

BURWOOD GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL - PARENTS & CITIZENS COMMITTEE MEETING

17 August 2022 *final*

Attendance: Mia Kumar – **Principal**, Julia Alvarado – **Deputy Principal**

Kara Gabbett – **P&C President**, KT Wlodarczyk – **P&C Vice President**, Marnie M Noor – **P&C Vice President**,

Kate Wake – **P&C Asst Secretary**, Cat Rodie – **P&C Asst Secretary** Tim Cunningham – **P&C Asst Treasurer**

Members per sign-on register.

Meeting Chair: Kara Gabbett

Meeting recorded by: KT Wlodarczyk & Cat Rodie

Apologies: Kathy Lye, Chiara Cenati, Peter Zographakis

Format: In Person

Start: 19:00

Welcome to Country and introductions: Kara Gabbett

Speaker Guest: Alecia Brown, HT HSIE

- Large department
- semesterisation of history-geography
- commerce feeds into senior subjects but not compulsory - easily most popular
- international studies - culture and sport, media
- journalism - hands on
- philosophy - critical thinking type subject
- Aboriginal studies - PIP
- ancient history - very serious teacher with good results (and modern)
- Society & Culture - 60% major project - PIP
- UNSW & USyd - model UN

Principal's report – Mia Kumar

- science week - current
- education week - last week
- dancers @ Seymour Centre - 3-4 different troops
- band program success: 41 different bands; good community participation; canteen success
- strings got selected to play at Town Hall
- NAIDOC assembly organised by Captains
- parents at year 11 subject selection
- Regional Athletics - Allegra going onto State
- u15 lost in finals at Futsal
- new team of library monitors
- debaters excelled - year 8 got award at public speaking award

- penpals from Korea
- senior drama showcase
- STARR Days
- 3 SRC students at Jason Li's youth group
- winners at Korean speaking competition
- anti-racism art competition
- Sandakan memorial
- social justice award - Kayla Hill
- Nabilah Chowdhury - climate change activist
- Justice Din Yehia - first non-Anglo woman to be appointed to highest Court in NSW
- recognition assemblies last week; year 8 tomorrow
- HSC trials for the last 2 weeks
- year 11 jersey design - with a bit of pink
- 6 Sep - year 11 exams
- year 11 at Jindabyne
- focus on numeracy
- school refurbishment - second photo now grassed

President Report - Kara Gabbett

Jason Yat-Sen Li holding a discussion about teacher shortages next Monday with the Teachers Federation. Cat & Kara will go.

MOTION by Kara: That the P&C donate \$20,000 for school benches between hall and amphitheatre.

Seconded by Marni Noor

Motion passed unanimously.

School would like the P&C to pay for air conditioning in the hall - \$50,000 quote.

Motion for October meeting.

Treasurer's Report – KT + Tracy + Kara

P&C to reimburse the school for \$1,529.09

We currently have 2 Square devices but only 1 iPad (The P&C bought a new iPad to be used with the square reader.)

Discussion re acquiring a second iPad vs iPhone which can be used as a contact number for events.

Rianti has an old iPad - will donate if it works with square reader

Action: motion to purchase second iPad if necessary - \$400

Xero activation - Tracy H

Resent email to Xero.

Action : Kara to follow up

Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes passed: Cat Rodie; seconded: Tim Cunningham

General business

Grants committee: KT

No news - awaiting selection process of 2022 State electorate grants.

Will look into grants that may be relevant for hall air conditioning

Uniform liaison officer: Natalie Jennings + PC + School

Natalie chasing Lowes for music ensemble uniform

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Lowes report that not much else sold apart from blouses (music uniform)

Lowes weren't prepared for demand in pants - much higher than last year

Lowes have lots of small jackets on the shelf (Natalie confirms that this is due to a mistake

Lowes made a few years ago where sizes more like primary sizes)

Discussion re alternative uniform provider - Pickles

Lowes considered best option due to proximity to school and opportunity to try things on

Action: Natalie will get details of contract for potential contract renegotiation

Actions arising from previous meeting

P&C Square used for Music Concerts - Marnie - done.

Consent Talk with Ashfield Boys - Cat R.

\$1650 via webinar (1/3 of total cost)

The talk is aimed at parents and will be delivered by Dr Justin Coulson (happyfamilies.com.au)

We've already received link and marketing material

It was decided that the school will pay for the contribution and promote the talk

Talk will take place on October 24th

Canterbury Girls are also involved but Lucy of Ashfield Boys P&C hasn't been able to make contact with Canterbury Boys P&C

Action: Cat will ask ABHS P&C if Canterbury Boys can be invited

Other business:

Special Computer "talk to text" (?) mentioned by Lauren at the last meeting. Is there anything the P&C can contribute to?

School has acquired some C-Pens and does not require P&C assistance

Use of the P&C square readers for the "Big Night Out" - 25th of August - conformed
Discussion re Mary asking for parents to contribute hot food, but the general feeling was that this would be difficult logistically (eg maintaining a safe temperature.)

Action: Marni will seek clarification.

Free tree giveaway 2022. (<https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/premiers-priorities/greening-our-city/free-tree-give-away>)

Does the school need any of these trees?

School declined saplings this year

The shift to using the P&C Federation affiliate emails and document storage.

This has been completed and P&C Exec are slowly adopting the new emails. Current process is for all incoming mail to go to pandc.bghs@gmail.com from where it will be forwarded to the appropriate office bearer.

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Peter

Explanation of the rationale and consultation process re school uniform enforcement

Re uniform enforcements - school confirmed that no detentions have been given (with exception of sport uniforms)

Question re document about how uniforms arrived at - Mia confirmed that the SRC have been involved

The uniform has not been changed in many years

Last main change was for a senior skirt in year 10

The school do not plan to engage in any consultation with students about track pants

A recent year 9 & 10 survey about whether uniforms were appropriate found 50% about right; 25% not strict enough; 25% too strict

Clarification of statements of account and activity payment requests

School confirmed that subject fees are mandatory; only "voluntary contributions" are discretionary

Tracy proposed motion: P&C to create assistance fund of \$10,000 - October meeting

Discussion re fees - parents don't know what's mandatory and what needs to be paid

MK: parents should contact the school; not all invoices are paid

JA: query - should the wording of the statements be changed?

It has been proposed that sport selection should require parent approval/consent

Ventilators have been installed so classroom windows no longer need to be left open

Query - could year 7's wear sports uniforms to school on sport days?

No. It was explained that Year 7 PDHPE is timetabled and falls on different days - not Tuesday like the rest of the school. All Y7 students have to carry sports uniforms and change in and out for PDHPE.

Query - would it be possible to get a summary and analysis of the feedback received about the school Uniform which was recently circulated to parents?

Yes. The October Event edition will contain results of the uniform survey from Year 9 and Year 10 parent teacher interviews.

Query - would it be possible to get a report on the state of the bathroom facilities for school students. In particular the number of toilets available to the students, whether or not all toilets in the bathrooms are functioning, current bathroom access policy, whether or not their bathroom visits are monitored and/or timed, the number of working taps per toilet facility and the number of soap dispensers, and the regularity with which the soap dispensers are refilled.

Action: School will investigate.

Query- Will BGHS be hosting the Spring Fling trivia night this year?

Discussion - general feeling that it would be good to do.

Action: Carolyn Bacchus to coordinate

Meeting Closed: 20:50

Next Meeting: 19 October 2022