

**BURWOOD GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL  
P & C Draft Minutes of the Meeting  
WEDNESDAY 21st June 2023**

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**Attendance:**, Katherine Lye – **Deputy Principal**, Julia, Alvarado - **Deputy Principal**, Kara Gabbett – **P&C President**, Marnie M Noor – **P&C Vice President**, , Cat Rodie **P&C Secretary**, Natalie Jennings, **Uniform Liaison Officer**.

**Members per sign-on register:** Sabrina Azcarate, Jacqui Bouf, Karen Harper, Poh Keng Goon Natalie Jennings, Bryony Mika

**Meeting Chair:** Kara Gabbett

**Meeting recorded by:** Cat Rodie

**Apologies:** Mia Kumar – **Principal**, Chiara Cenati **P&C Treasurer**, Jen Moore, **general member**.

**Format:** In Person

**Start:** 19:00

### **Welcome and Introductions – Kara Gabbett**

The P&C held its biggest event of the Year, the **Hollywood themed Trivia Night**, on 27th May and it was a huge success!

- 140 people attended including Mia, Julia, Kathy and 10 teachers
- There was a table of council members with Jason Yat Sen Li
- The Hollywood theme was a huge success. Outfits included many Men in Black, the Big Lebowski's in Bathrobes, Cowboys, Red Carpet Glamour, someone from the Hangover and stars of Silent Movies. It was definitely a whole community event and the P&C appreciate how much effort people put in.
- The profits are not finalised, but so far we have raised \$3866.31 for the school
- There were great games including a wine cage and a card game that Mr McCullugh seemed to be very talented at. And now we know who can throw the best paper plane.
- Jen Moore made some changes from last year including bringing in a hired host, dimming the lighting, including a photo wall and putting the Auction on line.
- A big thank you to the volunteers on the night (especially the bar people who had very cold fingers!) and the committee: Cat Rodie, Karen Harper, Marnie Noor, Rianti Bieler, Jackie Speak and a special thank you to Jen Moor, a Year 7 mum, who orchestrated the whole thing to perfection.

## **Guest speaker: Fiona Diakos: Mobile phone policy, Google Classroom and how IT is used in the classroom**

- We need to re-think the way that we technology
- Digital technology is not going to go away.
- Not all apps are bad.
- Digital technology gives students opportunities e.g. in Science, a rep from NASSA answered questions via a Teams meeting
- We need to teach tech in a proactive and positive way
- Kids need to know how to navigate the internet
- For Aim “Digital Wellbeing” - create a positive spin, screen balance not screen time
- Digital devices - new student contract
- Technology in the classroom - real-time feedback - collaboration - gives learners agency
- Technology creates creators - kids are really resourceful - teaching something that can be used in the real world.
- AI - is a new challenge

[View the slides here](#)

## **Principal’s report – Kathy Lye on behalf of Mia Kumar**

- There have been some improvements to the school including; new storage outside the library
- The prefects are leading a new strategy to deal with litter
- New staff - Thu Tran New vietnamese liaison
- There was a Year 7 Star Day
- There was a Field study Day
- BGHS students took part in Leadership forum - Youth Forum Council and Leaders in Parliament and had great feedback on students
- BGHS students took part in Senior Spotlight at Townhall
- BGHS marking 50 Years Of Multiculturalism
- BGHS students took part in Zone Cross Country and other sporting events
- BGHS Students took part in community forum at Inner West Council - the school received a letter from the community in praise of the students
- Overall it has been a very busy term

## **Adoption of minutes from previous GM ( 17 May 2023 - on website)**

1st: Marnie M Noor

2nd: Kathy Lea

## Treasurer's Report: Kara on behalf of Chiara

- Xero fees are gone
- Profit from the Trivia night was \$3,866.31

## General Business

### **Grants committee: KT**

Two grants in the pipeline awaiting decisions

## Actions arising from previous meeting

- Query re whether the school is still getting commissions from Lowes, or whether it is now going to the DoE. **Result: We are getting the money from Lowes. It's around \$12,000 - no more action needed.**
- Query: It was noted that with so much happening at the school, some notices get missed. Can student notices be added to the parent portal? **Result: No, it's not possible because of student privacy.**
- Query re Back to School vouchers and whether the school can accept them excursions. **Result: Not worth it, every school that has done this has had issues.**
- BEP query - Chiara asks if we can revise entrance fees for music concerts. **Result: BGHS has created a standard fee for all school events - \$5 for everything.**
- BEP query - Chiara asks if the music program is open to incursions from specialist tutors to target specific groups? **Result: This is going ahead - dates to be confirmed.**
- P&C funding towards new outdoor furniture. **Result: Mia has ordered some furniture. Motion: to contribute to outdoor furniture to the value of \$50K**  
**Put forward by:** Kara  
**Second by:** Jacqui  
**P&C members to vote at the August meeting**

## Any Other Business

### **Mobile use/policy and discussion of how phone ban will be implemented - KT**

- BGHS won't know how the ban will be implemented until the department provides more information - should hear more during Term 3
- There will be exemptions eg students needing access to diabetes app, anxiety app

### **Trivia Night Report - Jen Moore**

- See presidents report

### **Opening of STEM Building**

- P&C to host celebration
- P&C will provide drinks
- Hospitality students will organise food

### **P&C funded parent webinars update - Cat**

- Postponed to next Wednesday 28th June to give more time for comms
- Currently have 145 registrations
- Will do reminder email/ social media posts in next couple of days
- **Action: Cat will provide update at next meeting**

### **Cooler Classrooms/Air Conditioning Fundraising - raised by Y7 parent, Magda C.**

- To be taken off the agenda

### **The new dance costumes have arrived - Julia**

### **Query: Could the school provide a ping pong table for the students? Could P&C contribute funds for lunchtime sporting equipment?**

- Julia: More students have been heading to the oval at lunchtime and there have been fun activities such as Student/Teacher Dodge Ball.
- **Action: Julia/Kathy will look into options for more sporting equipment.**

### **Query: Does the P&C still host a Gardening Working Bee?**

- Kara: There used to be a gardening committee, previous president was a keen gardener.
- **Action: To be discussed at the next meeting**

### **Query: Will there be a dance/disco soon? Kids have asked to bring this back.**

- **Action: Julia/Kathy to talk to Ashfield Boys & Strathfield Boys to organise Y7&Y8 disco.**

### **Meeting Closed: 8.07**

**Next meeting:** 16 August

**Guest speaker topic:** Captains, Prefects and the Student Representative Council

### **Additional Meeting dates for 2023:**

- 20 September (Cancelled)
- 18 October
- 15 November