderful committee members who are stepping down. Flowers were presented to Janelle Prasai (Vice President) and Kathy Todotis (President) to say thank you from the P&C for their many years of volunteering on the P&C and for helping make BGHS such a wonderful community.

The P&C are calling for members for 2022. All positions are declared vacant and nominations/voting will occur at the AGM on 16 March. Peter the treasurer is happy to stand again. We are especially looking for a Secretary and a Vice President.

Meeting Closed: 8.30pm

Next Meeting: 16 March 2022 AGM