

BURWOOD GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL - PARENTS & CITIZENS COMMITTEE MEETING

16 March 2022 Draft Minutes

Attendance: Mia Kumar - **Principal**, Kathy Lye – **Deputy Principal**, Julia Alvarado – **Deputy Principal**

Kara Gabbett – **P&C President**, KT Wlodarczyk - **P&C Vice President**, Marnie M Noor - **P&C Vice President**, Peter Zographakis – **P&C Treasurer**, Chiara Cenati - **P&C Secretary**, Tim Cunningham - **P&C Asst Treasurer**, Tracy Hayden - **P&C Asst Treasurer**, Kate Wake - **P&C Asst Secretary**, Cat Rodie - **P&C Asst Secretary**, Natalie Hensley, Carolyn Bacchus, Jacqui Speake, Kanchana Parapattanach, Karen Harper.

Meeting Chair: Kara Gabbett

Meeting recorded by: Chiara Cenuti

Apologies: Kathy Totidis, Janelle Prasai, Natalie Jennings - **Uniform Liaison**, Elaine Brown, Sally Steele

Format: In Person

1. Welcome - Kara Gabbett

Welcome to all of the new executive for 2022. It is great to see so many people stepping up into roles and continuing the positive relationship between the parents and the school.

2. Uniform committee - Natalie Jennings (in absentia)

Lowes has restocked blouses and seems to have a good stock of all items. Coordination with Jason continues. The school advised of the 20% weekend discount which was very welcomed by families. The blouse should be the new ones which sample was revised and signed. This should resolve the see-through, light fabric issues.

Sizes and shapes still seem to be an issue, in particular for the Music Shirt. Plain black shirt can be used as an alternative when available stock cannot fit.

There is a demand for a second-hand uniform shop/ exchange which would include music shirts (to ask Mary B.) Maybe the SCR could organise it together with a parent helper.

3. Building / Grants committee – KT Wlodarczyk,

The bike tracks originally selected are out of stock.

Found a new supplier offering a similar solution for the cost of 5940\$ for 4 bike racks, holding 10 bikes each rack.

The grants committee is facing logistic problems with the bank as they always need two signatures for transfers. Currently to authorize a transfer, the 2 signatures holders must be side by side and access each their own online ID.

This is not sustainable, and parents' inputs were welcome. A possible solution is to investigate a different Banks which could facilitate this process, like Bank of Australia who seems to be very familiar with community-based organization. Currently we are with CommBank.

Another discussion should also be focused on how to obtain and eftpos/tap and go machine for fundraisers event. The last one used was a personal one and the workload associated to the post event was too great.

ACTION: The treasurers to meet and discuss further actions.

4. Other business:

- Parents requested a presentation of how PE/team sport works, especially for the Y7 families. It is unclear of the difference between School's teams sport and Knock -out teams and how to join such teams. A PE guest speaker will be invited to talk how the team sport works and how to join special sports which have a different pathway than traditional ones. Possibly at the next meeting on the 17th of May.
- Parents also requested a Clubs presentation possibly during the meeting of the 15th of June.

- Parents requested if the canteen could offer a winter menu. It was also noted that the wellbeing team caters for students with no lunch and often prepares a send home bag.
- Band camp was a great success and possibly it is time to revisit the venue with a bigger space.
- Rianti's is suggesting fundraising for air-conditioning. It is a good idea, and the school has also applied for the cooler classroom scheme. The biggest issue with the air-conditioning installation would be the main switchboard- power access, which is in need of an overdue upgrade, currently it is not fit for purpose for air conditioning. This upgrade is in the hands of the Dept Ed.

ACTION:

P&C will liase with the school as to whether parent volunteers can work with the school to make the second hand uniform shop more accessible.

If anyone is interested in looking at the previous minutes and would like to know the P&C calendar please visit: <https://burwoodg-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/supporting-our-students/parents-and-citizens--p-c--association.html#Meetings0>

Closed: 8.10pm

- **Next Meeting:** 18th May 2022 at 7pm