

## BURWOOD GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL - PARENTS & CITIZENS COMMITTEE MEETING

16 November 2022 *final*

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

Kara Gabbett – **P&C President**, KT Wlodarczyk – **P&C Vice President**, Marnie M Noor – **P&C Vice President**, Chiara Cenati **Secretary**, Peter Zographakis **P&C Treasurer**

Cat Rodie
Karen Harper
Sabrina Azcarate
Jackie Speak

**Meeting Chair:** Kara Gabbett

**Meeting recorded by:** Chiara Cenati

**Format:** In Person

**Start:** 19:00

**Welcome to Country and introductions:** Kara Gabbett

**Principal's report – Mia Kumar**

So much is happening:

- School spectacular - Lots of students participating, Dancers, Choirs and Musicians
- Prefect Workshop: their suggestions are wonderful - Great work
- Staff Meeting: concentrating in Literacy, Numeracy and Mental help workshops.
- Band Tour: Successful overall, although too much bus time. Next year to choose closer location
- Year 7 interviews: they are progressing well. Great work from staff looking after the new kids. There are 173 new Y7. The P&C to contribute to the transport costs for the Y7 camp.
- World Teachers Day (28 October): thank you to the hospitality team for organising refreshments.

- Public Schools Arts Festival Launch: our school was picked to be the MC for the event and our Choir sang in Eora.
- School Council Meeting - Students and parents always offer suggestions and feedback
- Australian Gallery NSW - students very interested
- Youth Advisory Board : our representatives returned to the NSW parliament with our MP - Jason
- Maths Club: big numbers with enthusiastic participants
- Year 12 Sign Out: almost all signed out, positive feedback
- Y9 Drone discovery experience : fabulous reaction
- Remembrance Day: all went well, celebration at Rockwood and at school. At 11 am the whole school stopped and stood. Sophia played The Last Post
- Play: next year "Love and Information" with the participation of few Ashfiled Boys and one from Homebush - T2 next year
- Event Newsletter went out in November - it included Y10 Film Festival
- Assembly: it was nice to see the whole school participating. Lots of prizes, awards and recognition.
- School Improvements: new Captains for 2023 have been elected, plus some new staff, TAS teacher, English Teacher.
- Hall has new air conditioning paid for by the P&C, new roof and gutter.
- Turf everywhere is lovely and kids happy to sit outside
- Library refurbishment with new carpet, shelves is almost finished. There will be new rules: no eating, it will be a quiet area with new photocopiers.
- STEM/Performance building, it is finally completed and new fire extinguishers have been supplied.
- Y7 students, Dimitra and Emely, talked to the students about how to keep the school clean and tidy. Great improvement after the talk
- Network Award to staff for their dedication and commitment to SRC.
- Few inquiries for enrolments from Bethlehem as the school will go Co-ed.
- Year 12 Formal, all looking fabulous and happy. Great to be supported by their favourite teachers.
- Congratulations Hayley on her first time selection in the NSWCHSSA team squad to compete at ALL schools in February 2023

#### **President Report - Kara Gabbett**

- Workshop for the Office Bearers to streamline communication
- Trivia Night is coming up on Saturday 26th November. First P&C social event in 3 years - Thank you to the organisers:

Carolyn, Marnie, Rianti, Jackie, Cat. It is an 80's theme, very exciting to be able to socialise again, 100+ people already confirmed, still tickets available. Call out for prices and donations. Call out for someone to organise a dessert table (Sally Steele has volunteered). Thank you to the school community who have donated items for the Silent Auction.

### **Treasurer's Report - Peter**

Tabling results to the end of October, they will be attached to the minutes.

We had approx \$86.000 of expenditures this year of which \$81.000 went back to the school.

**Action:** the school to check the amount of the P&C contribution for 2022 which came through parents. Ideally it should be paid back to the P&C at the beginning and mid year.

Few expenditures will come through for the trivia.

**Motion:** That the P&C support the sun safety of students by purchasing a Sun squirt Kiosk for \$1150- This is for the Aluminum portable one, to be used for Gala days and special events . Julia to provide Invoice.

Motion proposed: Kara Gabbett. Seconded: Karen Harper and Cat Rodie.

### **Adoption of minutes from previous GM (GM 19th October 2022 - on website) -**

Minutes passed by Cat Rodie , seconded by KT Wlodarczyk

### **General Business**

Grants Committee – nothing to report

Trivia:

Organisers use the school's tables, tablecloths and chairs. OK to set up earlier Saturday, Julia will be the school representative. So far 12 tables.

Clean up after event: Hall just need to be tidy and leave bottles in the kitchen

Music: former students to be called to organise entertainment system

Dessert station: still looking for volunteers (Sally Steele has volunteered)

### **Actions arising from previous meeting**

**Action:**

- P&C Square use for BNO + Dance Showcase and every other events: Marnie is setting up a sub account with secure details. Once done, the squares can stay at school and be used by the students. The school to check with Fiona if iPads can be paired and

who is going to be in charge of the maintenance (charging, storing etc). The squares will be used at Trivia, Music night and Dance gala.

**Action:**

- Consent Talk with Ashfield Boys – The school to remind the school community that Webinar will be online till the 29th of November.
- Second hand Uniform - the Y12 uniforms will be washed and made available, unfortunately not enough stock for the Y7 Orientation day, hopefully in February when the Y9s move to senior uniform.

**Other business:**

True Colours: Cat - Thank you to the school for promoting the initiative and acknowledge the staff for supporting and celebrating together.

Y7 interview- Chiara - Thank you to the staff for being caring and proactive in all aspects of the process, from helping new students adjust on the day to financial help where needed.

New Behaviour Code for Students - NSW public School : Julia - The new policy has been finalised by the Department of Education, it covers: Respect, Safety and Engagement. (attached to the minutes)

Dates for 2023:

**15 February**

**15 March - AGM**

**17 May**

**21 June**

**16 August**

**18 October**

**15 November**

**For the February r's meeting:**

That the P&C support the purchase of a new set of costumes for the dance program. Details to be provided. Chiara/Melissa

**Meeting Closed: 20:00**

**Next Meeting: 15 February 2023**