

**BURWOOD GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL
P & C *Draft* Minutes of the Meeting
WEDNESDAY 18 October 2023**

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Attendance:

Mia Kumar – **Principal**
Katherine 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**,
Chiara Cenati **P&C Treasure**
Cat Rodie **P&C Secretary**

Members per sign-on register:

Jayson Gordon
Karen Harper

Meeting Chair: Kara Gabbett

Meeting recorded by: Cat Rodie

Apologies: Jen Moore, **general member**, Natalie Jennings, **Uniform Liaison Officer**

Format: In Person

Start: 19:00

Welcome and Introductions – Kara Gabbett

Principal's report – Mia Kumar

New member of staff Esther Caruso
Tristan Carey - away for Term 4 , Replaced by.. Marnie Velios
P&C referendum BBQ went well
Farewelled Year 12 - wonderful concert, graduation was very slick, picnic at Balmoral
New captains and prefects inducted
Looking for a new prefect coordinator
Two BGHS athletes going to Nationals
Breakfast Club - very popular - now on Wednesday and Friday
Successful Y7 Gala Day
Senior First Aid course took place
DofE practice walk took place
Australian Geography Competition
Lots of hands on learning happening across the school
Raise Mentoring graduation

Mobile phone policy has been implemented - some tweaks - kids have been playing cards, doing puzzles and other activities

Korean National Day - Mia attended event

16 Korean students from Jeonju National University High School visiting BGHS

President's report - Kara

A very successful Democracy Sausage Sizzle was held on Saturday 14th October.

We had 20 volunteers help on the day. The sign up sheet was filled a week before - making my stress levels very low.

We sold 270 sausages and rolls, 52 drinks, raffle tickets and many cakes and baked goods.

Thank you to our 20 volunteers who did everything from cooking sausages, cutting rolls, serving, buying ice, buying bread rolls, doing an emergency dash for onions (apparently we are more generous than most!), setting up iPads (thanks Chiara and KT), selling raffle tickets, cleaning bbqs (Euan), washing up (Magda) and so on.

There were less voters than usual, down a third from 2 elections ago, which we think is due to early voting.

Special thank you to all of the people who donated cakes, chocolate cupcakes, muffins, donuts, ginger slice, lemon slice, lollys on skewers, (Thanks Karen), fudge (Thanks Bryony) lolly bags, banana bread and so on. Ling (mother of Chanel in Year 7) donated beautifully curated cupcakes with spiders and pumpkins on them that were a total hit.

Our profit was \$1155.89 Community spirit was priceless.

Thank you to Julia for opening the hall at 7am and coming back to lock the hall at 3pm.

Notes and photos are on the P&C drive for the lucky person running the next Democracy Sausage Sizzle.

Mental Health First Aid - fully booked with wait list.

Adoption of minutes from previous GM (6 September 2023 - on website)

1st: KT

2nd: Marnie

Treasurer's Report: Chiara

Profit from referendum \$BBQ 1135,12

Current balance: 107702.11

Marnee to have card

Would be good to have a program of what the school needs.

No outstanding money - everything has been banked.

General Business

Grants committee: KT

West Commex Grant to follow up

Actions arising from previous meeting

From June meeting: Can the school provide a ping pong table for the students? Potential for P&C to contribute funds for lunchtime sporting equipment?

UPDATE:

237.99 - Badminton and volleyball nets x 2

649.99 - Outdoor table tennis table x 4

Motion: P&C to buy two sets of volleyball net stands for \$475.98

Proposed by Kara

Motion: P&C to buy 649.99 x 4 2599.96 for four ping pong tables

Proposed by Kara

From June meeting: Will there be a dance/disco soon? Kids have asked to bring this back.

UPDATE: Too much happening - will try and organise one next year

Ideas for use of P&C funds:

Idea: An extra cello/s so that students can avoid travelling to school with cello.

UPDATE: Andy keen, still waiting on him to send a quote

Action: Cat to chase Andy for quote

Idea: New furniture for the Wellbeing room. Julia/Kathy note that it bare deliberately because students eat there/ it's a emergency thoroughfare

UPDATE: They need more time to think about it. They will let us know.

Idea: More bike racks - Magda

UPDATE: Audit found there are enough bike racks.

Idea: New uniforms for netball team

UPDATE: 2000 for 2 sets of netball kit and 1 set for AFL - includes art work.

Motion: P&C purchase AFL shirts and netball uniforms to the value of \$2018.50

Proposed by Kara

Idea: P&C to fund travel to Y7 camp in 2024

Action: Mia to provide an estimate so that we can vote on it

UPDATE: See motion below...

Idea: Air conditioning or awnings (more sustainable option)

Possibility of P&C funding air con in upstairs of STEM building

UPDATE: room 32 is very hot, will be another STEM room. \$6000 for air con.

ACTION: Yes - we can have awnings - KT to investigate

Motion: P&C support the school by providing up to 6000 for air conditioning for room 32

Proposed by Kara

Any Other Business

Motion "That the P&C provide \$13,000 for transport for the 2024 Year 7 Camp (Return Ferry - \$5880/Buses \$7120) in order to bring down costs and ensure all Year 7 students can attend"

Proposed: Kara Gabbett

Second: Karen Harper

Passed

Motion: "That the P&C provide \$5000 for student uniforms (In the form of Lowes or Target/KMart Vouchers) for students who cannot afford the correct uniform. The distribution is to be decided discreetly by the Welfare team"

Proposed: Kara Gabbett

Second: KT

Passed

Motion: "That the P&C agree to pay in Principal up to \$10,000 for excursions, incursions for students who cannot pay. This amount will be requested throughout the Year by the Principal at point of need"

Proposed: Kara Gabbett

Second: Marnie Noor

Passed

Second Hand Uniform - Kara

Carry over to Nov

Trivia Night report - Jen

Carry over to Nov

P&C funded parent webinars update - Cat/Jen

Jen has spoken to a provider - The Sleep Connection - a program that improves students sleep.

Lisa from the Sleep Connection has been very pro active in contacting the school and has spoken to Voulla about the program too.

We think it might be something that is better implemented by the school with some P&C funding but haven't talked details yet.

Next step is for Jen and I to meet with Voulla and make a plan/ make sure we are all on the same page.

Action: Cat to set up meeting with Voulla.

Gardening Bee / Working Bee

Action: Kara to follow up with Luke.

ADHD Awareness Month - Cat

October is ADHD awareness month

Lots of new research around ADHD in the last decade means that we understand a lot more about it.

But there are still lots of misconceptions and there is a long way to go.

We're lucky to have an excellent support and wellbeing team at Burwood Girls - but I think there is an opportunity to increase awareness about ADHD

Here are two comments from my Y8 kids most recent report:

"Grace needs to focus on improving their productivity"

"Grace needs to work more effectively in class"

Not very helpful comments to a kid with ADHD.

Matilda Boseley, a Guardian Australia journalist and author of the Book, The year I met my brain writes:

"The most impairing, difficult and life-altering thing about ADHD isn't what it does to your brain - it's what it does to your self esteem."

Opportunity to do something around ADHD awareness month - perhaps hold a screening of an ADHD documentary or ask some ADHD students to do a presentation or even make some instagram posts.

Resposence: Neurodiversity club coming soon. Julia/ Kathy to remind teachers about language when report writing.

P&C Forum with Education Minister Jason Clare - Kara

Would any P&C members like to attend?

24 October 6-7.30

Karen Harper will attend

Will discuss Future funding

Chiara: Query re use of bus

Only two drivers

If any parents have a bus driving licence please get in touch!

Meeting Closed: 8.30

Next meeting: November 15